

Southern Ohio Medical Center Development Foundation Newsletter



Winter 2024

» Annual Report



Check out how your donations made a difference in Fiscal Year 2023! Our Annual Report breaks down projects, financials, and so much more.

View the report at

www.somc.org/support-us/annual-report

During the fiscal year, we received donations from more than 1,000 donors and raised more than \$575,000.

“We are so grateful for the community’s continued support of the SOMC Development Foundation,” SOMC Development Foundation Board Chairman Dave Fowler said. “That generosity has made a tremendous difference for our patients and their families.”

Thanks to the donations received, we were able to fund a variety of projects, including:

- » Spot Vision machines for SOMC Pediatric Associates
- » Game Ready therapy machines for SOMC Outpatient Rehab Therapy
- » Scales for inpatient and Home Care patients
- » Cooling carts for SOMC Maternity
- » Diabetic travel kits for SOMC Athletic Trainers
- » Polar Wave therapy units for SOMC Athletic Trainers
- » Infrared Heat Panels for the Portsmouth LIFE Center
- » Patient wheelchairs for the Portsmouth Family Health Center
- » Cell phone charging stations for inpatient units, the Emergency Room, Surgery, and ICU waiting areas
- » CPR Supplies for training in the community

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» Queen of Hearts Recap

SOMC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION presents

QUEEN OF HEARTS

BALL 2024

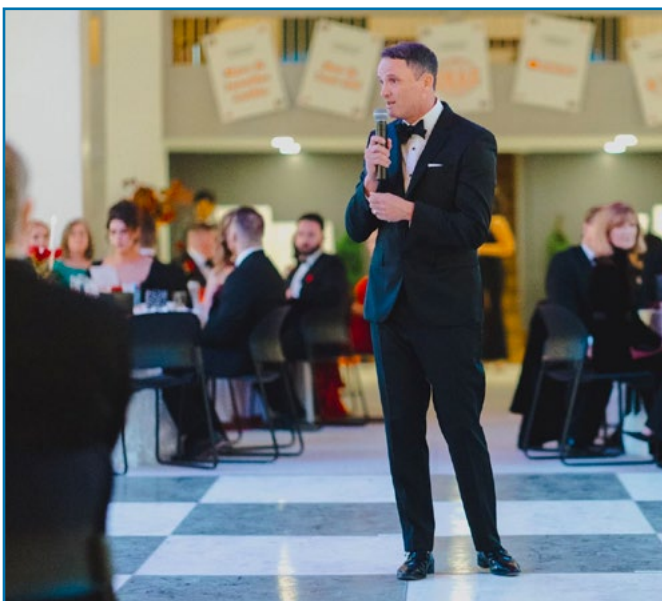
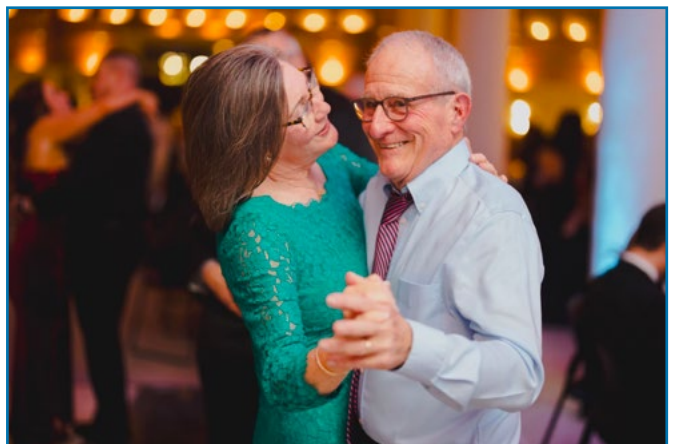
Guests fell down the rabbit hole and into a world of wonder at our Queen of Hearts Ball! This winter event that was held on January 20th at the Marting's building in downtown Portsmouth.

Eventgoers were greeted with champagne that was being served through an enchanted garden wall. A magician kept guests entertained through cocktail hour and dinner. A game, led by Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Michael Raies, and the Queen of Hearts herself, Leigh Anne Smith, kicked off the evening's fun followed by dancing.

The true magic of the night came from the donations and monies raised for the SOMC Heart & Vascular Fund. Each ticket and sponsorship served as a direct donation to the fund. In addition, the gift wall had more than \$19,000 worth of gifts donated. The gift wall sold out before dinner began while raising almost \$8,000 towards the fund.

All proceeds will be used towards future SOMC Cath Lab renovations and assist in purchasing the latest technology and equipment in the world of heart and vascular.

