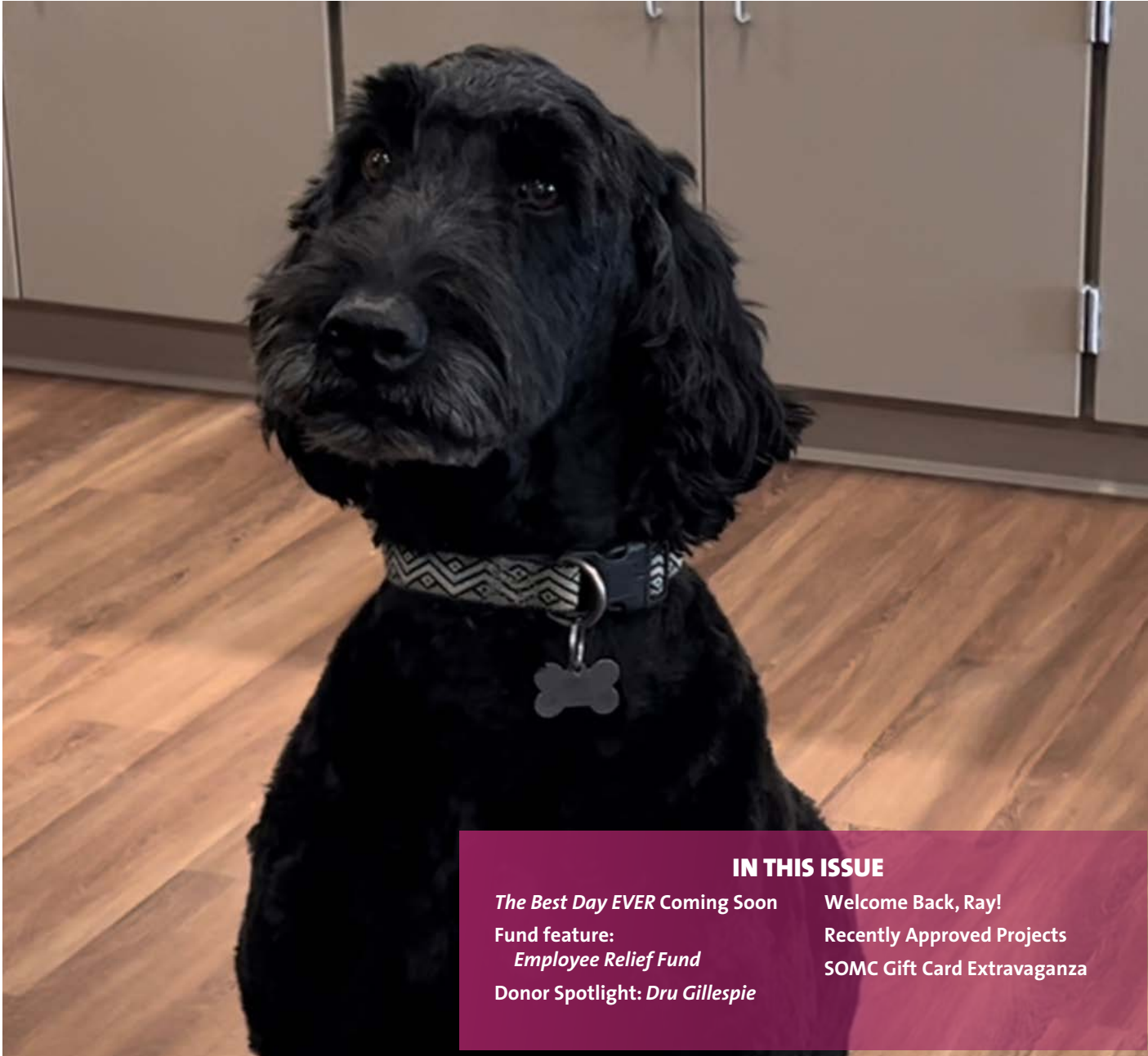


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» The Best Day EVER is Coming Soon

The weather is getting warmer, the birds are chirping, summer vacations are in sight. There is a lot to look forward to!

But don't forget to add one more thing to your upcoming plans- SOMC's Best Day Ever! This one day only, biggest sale of the year is coming Friday, **May 13!**

No more Friday the 13 scares, this day is sure to brighten your spirits.

Shop vintage SOMC shirts at the lowest prices ever! Featuring grab-and-go bags, discounted prices, and other surprises.

