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A full-service acute care facility committed to providing world-class healthcare and the latest technology, St. Tammany Parish Hospital delivers today's life-improving procedures with the utmost care to area residents with emphasis on wellness, preventive care and disease management close to home. STPH is a self-supporting not-for-profit community hospital it receives no tax funding. STPH.org

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Rotating Gallery Series Showcases Art, *Promotes Healing*

Exhibit Highlights Regional Talent

St. Tammany Hospital Foundation showcases the work of regional artists in a series of rotating art galleries.

An element of the foundation's Healing Arts Initiative, works selected for the rotating gallery series convey a sense of calm and beauty to promote wellbeing

among patients, visitors and employees.

The foundation's just-concluded second exhibit in the series, titled No Place Like Home, highlighted natural beauty through the paintings and photography of seven artists: Ed Estapa, Erin Rode-Fiorello, Peggy Hesse, Ferris Hotard, Georgia Trist, Susan Tullos and Sue Zaunbrecher.

Heal through the Arts

More information on Healing Arts and giving opportunities is available by contacting Nicole Suhre at 985-898-4171 or nsuhre@stph.org.

Their work was displayed in the education hallway off the main hospital lobby, 3 North bridge and patient hallways.

The series' winter installation will begin in February 2017 and last eight weeks. The upcoming exhibit will again stress themes of serenity and peace, in keeping with the program's focus on art

as an element of the healing process.

"Healing Arts is a unique and powerful message for those in need," said Mary Lee, chairman of the Healing Arts Initiative. "We are excited and proud to collaborate with community leaders and artists to bring joy and peace to patients in need of respite and calm and those facing great challenges."









ANGELS OF LIGHT 2016

A Tradition to Support STPH Hospice

The 2016 Angels of Light fundraiser will bring lights and music to the St. Tammany Parish Hospital lobby from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 8.

This beloved holiday tradition supports St. Tammany Hospital Hospice through an evening that honors and celebrates loved ones, living and deceased.

The ceremonial lighting of the Hospice Tree for Life, decorated with Tribute Angels, will highlight the event, which will include holiday music and refreshments.

Each Tribute Angel on the Tree for Life represents an individual, living or deceased, being honored or memorialized by a friend or family member.

Tribute Angels will go on sale in November and can be purchased in the Guild gift shop or through the St. Tammany Hospital Foundation.

The event will feature harpist Jessica Meltz and other live music.

A number of sponsorship opportunities are available for this longstanding holiday fundraiser.

Participate in 2016 Angels of Light

More information is available by contacting
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- Jack Khashou, Cancer Center Administrator

Multidisciplinary Team Approach to Breast Cancer Treatment

Charo Arnold was 16 weeks pregnant when the 38-year-old Mandeville mom and neonatal nurse was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer at the Women's Pavilion.

A multidisciplinary team of specialists at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at St. Tammany Parish Hospital quickly developed a treatment plan for Arnold, who began 12 treatments over 18 weeks of chemotherapy within days of diagnosis.

"They were fast," Arnold said of the team.
"I knew I had a whole team of experts working to decide how best to treat my cancer, and that was helpful and reassuring for me."

The multidisciplinary team approach is an increasingly important element of breast cancer treatment at the cancer center.

Twice a month, board certified physician specialists in medical oncology, radiation oncology, radiology, pathology, general surgery and plastic surgery gather with key nursing and ancillary support staff to discuss complex cases like Arnold's. The team's goal: to create a unified treatment plan built on the combined clinical expertise of each team member that reflects the individual needs of each patient.

Each member of the team has access to patients' full medical records, allowing for a fully informed discussion of treatment options. Large monitors in the team meeting room give participants detailed views of radiology, pathology and other test results.

The team can meet to discuss and review treatment options at any point in the treatment spectrum, from diagnosis to post-surgery recovery.

"Communication and coordination of care is improved because everyone is in the same room with the same information focused on the same patient at the same time," said Jack Khashou, cancer center administrator. "The multidisciplinary team is an important example of planning and work that happen behind the scenes to make sure patients get the best care."

The same physicians and ancillary staff are also part of the breast cancer leadership team, which meets routinely to ensure that the center's practices and procedures reflect evidence based national standards of care.

