

7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL SPEAKERS LUNCHEON



Dr. Ian Thompson, Jr.,
Beacon Award Recipient

The Friends of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Foundation will host its 7th Annual National Speakers Luncheon on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The Foundation will celebrate its 20th anniversary while honoring Dr. Ian Thompson, Jr., Beacon Award Recipient. The Beacon Award is presented to individuals who actively participate in charitable and civic activities within the community at large.

The event's featured speaker is Father Jeffrey Whorton, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. He will share his unique experience as the last priest to celebrate Mass at the altar of a 1,400-year-old monastery in Mosul, Iraq prior to it being destroyed by ISIS combatants.

Your sponsorship allows the Foundation to continue to advance quality and compassionate care at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospitals.

Dr. Thompson will be honored in recognition of his outstanding leadership and professional excellence in the field of urologic oncology.

For more information about event sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jeanette Miller at Jeanette.Miller@ChristusHealth.org or call 210.704.4775.

Past Beacon Award Honorees:

Charlie Amato, Maj. Gen. Josue Robles, Jr., USA (Ret.), Tom C. Frost, Jr., Rosemary Kowalski, Margaret and Bill Klesse, Verónica Salazar Escobedo and Ruben M. Escobedo



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THE HOSPITAL THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

HUSBAND RECEIVES LIFE-SAVING CARE, THANKS TO SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU

In 2014, Albert Martinez's world was shaken by an unexpected bladder cancer diagnosis. His physician referred him to urologic oncology surgeon Dr. Robert Svatek, one of the top five highest-volume bladder cancer surgeons in the United States. Dr. Svatek administered several tests and found that Albert's cancer was still in an early stage and had not yet spread beyond the interior wall of the bladder. To prevent his cancer from spreading, Albert needed surgery.

care of. I truly created a special bond with my caretakers and felt as if they were my temporary family."

Three years later, Albert is still cancer-free and is enjoying his life with Elizabeth.

"When I showed up for surgery, my wife, Elizabeth, and I were nervous, but the staff at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa – Medical Center (CSRH – MC) immediately made us feel comfortable and at ease," Albert said.

Dr. Svatek successfully removed Albert's bladder and reconstructed a portion of his intestine to act as a makeshift bladder. Albert spent a few weeks recovering at CSRH – MC and Elizabeth stayed by his side, occupying herself by crocheting beanies to donate to oncology patients at The Children's Hospital of San Antonio.

"My time recovering in the Hospital could not have been a better experience," Albert added. "Every person I interacted with, whether it was someone in housekeeping, a chaplain, a nurse, or a nurse's assistant, went out of their way to make me feel strong and taken