To view photos from the event, visit our Facebook page [@SOMCDevelopmentFoundation](#)



» Approved Projects



Smoke & carbon monoxide detectors
Provided by the Annual Fund

Scales for SOMC Heart Care inpatients
Provided by the Heart & Vascular Fund

◀ **Pris-Max Machine**
Provided by the Heart & Vascular Fund

Two Recliners for Hospice Inpatient Center
Provided by the Hospice Caritas Fund

Smoking Cessation Life Center Memberships
Provided by the Community Health & Wellness Fund

Smoking Cessation Quit Kits
Provided by the Community Health & Wellness Fund

Improving Diabetes Education Program
Provided by the Community Health & Wellness Fund

» Heart Month

Roses are red, violets are blue,
Heart Month calls, let generosity ensue.
Donate with love, a heartbeat so true,
For health and care, it's something we all can do!

Show your love this month by donating in honor of National Heart Month!

Make your donation by visiting
www.somc.org/support-us/donate-now



» Upcoming Events

Kentucky Derby Party
May 4

More details to be announced soon!

Hike for Hospice
May 18

Maternity Remembrance Walk
June 1

» Fund Feature: Heart & Vascular

Support of the Heart & Vascular Fund enables Southern Ohio Medical Center to offer our heart patients a second chance at life by ensuring a precise diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of heart disease through the most advanced technology available. Donations will also allow SOMC to offer support to those patients who experience financial difficulty in their time of need.

Donations have helped cover patient costs for cardiac rehab, halter monitors, weight scales, and more.

A recent project involved purchasing a special piece of equipment called LifeVest.

The LifeVest is a personal defibrillator children and

adults can wear if they're at risk for sudden cardiac arrest. It monitors your heart all the time. If a life-threatening arrhythmia starts, your LifeVest delivers a shock treatment to restore your heart to a normal rhythm. Most people will wear the LifeVest temporarily until their condition improves or until a permanent course of treatment is indicated. The LifeVest is expensive, and some insurance plans do not cover the cost of the LifeVest.

SOMC's Heart and Vascular fund has helped many patients with the cost of a LifeVest so they can return to most of their daily activities with peace of mind that they have protection from a fatal heart arrhythmia.

» Donor Spotlight: *Rebecca Richards Milnes*

Rebecca, a sixth generation native of Scioto County, has been a long-time donor to the SOMC Development Foundation dating back to the Hospice Transcending Lives Campaign in 2017. Her generosity started by sponsoring a new patient room in memory of her mother, Pat Richards.

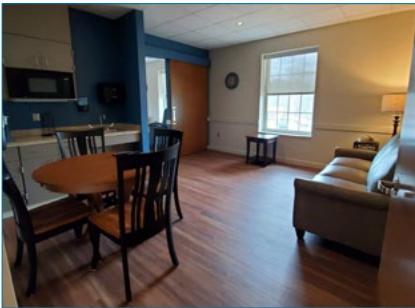
Over the years, she has touched the lives of numerous patients and employees with her giving. She led an end-of-year campaign where she helped supply thousands of coats to local school children, provided the funding for an ultrasound-guided IV placement unit, and recently purchased a new Pris-Max machine that benefits heart and intensive care patients with continued dialysis support.

Rebecca says, “My favorite donation has been the ultrasound-guided IV placement unit as I know

firsthand how important it is to have a device that makes it easy for the patient’s veins to be found due to collapsed veins or hard-to-find veins.”

“I was blessed to grow up in Portsmouth, surrounded by a strong supportive community at home, church, and school. It gave me a foundation to move forward in the world and I want to be able to give back as much as possible to ensure that others are still able to benefit from this wonderful community. My dad was one of the first patients at the original Scioto Memorial Hospital and spent much time there after his traumatic brain injury. Hospice was such a relief for my mother in her last days. How could I not want to support and honor those people and institutions who are still there for my family?”

—Rebecca Richards Milnes



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Development
Foundation**
Your compassion, your community

Our mission is to make a difference by identifying the community’s health and wellness needs while bridging the gap between those needs and the cost of the solutions.

The SOMC Development Foundation encompasses fundraising efforts for Hospice, Cancer, Employee Relief, Heart & Vascular, Pediatrics, Community Health and Wellness, the Endowment Fund and the areas of greatest need. These funds generate much needed support and enable SOMC to continually deliver extraordinary care for future generations to come. We consider it our responsibility to serve our community and we take pride in doing so.



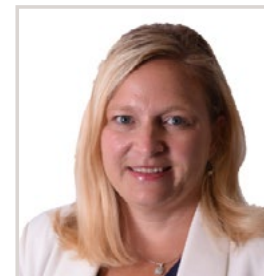
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