The cancer center leadership team also meets monthly to review standards of care in treatment and examine the center's practices and procedures.

> In Arnold's case, treatment took place before and after the birth of her daughter, Mila Grace, in December 2015. Surgeons removed Arnold's tumor a week after the baby's arrival. Her treatment team recommended an additional 12 treatments over 12 weeks of chemotherapy after pathology results showed residual tumor

after surgery. Throughout treatment, Arnold had access to oncology certified nurse navigators and infusion nurses, an oncology certified social worker and dietician.

Arnold also underwent a double mastectomy, hysterectomy and breast reconstruction over the spring and summer.

The cancer center staff and nurse navigator were important sources of support for Arnold, who previously worked in STPH's neonatal intensive care unit. Despite the many experts involved in her treatment, Arnold always felt confident and clear about each component of the plan, she said.

"I know it is cancer, but the fact is you feel surrounded by love during the whole process," she said. "From the start, they made me feel like I was their only patient, which was an awesome experience."

The team approach reflects an additional way in which STPH's strategic partnerships with Ochsner Health System and Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Cancer benefit cancer patients on the Northshore through improved access to specialists and services.







Champions of Giving

Employees Donate More than \$90,000 for STPH Initiatives

St. Tammany Parish Hospital employees gave more than \$90,000 combined for patient care and quality of life initiatives during the 2016 WE Care employee campaign.

Their gifts to St. Tammany Hospital Foundation will support a variety of initiatives, including the hospital's Healing Arts Initiative, Employee Benevolent Fund and endowment.

"Employees show their dedication to the hospital by the work they do every single day," said Colleen Bonvillain, foundation associate. "During the WE Care employee campaign, they take it one step further and make personal donations to causes and projects that will enhance the services we provide here at the hospital. It's heartwarming to see how much they truly care about the people in our community."

More than 680 employees gave to this year's sports-themed We Are The Champions campaign, a participation rate of 40 percent. In addition, 25 departments achieved 100 percent participation, with all eligible employees supporting the campaign with a contribution.

While employees could designate their gift to any fund of their choosing, the featured fund for 2016 was Prehabilitation for Cancer Patients.

More than 175 donors contributed to this fund, which will support rehabilitation services and support for cancer patients after a diagnosis but before treatment has started. Such programs improve quality of life for patients with any type of cancer at any stage while also decreasing morbidity rates, research shows.

Since 2004, STPH employees have raised more than \$1.1 million to support the programs of StTammany Parish Hospital.

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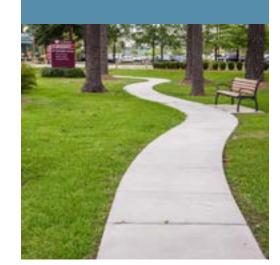
- Colleen Bonvillain, Foundation Associate

WE Care: A History of Giving

From state-of-the-art surgical equipment to rocking chairs in the NICU and an onsite walking path, St. Tammany Parish Hospital employees have funded important projects and purchases to improve the quality of care at STPH through the WE Care employee campaign.

WE Care featured funds in past years include:

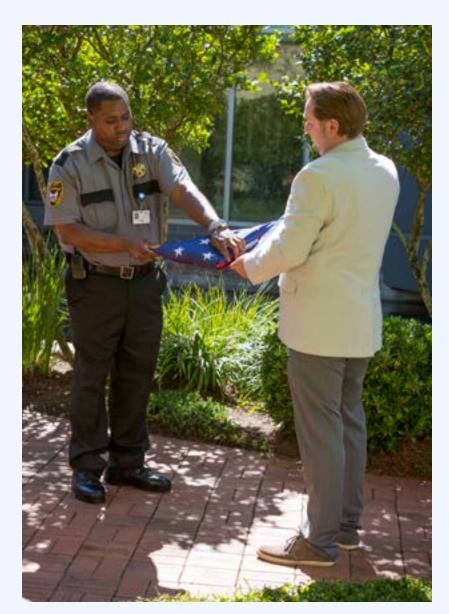
- Pediatric Capital Campaign
- Department grants
- Laparoscopic ultrasound transducer
- Shuttle stop improvements
- On-campus walking trail with exercise station
- Cashless system in the cafeteria
- Learning Together personal and professional development program
- Healing Arts Initiative
- Stereotactic biopsy machine





SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

HONOR RED, WHITE AND BLUE CELEBRATES VETS IN UNIQUE TRADITION



Raoul Joseph Laurent Jr. wore his Navy hat as he traveled the world. The retired Navy petty officer hung the Navy flag alongside the American one in his Ponchatoula yard. He affixed a Navy license plate to every car he owned.