Elizabeth and Albert Martinez

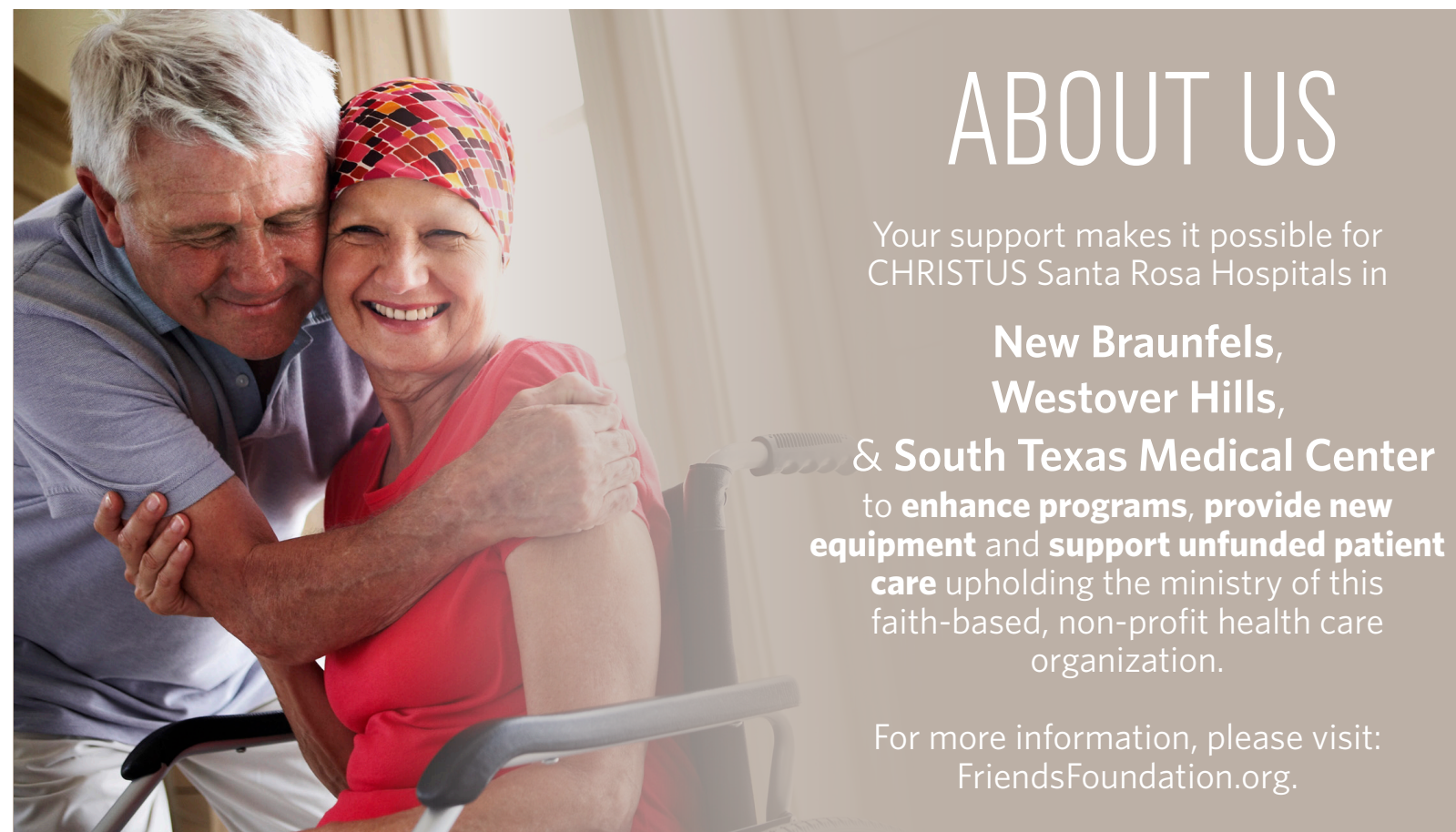
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SPOTLIGHT OF VALUED DONOR, RIVER CITY IMAGING ASSOCIATES

The 6th Annual Golf fore Friends Tournament, benefiting the Friends Foundation, was our most successful golf tournament to date thanks to the generosity of sponsors such as River City Imaging Associates (RCIA).

RCIA has been a dedicated supporter of the Friends Foundation for three years, supporting the annual Golf fore Friends tournament, the annual National Speakers Luncheon, and the efforts of the Mobile Mammography Unit. Additionally, Dr. Sandra Heard, president emeritus, RCIA, serves as a member of the Friends Foundation Board of Directors.

"RCIA values the opportunity to support the Foundation because we truly believe in everything CHRISTUS stands for," said Joe Razo, chief administrator, RCIA. "The Foundation provides valuable resources that ensure high-quality care to patients who need it most, and that is something our organization is honored to be a part of."



(L-R) Jim White, STS Systems Integration, LLC, Joe Razo, River City Imaging Associates, Robert Black, National Seating and Mobility, Rich Whitehead, Ladder 37, San Antonio Fire Department at the 6th Annual Golf fore Friends Tournament.

ACHIEVING MAGNET® DESIGNATION

CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA HOSPITAL - MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE



Earlier this year, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – Medical Center (CSRH – MC) achieved Magnet recognition, becoming the first non-profit health care facility in San Antonio to achieve this honor. This achievement is a reflection of the Hospital's nursing professionalism, teamwork, and superiority in patient care.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program® distinguishes organizations that meet rigorous standards for nursing excellence.

"Magnet designation is, in short, validation that excellence happens every day at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – Medical Center," said Patty Toney, MSN, RN, chief nursing executive, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System. "It's also tangible evidence of our nurses' commitment to providing the very best care to our patients, of which we are extremely proud."

With this credential, CSRH – MC becomes the 36th hospital in Texas to achieve this designation, and one of 460 U.S. health care organizations nationwide.

"The Magnet Recognition Program reflects on our skills and dedication as we ease the burden of sickness, comfort the frightened and the bereaved, and share in the joy at each patients' transplant and recovery," said Angela Lambert, BSN, MBA, chief nursing officer, CSRH – MC. "As we think of these things, let us remember why we are in health care – we are called to serve."

It is through your support that our Hospitals are able to provide the highest quality of care to our patients and their families. We are so proud of our nurses at CSRH – MC for achieving this well-deserved recognition.

GIVING FROM WITHIN

ASSOCIATES PLEDGE MORE THAN \$207,000 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PATIENTS

"I love participating in Associate Giving because I get to see the funds being used to improve the lives of our patients every time I come to work."

- Amber Pocrnich, BSN, RN, director of quality, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - Westover Hills (CSRH – WH)



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