St. Luke’s History of Nursing

Throughout St. Luke’s Hospital’s 150 years, nurses have dedicated themselves to comforting and healing patients. These individuals represent St. Luke’s strong heritage of service.

Thousands of nurses credit St. Luke’s School of Nursing with their success in the profession. From its inauguration as a training program in 1891 to its final class in 1988, St. Luke’s School of Nursing was instrumental in the professional training of nurses.

In 2009, St. Luke’s established the Tribute to Nursing Fund to provide funds for nursing education and support special initiatives, including the creation of a commemorative display that depicts the rich history of St. Luke’s School of Nursing. The fund allows donors to honor St. Luke’s nurses, who serve patients every day with compassion, advanced skills and expert knowledge.

Today, St. Luke’s employs more than 1,000 nurses and continues the tradition of advancing the education and competency of its nurses.

“I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty I will endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.”

– from the Florence Nightingale Pledge
St. Luke’s Commitment to Education

It takes years of education and training to become an exceptional nurse, and an ongoing commitment to life-long learning is essential to maintaining clinical excellence and providing compassionate care. By providing ongoing support through continuing education of its nurses, St. Luke’s is helping to improve the healthcare of the community. Donations to the Tribute to Nursing Fund provide educational support at St. Luke’s Hospital, including advanced learning offerings and conferences held each year with nationally known speakers.

Simulation Suite

St. Luke’s Hospital created a state-of-the-art simulation suite that allows nurses to learn and practice their skills in a realistic environment. The suite is equipped with computerized mannequins that simulate and react to real-life patient medical issues.

Patient simulations create a challenging yet safe environment for nurses to enhance their clinical, decision-making and problem-solving skills in a variety of clinical settings with the opportunity for immediate feedback from the mannequins themselves, as well as debriefing from their peers and clinical educators.

Nursing Conferences

St. Luke’s Hospital provides learning opportunities for its nursing staff and professionals across the St. Louis region. Multiple conferences are held each year at St. Luke’s by nationally recognized speakers who share their expertise to enhance participants’ knowledge and skills necessary to provide exceptional care.

Evidenced-Based Practice

Following evidenced-based practice techniques in nursing is vital to advancing patient care and clinical outcomes. St. Luke’s is proud of its many nurses who are creating new standards for the profession by performing evidenced-based research to improve quality care. In fact, several St. Luke’s nurses have produced research which has been recognized on state and national levels.

Strengthening the Future of Healthcare

Honor Your Nurse Today

If you wish to honor a nurse who provided superior care in your life or the life of a loved one, please consider donating to the Tribute to Nursing Fund.

Charitable contributions to the Tribute to Nursing Fund provide ongoing financial assistance for educational programs. Your donation enables St. Luke’s nurses to learn the latest in disease management, treatment techniques and pain management protocols.

For questions or more information about the Tribute to Nursing Fund, please contact the Office of Development at (314) 576-2345.

Tribute to Nursing Fund – Gift Form

Yes! I want to honor a St. Luke’s Nurse with a tax-deductible gift.

Name __________________________________________

Address _________________________________________

City_______________________ State____ ZIP________

Telephone ________________________________

Email _________________________________________

In appreciation of Nurse _________________________

Enclosed is my gift of: __________________________

$10 – $99 Nursing Friend $250 Nursing Partner

$100 Nursing Sponsor $500 Nursing Patron

$1,000 Nursing Benefactor

q My check made payable to St. Luke’s Hospital is enclosed.

q Please bill my:  q Visa  q MasterCard  q American Express  q Discover

Name on Card __________________________________

Card Number _________________________________

Exp. Date _______________ Security Code _________

Signature _________________________________

Share your thoughts of appreciation and we will pass them along to the nurse you wish to thank___________________________

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Please return to:  
St. Luke’s Hospital Office of Development

232 S. Woods Mill Road

Chesterfield, MO 63017

Gifts to the Tribute to Nursing Fund are tax-deductible.

For more information on the Tribute to Nursing Fund, or if you no longer wish to receive information from St. Luke’s Hospital and its affiliates regarding giving opportunities, please call the Office of Development at (314) 576-2345.

St. Luke’s Hospital Institute for Health Education

The Institute for Health Education offers continuing education courses and conferences on a variety of health topics. It is located in the St. Luke’s Hospital Medical Arts Building, 1520 South Kingshighway Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63144. For more information, call (314) 362-5700.

St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing

The School of Nursing at St. Luke’s Hospital provides comprehensive education and training for nursing students. The program prepares students to become licensed registered nurses and provides opportunities for advanced education in specialized areas.

St. Luke’s Hospital Nursing Staff

St. Luke’s Hospital employs a team of dedicated nurses who provide exceptional care to patients. The hospital offers a variety of career opportunities for nurses, including positions in acute care, surgery, critical care and more. For more information on career opportunities at St. Luke’s Hospital, visit www.stlukeshospital.com or call (314) 362-5700.

St. Luke’s Hospital Community Health Programs

St. Luke’s Hospital offers a variety of community health programs to improve the health and well-being of the St. Louis region. These programs include disease management programs, smoking cessation classes, weight loss programs and more. For more information on community health programs at St. Luke’s Hospital, visit www.stlukeshospital.com or call (314) 362-5700.

St. Luke’s Hospital Volunteer Program

St. Luke’s Hospital has a volunteer program that provides opportunities for individuals to support the hospital and its mission. Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks, including answering telephones, providing information and supporting patients and their families. For more information on the volunteer program at St. Luke’s Hospital, visit www.stlukeshospital.com or call (314) 362-5700.

St. Luke’s Hospital Donation Center

The St. Luke’s Hospital Donation Center accepts donations of clothing, household items, books, music, toys and more. Donations are used to support St. Luke’s Hospital and its mission. For more information on the St. Luke’s Hospital Donation Center, visit www.stlukeshospital.com or call (314) 362-5700.

St. Luke’s Hospital Foundation

The St. Luke’s Hospital Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports St. Luke’s Hospital and its mission. The foundation accepts donations to support hospital programs, equipment, facilities and services. For more information on the St. Luke’s Hospital Foundation, visit www.stlukesfoundation.org or call (314) 362-5700.