Undoubtedly Laurent would have been pleased by what took place at St. Tammany Parish Hospital in the wee hours of May 26 when he passed away at 80 after declining health that included pulmonary fibrosis and pneumonia.

At 3:30 a.m., the hospital operator announced "Attention please, Honor Red White and Blue." STPH physicians, nurses and employees gathered along the firstfloor hallway with Laurent's family.

Laurent's gurney, draped with the American flag, was rolled through the hall, pausing briefly in the corridor for STPH Chaplain Zac Ritchie to share a ritual of remembrance, including details of Laurent's life and his 25 years with the Navy.

Some hospital staff, themselves veterans, gave a final salute. Other employees pressed their hands together at their chest to honor Laurent's life and service.

Ritchie later met in the chapel with Laurent's family to present them with the formally folded flag and say final words of thanks.

"It was such a memorial to my father," said daughter Suzanne Grayson. "As it was happening, I kept thinking to myself, 'Hospitals do this?' We were amazed."

When Grayson described the tribute days later in a Facebook post, she learned something unexpected: the hospital's Honor Red, White and Blue initiative honoring veterans was deeply meaningful to thousands of strangers who read about it. Her Facebook post drew more than 6,000 reactions, 600 comments and was shared with users of the social media website nearly 2,000 times.

"It was overwhelming, and it helped us as we started to heal," Grayson said.



STPH's Honor Red, White and Blue program recognizes the military service of patients as well as that of hospital physicians, volunteers and employees who are veterans or active military.

STPH intensive care nurse Susan Aultman brought to the Patient Experience Task Force the idea that the hospital honor veterans.

"I thought, 'Why don't we honor our vets when they die? And why would we want to wait until they die to show our thanks?" Aultman said.

The resulting program from the Patient Experience Task Force has

STPH employees, volunteers and physicians are recognized for their service. They receive distinctive blue badge holders with American flags to highlight their service and are offered a free meal in the cafeteria when they work on Veterans Day.

Patients are asked at admission if they are veterans and if hospital staff may recognize them for their service. If they agree, a flag icon is placed outside their room and in their electronic record. Hospital employees are encouraged to ask about their service and thank them as they come and go.

The hospital's tribute to recently deceased veterans like Laurent is perhaps the best-known aspect of the program. Like the other two elements of Honor Red, White and Blue, it is strictly voluntary. Families can choose to have their loved one recognized with the formal "Honor Red White and Blue" announcement, as Laurent's family did, or a private tribute with the chaplain in the patient's room.

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STPH Chaplain Jeff Sims, a U.S. Air Force veteran, has received calls about the hospital's tribute from as far away as Indiana and California.

"Some other hospitals around the country honor vets, but the way we do it is unique to us," Sims said.

Over the past three years, about 70 veterans have been honored through the program. Flags are provided by the

St. Tammany Hospital Foundation and service organization Woodmen of the World.

Honor Red, White and Blue has been recognized by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the American Legion and other organizations for its support of veterans and active military members.

The program also has inspired similar efforts at fellow Ochsner Health Network hospitals, Terrebonne General Medical Center,

Slidell Memorial Hospital and Christus Health, and other regional hospitals, including Our Lady of the Angels in Bogalusa, where Aultman and STPH CEO Patti Ellish presented the first flag for its tribute ceremony.

"It's a communal celebration in a lot of ways," said Chaplain Ritchie. "The family has lost a loved one, but it is also a chance to show respect and thanks for someone whose service is important to all of us."







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-Adam Morris

Peace of Mind after a Baby's Early Arrival

NICU Nurses Offer Love, Support to Parents

Jude Morris weighed 2.5 pounds when he was delivered by emergency C-section at St. Tammany Parish Hospital in January 2016.