You won't want to miss this — **THE BEST DAY EVER.** All proceeds will benefit the SOMC Employee Relief Fund.

Make sure to like our Facebook page, **@SOMCDevelopmentFoundation**, to be the first to know all of the details on this new event!

» Fund Feature: Employee Relief Fund

Our employees are here for you when you need them most. From helping deliver your newborn, to bandaging you in the ER, to holding your hand during tough times at the hospice center, our employees are dedicated to providing the best care possible.

Now, with the help of the Employee Relief Fund, you can give back to them.

Support the employees of SOMC by donating to the Employee Relief Fund. This fund is here to support our employees when they need it most. From helping pay to replace items lost in a devastating fire, to paying for medical bills during an unforeseen illness, to even covering funeral expenses, this fund provides a variety of ways to give back to the SOMC employees during hard times.

Visit www.somc.org/development/donatenow to give back today.

» Donor Spotlight: Dru Gillespie

Dru Gillespie and her family have been supporters of the SOMC Hospice Caritas Fund for many years. Dru, her husband, Gene, and daughter, Chris, donated towards the hospice gardens located behind the new hospice inpatient center during the original 2007 campaign. The gift made was in memory of their other daughter, Julie, a social worker at SOMC, who passed away in 2006 at a very tender age.

In 2017, the Transcending Lives Hospice Expansion Project began. Dru and her daughter Chris named the new Social Worker Office in memory of her husband Gene who passed away in 2012. Last year, in 2021, her generosity continued as she donated to the upkeep of the KOI pond and garden area behind the inpatient hospice center.

"I love to donate to an area where patients and families can come together and relax during the tough times," Gillespie said.

Thank you, Gillespie Family, for being such an advocate for hospice services in our community!



» Welcome Back, Ray!

SOMC Hospice recently welcomed back an important employee who had spent the last two years working from home. Ray, a golden doodle who has served as the facility's "hospice dog" since 2016, made a triumphant return to building where he visits with patients and their families.

He can be seen roaming the hallways or stopping by patient rooms to spread affection and warmth. His friendly personality is a welcome addition, especially for patients who are used to having the comforts of a pet at home.

"Ray is an important member of our team," SOMC Hospice Nurse Manager Donna Holcomb said. "His loving demeanor is not only appreciated by our patients, but also by the staff. We're all really excited to have him back to work with us."

Ray is SOMC's third "hospice dog," following in the paw prints of Swan and Marley who both retired after years of faithful service. Over the years, Ray has touched countless hearts and lives in the community – and those who have appreciated his company also have a way to give back. The SOMC Development Foundation has a special fund set up specifically for Ray. The fund raises funds for treats and toys, as well as his special diet, which is designed to help him deal with the stresses associated with his role in end-of-life care.

To learn more about how you can support Ray, or give back in other ways, visit www.somc.org/programs/hospice/meet-ray or call 740-356-5609



» Recently Approved Projects

Hospice Koi Pond & Professional Landscaping Maintenance

Provided by the Hope Guild

Hanging floral baskets for hospice

Provided by the Pleasure Guild

Recumbent Cross Trainers for Cardiac Rehab and SOMC Life Centers

Provided by the donors of the Heart & Vascular and Community Health & Wellness Funds

» SOMC Gift Card Extravaganza | April 4-11

Attention SOMC employees: Get ready for the SOMC Gift Card Extravaganza coming Monday, April 4! The SOMC Gift Card Extravaganza (commonly known as the Scrip Card Sale) partners with ShopWithScrip to purchase gift cards from more than 750 top retailers. Many local businesses participate in the program as well!

The sale will take place from **9 a.m. Monday, April 4 to 11:59 p.m. Monday, April 11**. Gift cards will be available for pick up around mid-May. This opportunity is perfect for springtime home improvements, family vacations, or shopping for new clothes.

By participating, you are essentially taking out an interest-free loan AND giving back to SOMC. Each sale gives 5% back to the SOMC Development Foundation Annual Fund. This fund has helped numerous departments in the hospital improve our patient's experience. Some recent projects include purchasing clothing items for sexual assault and trauma victims in the ER, new stretchers, and IV placement units.

To learn more about this program, please contact Mary Arzen at ArzenM@somc.org or **740-356-5600**.



Upcoming Events

Hike for Hospice | May 7

The Best Day Ever | May 13

Perinatal Loss Walk | June 4

Golf Tournament | June 17

For more information on each event, visit www.somc.org/development



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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