



From the desk of Debbie Hinton, Director, St. Vincent Evansville Foundation

Happy Independence Day week!

It is hard to believe that July is here, and St. Vincent Evansville is beginning our new fiscal year. Much like we all have the choice of taking the attitude of the “glass half full or glass half empty,” I find myself reflecting on this. The foundation has accomplished many things in the first half of the calendar year, yet I am filled with excitement and anticipation for all the second half of the year has in store for St. Vincent Evansville and St. Vincent Evansville Foundation.

Here is just a sampling of recent and upcoming initiatives:

- 1) The official Grand Opening and Blessing of our new Sensory Playground at St. Vincent Center for Children. This incredible indoor/outdoor therapeutic playground center will be available year-round for patients, physicians, and therapists to utilize. The Foundation was blessed with a very generous donation by Bill and Mary Stone to make this the only one in the country and available here in Evansville to our patients with sensory processing disorders. Thank you to Bill and Mary for making this vision a reality!
- 2) Replacing our decade old mobile mammography unit with a new, state-of-the-art new mobile mammography coach. St. Vincent, formally St. Mary's, was the first in our region to offer this much needed mobile outreach service. However, the need to continue to serve our mission of caring for those most in need and poor is greater today than ever. The new coach will allow us to serve even more of the most vulnerable and poor in all the surrounding communities regardless of ability to pay. The most advanced technology will also be available on board and read by our board-certified breast radiologist. Please consider a gift toward this worthy mini campaign.
- 3) St. Vincent Evansville Foundation's 31st Annual Cornette Ball will be Oct. 20 at West Baden. The support continues to be overwhelming for the hospital, the foundation, and this event. Details on our St. Vincent de Paul honoree, Dr. Mark Browning, with Oncology Hematology and Associates are included in the following article. Congratulations, Dr. Browning! We are *extremely close to a sell-out* already and it's only the beginning of July. Please call or email our offices as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.
- 4) St. Vincent Evansville has been awarded re-verification as a Level II **Adult** and **Pediatric** Trauma Center. This designation from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) confirms that St. Vincent Evansville remains the **only** ACS COT verified Level II Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center in our region. Congratulations to our Trauma Services team and medical staff on this accomplishment!
- 5) Ziemer Society Founding Friends continues to grow with each event, and I am not surprised. The group has two objectives...raise money to support St. Vincent Evansville Foundation and have fun! Call, email, or go on our web page to find out more. We would love to have you join us.
- 6) St. Vincent Evansville was recently named a **TOP 100 Hospital** in the country by IBM Watson Health. This is not an honor a hospital can lobby for or apply for, but based on a very thorough set of metrics a hospital is selected. St. Vincent Evansville was the **only** hospital chosen in our entire Southwestern Indiana, Southern Illinois, and Western Kentucky region! In addition, we are proud to announce St. Vincent Evansville was **only 1 of 20 in the entire country** in our category of large community hospitals; and **only 1 of 5 in the state** of Indiana. Congratulations to our Medical Staff, physicians, administration, and all associates with St. Vincent Evansville!

As you can see, the glass is more than half full and overflowing with many developments like these and so many more in the pipeline. As Director of the Foundation, I invite you to join me in making a lasting contribution to our community and St. Vincent Evansville Foundation. Together we can identify what you are passionate about and where and how you would most like to affect change. Contact me directly at 812.485.4412; I look forward to talking.

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