He spent the next 44 days in the neonatal intensive care unit, where the nursing staff was an important source of comfort and support to the parents of the tiny boy.

Adam Morris recalls meeting his son for the first time in the NICU as his wife, Nicole, who works as a nurse in STPH's intensive care unit, recovered from delivery.

NICU nurse Monique Chiasson clearly explained the lines and tubes attached to Jude for the first-time father, taking the time to make sure Morris understood each one before moving on to the next.

"There were probably 10 things attached to him, but she explained the benefit and purpose of each one," he said. "She was very helpful."

Careful explanation and reassurance from NICU nurses became a constant for the Morris family over the following weeks, such as when Jude was taken off of the ventilator on his second day in the NICU and then moved to supplemental oxygen a week later as his lungs grew

Each time a new tube appeared, NICU nurses explained the reason for the change to the Morrises. They helped the couple hold their son as often as possible, encouraged their frequent daily visits and made sure they felt comfortable calling for updates at any time of day or night.

The couple, exhausted and overwhelmed in the early days, grew steadily more confident as Jude grew stronger. They credit the NICU nurses for the change.

Helping parents understand their baby's care while in the NICU is essential to their peace of mind, Chiasson explained. It also makes leaving their baby in the NICU to go home or to work less stressful for new parents.

"When they walk in and see the most precious gift they've been given hooked up to lines everywhere, they are frightened," Chiasson said. "When they understand how those lines are helping their baby in specific ways, it is not as scary. Educating the parents is an important part of what we do."

Although he was born with Down syndrome, Jude did not have heart problems and did not experience any serious infections, as many babies with Down syndrome do. He weighed 4.5 pounds when he went home with his parents after 44 days, and weighed 14 pounds by late summer.

"He's very healthy," said Nicole Morris. Her husband, the associate pastor at Bogue Falaya Baptist Church in Folsom, described his son leaving the NICU as bittersweet.

"It was, of course, a happy time because he was going home with us," he said. "But it was sad leaving the NICU, a place that had come to mean so much to us.'

ART'S HEALING POWER

An Artist's Perspective as a Cardiac Rehab Patient





Northshore painter Ferris Hotard has unusual insight into the power of art to heal.

The 60-year-old owner of a Covington gallery was treated at St. Tammany Parish Hospital for a heart attack in February 2016 after a friend rushed him to the emergency department.

Three stents were placed in Hotard's heart during emergency surgery to correct nearly complete blockages in his arteries. A fourth was placed by STPH surgeons days later.

The experience of waking up in the intensive care unit left him deeply shaken. But Hotard credits expert care at the hospital and three months of cardiac rehabilitation with helping him regain his health.

He was particularly impressed with cardiac rehab, which he described as "an amazing experience" that helped him regain not just his physical strength but also his creative drive.

"The therapists work to get your heart stronger, but it is not just your heart that grows stronger during rehab," Hotard said. "Their humor and support helped me regain a level of emotional comfort that I had lost."

At first, after leaving STPH's intensive care unit, Hotard felt frightened and tired, with little interest in painting. He felt his passion returning during rehab as he gained energy, strength and confidence.

Improved blood flow throughout his body from the stents in his heart also were key in his growing strength, he noted.

Hotard then experienced a new role at STPH. He recently became

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St. Tammany Hospital Foundation's long-running program to harness art's healing power with art installations throughout the STPH campuses. Ferris exhibited seven pieces in the rotating

a participant in the Healing Arts Initiative,

gallery series and donated two pieces to the foundation for Healing Arts, including a piece that he specifically asked be displayed in the cardiac rehab unit.

One painting shows flying geese and another shows flowers, images in keeping with themes of serenity and natural beauty that shape much of Hotard's work.

"Rehab helped me get back to art and to good health," he said. "I was weak emotionally and physically when I began, and without a doubt it made me stronger in both those ways. Rehab made a big difference to me, and I hope the painting helps to show that."

Healing Arts

More information on the Healing Arts and opportunities to support the St. Tammany Hospital Foundation are available at sthfoundation.org or by calling Nicole Suhre at 985-898-4171

Of PRIMARY Importance

The Essential Role of Primary Care In Good Health



Primary care is an essential element of healthcare and the first point of contact for most patients with a health concern.

