Jazz in the Woods Helps Britain Center Kids

There are two facts about the Overland Park Jazz in the Woods Festival you may not know. One, it’s the largest free music fest in Kansas City. And two, the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center is a beneficiary of the event’s generous proceeds.

Marty Cole, Executive Vice President, Country Club Bank, is a Rotarian with the Overland Park South Rotary Club and a proud representative for Jazz in the Woods and its support of the Center.

“I've seen what the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center does and it’s just a wonderful place,” he says. “It plays such an important role in the community we call home.”

Marty has two grown daughters and he and his wife, Beth, are active in other organizations around town that benefit children. But Shawnee Mission Medical Center (SMMC) and the kids at the Lee Ann Britain Center hold a special place in their hearts.

“I had a friend whose wife received care at SMMC and they were dazzled,” says Marty. “The hospital has really gained recognition over the past several years and we’re glad to be ambassadors who can help spread the word about the good things going on over there.

“There are so many needs to fulfill, but when you’re talking about children that start out life with disadvantages, that just moves them to the front of the line for me.”

Marty’s involvement with the hospital goes even deeper than the Jazz in the Woods event. He’s been on the Foundation for SMMC board for over 20 years and is immediate past chair of the Foundation. In 2001, he and his wife were co-chairs for the Tiny Tim Holiday Fantasy event.

Marty hopes his involvement with the hospital inspires others to learn more about Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

“We have a first rate facility right here in our neighborhood. Our tagline ‘Much more than medicine’ says it all.”

Terri Olsen to Chair 2013 Tiny Tim Holiday Fantasy

Terri Olsen’s connection to the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center runs deep. Her son, Brent, began experiencing seizures and developmental problems right after he was born in 1979. He began his therapy treatments at Britain Center at six weeks of age and continued until he was two and a half. This was an experience that left a lasting impression on Terri.

“When you're pregnant, you think you'll have this perfect baby,” explains Terri. “It’s overwhelming being a new mom to a child with special needs. It seems like all your friends have perfect kids … it can be very lonely.”

At the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center, Brent and Terri joined a loving community of people who shared in their challenges. Terri found the solid
Shawnee Mission Medical Center (SMMC) celebrated 50 years of providing extraordinary health care to our community at the Kauffman Center for Performing Arts on April 17, 2013. The evening recognized SMMC founders, donors, physicians, volunteers, and associates who have made the hospital a place of hope and healing for millions of people since its beginning in 1962. A memorable performance by the Kansas City Chorale was provided in Helzberg Hall followed by an elegant dinner in Brandmeyer Great Hall. Each guest was given a commemorative *Gratitude to the Community* book showing a retrospective of the hospital’s history.

Almost 500 guests enjoyed an elegant dinner in the Brandmeyer Great Hall at the Kauffman Center.

The Grammy-winning Kansas City Chorale performed for guests in Helzberg Hall.

The 50th Gala Chairs from left to right: David Newcomer IV and Dr. John Robinson, vice chairs, Foundation for SMMC, Jeanne Olofson, 50th Gala chairman and Foundation for SMMC, Jeannette Nichols, Loretta Nichols, and J.C. “Jay” Nichols III, honorary co-chairmen.

The Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center did some recent remodeling which made space for additional staff and a room dedicated to group counseling. This was made possible through generous gifts from individuals during the Fund-A-Need portion of the Live Auction at the 2012 Tiny Tim Holiday Fantasy.

Camp Bluebird, a special retreat for adults diagnosed with cancer, was held April 24 – 26, 2013, at the Heartland Presbyterian Retreat Center in Parkville, MO. This camp is made possible in part because of generous philanthropic gifts from donors. The next camp will be held October 2-4, 2013.
support she needed. Brent passed away in 2007. Volunteering at the Britain Center is a way for Terri to honor and remember the times she and Brent had there when he was very young.

Terri’s other sons, Ryan and Chris are married and she has three granddaughters; Capri (age 4), Meredith (age 2) and Heidi (17 months).

Terri volunteers twice a week at the Britain Center, where she works one-on-one with the children. She’s made significant contributions to the NICU in the new Women’s Center—she has a conference room named after her—and has attended nearly every Tiny Tim Holiday Fantasy event in the last 20 years. Put simply, Terri is a valuable, irreplaceable part of the Britain Center.

Tiny Tim is Shawnee Mission Medical Center’s premier annual event that benefits the children and families served by the NICU and the Britain Center. The event features both a silent and live auction, and raises more than $500,000 each year.

When the Foundation asked her to chair this year’s event, Terri gladly accepted the challenge.

Part of Terri’s job as chair is to find new ways to promote Tiny Tim. She’s using her experience as a parent and her insight as a volunteer to make this year’s event the best yet.

“I don’t really like being out in front of people,” she says. “I’ve always been the person who does the work behind the scenes. This is new for me, but it’s very exciting.” Terri continues, “I believe my passion for the Center overrides my nervousness. I love this place and plan to stay active and involved as long as I can.”

“Midwest Anesthesia Associates doesn’t just provide first-rate anesthesia services for Shawnee Mission Medical Center. The organization also has a deep philanthropic tie to the hospital.

Dr. Mark Brady, Staff Anesthesiologist/Secretary Treasurer of the Medical Staff, has been with Midwest Anesthesia Associates for 15 years. In that time he’s seen the connection between the two organizations deepen through a shared culture of philanthropy.

“We’ve always helped out wherever we can,” he says. “From drives for the medical library and medical staff resources to making donations to the new medical tower and Birth Center that was recently built, we believe in contributing.”

Dr. Brady was in Wichita before coming to SMMC and has been consistently impressed with the quality of care and commitment to excellence at the hospital.

“This place is as good as it gets—better,” he says. “I was struck by the caliber of talent of the people I was working with when I started here 15 years ago and I still am.

“From the nursing staff to the surgeons, everyone is on the same page. The difference is the attitude, the humanity. When SMMC talks about providing holistic care in that warm, spiritual way it’s a commitment made by the entire hospital and everyone in it.”

Dr. Brady goes on to emphasize that people in the Kansas City community should know they’re getting the very best when they choose SMMC.

“I’ve wondered how I would begin to evaluate hospitals if I was Joe Public and choosing a place to go for a procedure, or to send a loved one,” he explains. “I can tell you that standards are high—you have to be the best to practice here.

“SMMC has it all and that’s why we’re proud to work together and to support the hospital philanthropically.”

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