Comprising care from immunizations for children and physicals for young athletes to diabetes management and discussions about dementia and end-of-life care, primary care's focus is the health of the individual patient throughout their lifetime.

The ongoing relationship between patient and primary care physician provides important continuity in a complex healthcare system.

"Coordinating care with specialists is increasingly important," said Ralph Millet MD, a board-certified internal medicine specialist with St. Tammany Physicians Network who has practiced in Covington for

"We navigate our patients though every element of care in a way that promotes quality and safety," said Dr. Millet, who sees patients from teens to more than 90-year old.

Primary care also offers the opportunity for patients and their doctors to discuss family health history and screenings or lifestyle changes to minimize potential inherited risks, Dr. Millet said.

"We get to know our patients both when they are sick and when they are well," he said. "That offers the opportunity to build trust, which makes it easier for patients to share information that may be vital to making a diagnosis and treating them effectively."

Primary care physicians like Dr. Millet are specially trained in

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each area of specialization.

Patient education is another crucial aspect of primary care, especially during wellness visits.

primary care.

recognizing early symptoms of serious

diseases. Determining if a patient needs

additional tests or an appointment with

a specialist is another important role of

pediatrics and family medicine also fall

Disease prevention, health maintenance,

treatment and diagnosis of both acute

and chronic conditions are common to

under the umbrella of primary care.

Medical specialties in general practice,

"It gives us an opportunity to discuss smoking cessation or the importance of exercise and a healthy weight," Dr. Millet said. "We also remind patients about the importance of eye exams for patients 40 or older, screenings such as colonoscopies for adults over 50 and screenings that are important for patients with a family history of cancer or other disease."

Primary care physicians also are often the first point of contact for patients with mental or emotional problems, or the first person a family member contacts about such concerns. They can prescribe medication for depression or anxiety and help connect patients with grief support after the loss of a loved one.

"There are new resources (for mental health) to which we can refer those in need," Dr. Millet said.

To learn more about the primary care professionals at St. Tammany Physicians Network, visit STPH.org/STPN.







Getting Ready for the Role of a Lifetime

Boot Camp Gives Dads-To-Be Real World Skills

Shane Hodgson doesn't hesitate when asked the No. 1 concern he hears from first-time dads-to-be.

"They worry they'll break the baby," said Hodgson, a Northshore father of two teenagers and trained facilitator for men-only workshops for expectant dads by St. Tammany Parish Hospital Parenting Center.

Hodgson and fellow facilitators, Eric Suhre and Kyle Beerbohm offer practical, hands-on information and downto-earth insight to prepare men for their new role as father by giving them the skills and confidence to care for newborn babies and new moms.

The \$10 Saturday-morning Boot Camp for New Dads class is held every other month through the Parenting Center.

Participants learn how to prepare for labor and delivery, soothe a crying baby, change a diaper, keep their baby safe and other fundamentals of newborn care. They learn how best to support a new mother, how to recognize post-partum depression and tips for limiting visits by well-meaning relatives and family members in the first, sleepless days after mom and baby return home.

"Being a gatekeeper in the early days is another new role they get a chance to learn and practice," Hodgson said. "The focus of every aspect

Reserve Your Spot

Boot Camp for New Dads will next take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 5 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. Additional information and registration is available by calling the Parenting Center at 985-898-4435 or at stph.org.

of the workshop is on the value of the parents working as a team, and how they can best support each other as they become parents."

Hodgson said frank talk in a supportive "locker room" atmosphere helps participants feel comfortable asking questions they might not pose to friends or relatives.

"They are encouraged to ask or express anything that is on their minds," Hodgson said.

The all-male environment likewise puts expectant dads at ease, added

Lori Cage, Parenting Center executive director. "It's men-only unless you are a baby, so the dads can ask guy-to-guy

questions on any topic and not feel embarrassed," Cage said. Critical real-world insight comes from veteran dads who visit the

workshop with their new babies to give the dads-to-be a chance to ask questions, watch a new dad interact with his infant and often hold a baby for the first time.

The nationally acclaimed workshop is validated by research and offered in more than 250 U.S. communities, as well as by the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Army. STPH is the only hospital in Louisiana to offer the program, and has done so for 18 years.

STPH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

As the Northshore's community health network, St. Tammany Parish Hospital hosts events, meetings and opportunities for you to improve and maintain your physical and emotional well-being. We've provided a short sample of the many upcoming events below, and please check stph.org/calendar and your local newspaper for additional learning opportunities for individuals of all ages.

For New Parents

New Family Center Tours

1st and 3rd Saturdays | 10 a.m. to noon STPH New Family Center | Free

Learn about our private birthing suites, rooming in, skin-to-skin program and more. 985-898-4436

Prepared Childbirth

Tuesdays, December 12 and 19 | 7–9 p.m. STPH Conference Room | Free

Learn physical and emotional changes, how your baby develops, signs and stages of labor, what to expect in childbirth, and breathing and relaxation techniques used during labor. Anesthesia options will be discussed. 985-898-4083

Baby Care Basics

Tuesdays, October 25, November 29, and December 6 | 7–9 p.m.

STPH Conference Room | Free ksupan@stph.org or 985-898-4435

Art of Breastfeeding

November 7 and 14 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. STPH Parenting Center | Free

Discuss benefits of breastfeeding as well as common concerns of the early breastfeeding period to create a positive and successful breastfeeding experience. 985-898-4083

New Baby Support Group

Every Thursday | 11:15 a.m. to noon STPH Parenting Center | Free

Join other mothers and their little ones to discuss child development and parenting tips with professionals as well as other parents. ksupan@stph.org or 985-898-4435

For the Kids

Play and Learn

Tuesdays, November 1, 8 and 15 and December 6 and 13 | 9:30-10:15 a.m. STPH Parenting Center | \$15/members, \$24/nonmembers

Parents and their children, 16 months to 4 years, play and learn together through music and movement, arts and crafts, and storytime. ksupan@stph.org or 985-898-4435

Ballet

Wednesdays, November 2, 9 and 16 | 9:15-10 a.m. STPH Parenting Center \$21/members, \$30/nonmembers

Kristen Zornman teaches ballet for motor skills in young children ages 2 and up. ksupan@stph.org or 985-898-4435

Cuddle Buddies

Thursdays, November 3, 10 and 17; December 8 and 15 | 10:30-11 a.m. STPH Parenting Center \$6/members, \$12/nonmembers

Learning and support opportunity for parents and social time for babies with songs, stories and playtime. ksupan@stph.org or 985-898-4435

Toddling Time

November 2, 9 and 16 STPH Parenting Center \$15/per child

Parents and their children are invited to play and learn together through music and movement, arts and crafts and story time. ksupan@stph.org 985-898-4435

For the Grown-Ups

Living Tobacco Free

Wednesdays, November 2-December 14 Noon to 1 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m. STPH Conference Room

Free

Gain the tools and resources you need to quit smoking for good. 985-898-4468

Sister Survivors Support Group

1st Tuesday or each month 7 p.m.

Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at St. Tammany Parish Hospital | Free

Support group open to any female cancer survivor, whether currently receiving treatment or has completed treatment for any cancer diagnosis. jfreudenberger@marybird.com or 985-276-6832

Grief Support Group

1st Wednesday of each month 3 p.m.

STPH Madisonville Conference Room

For adults who have suffered loss. dvanek@stph.org

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Conference Room

2nd Tuesday of each month 6 p.m. STPH Women's Pavillion

Supports mothers, fathers and their families that have esperienced a pregnany or infant loss. jsims@stph.org



Angels of Light
Thursday, December 8
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | STPH Front Lobby

Honor a loved one by purchasing a tribute angel for the Tree for Life at the 2016 Angels of Light benefitting St. Tammany Hospital Hospice.

Visit sthfoundation.org/angels or 985-898-4141

#GivingTuesday Tuesday, November 29 24 hours of giving

#GivingTuesday is an international day of giving. Give back to the community by showing your support to St. Tammany Hospital Foundation.

Visit sthfoundation.org/GivingTuesday to make a donation on Nov. 29.