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Inspiring stories of gratitude and generosity

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Sharing the gift of health.

That is what Aurora St. Luke’s Philanthropy is all about. Since joining the Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center team this past August, I’ve had the great pleasure to meet many of you, our donors, who have shared the gift of health with our patients and their families through your generous support of Aurora St. Luke’s.

It’s been my privilege to hear many stories chronicling our donors’ health care journeys and the excellent care that inspired them to share the gift of health with others. In this issue of Spirit magazine, we share a number of these stories with you.

You will read about life challenges that brought Bob James to Aurora St. Luke’s for major medical treatment not once, but twice, and how in their gratitude, Bob and his wife Pauline have twice made generous gifts to Aurora St. Luke’s. You will also have the opportunity to read about how fate brought patients David Rubin and Ken Mills to Aurora St. Luke’s, and how gratitude has kept them connected, as both of them have shared the gift of health in their own special way.

And finally, it’s my great pleasure to share exciting news about the much-anticipated Rooftop Healing Garden that will grace the terraces on the seventh and eighth floors of the Heart Care Center & Patient Tower. The Rooftop Healing Garden will be a special place for many reasons, and the stories that will emerge from every corner of its landscape through its many naming opportunities will certainly be its most inspiring feature. On page 14, we share a few of the personal stories behind gifts already made to support this very exciting project.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support of Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. By sharing the gift of health with others, you play a very important role in our efforts to constantly find better ways to provide patient care.

With appreciation,

Mary O’Brien
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Throughout his life, Bob James has accumulated a long list of professional accomplishments, while overcoming some significant personal challenges. This inventor, businessman, family man and philanthropist has faced life-threatening illness – not once, but twice – and has happily lived to tell about it. That’s where the story of Bob and Pauline James and Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center begins.

Bob and Pauline have been married for 58 years. They currently reside in Naples, Florida, and are the parents of three grown children, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Born in London, England, Bob was just 14 years old when WWII started. All schools were closed anticipating the massive bombing of the capitol that did not occur until mid 1940 when the “Blitz” started. There was no alternative but to go to work immediately as an apprentice toolmaker. Bob did this until he was 17, at which time he volunteered for the Royal Air Force and trained as a “Spitfire” fighter pilot.

In 1946, Bob met his life partner, Pauline. They met at a dance at the airfield where he was stationed and later married and had their first son. In 1952, the James family emigrated to Montreal, Canada, where Bob purchased a small packaging business called Griswold Engineering, Ltd. The family lived in Montreal for about nine years. During that time, Bob began inventing products and processes for the packaging industry. His company grew and was eventually purchased by International Paper Company.

In 1961, the James family moved to the Sheboygan area where Bob served as the General Manager at another packaging business called Hayssen Manufacturing Co. Under Bob’s able direction, this company also grew and prospered. Bob fondly recalled the 30 years that the James family lived in Sheboygan. “We loved living in Sheboygan and
enjoyed the wonderful family life that a small, midwestern city offered. We wouldn’t have changed a thing,” he said.

In 1966, Hayssen Manufacturing was sold to Bemis Company of Minneapolis, with Bob staying on to run its Packaging Machinery Division. The company grew to include five factories in the United States, one in Italy, one in the UK and another in Austria. Bob’s work took him to many corners of the world, including all of the European countries and some in Asia, as most of the products he developed were for export. Hayssen Manufacturing was twice awarded the President’s Award for Excellence in Exports.

During his career spanning more than four decades, Bob invented various packaging products and processes. He was awarded nearly 40 different U.S. patents for his inventions, along with hundreds of foreign patent counterparts. Bob is quick to admit that he didn’t achieve this level of success on his own.

He said, “I wouldn’t have been nearly as successful as I was, if it weren’t for my wife. She took care of everything at home, including raising our children while I was away traveling on business. I’m so grateful to her for everything.”

Life was good to the James family until 1979 when Bob started experiencing health problems, including angina pains. “My doctor in Sheboygan referred me to St. Luke’s, which was (and still is) the best place to go for heart care. That was my first experience with the hospital and the staff there,” Bob said.

Although this happened some 27 years ago, Bob remembers this close encounter clearly. “The doctors found three heart blockages and said I needed triple bypass surgery. At that time this procedure was considered major surgery. I was very lucky to come through it all. I was fortunate to be able to resume my normal lifestyle afterward. I was grateful. I knew my life had been extended because of the excellent surgical skills of the late Dr. Dick Shore, who cared for me.”

After this initial health scare, Bob began taking better care of himself. He said, “I stopped eating all red meat and most dairy products, and gave up drinking alcohol and started exercising regularly. I became a regular ‘mall walker’ in the early morning hours during the winter and a beach walker on Lake Michigan in the warmer months.”

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Bob added, “In 1991, I decided to retire from full-time employment. I felt that the time had come to show our deep gratitude to St. Luke’s. We felt that St. Luke’s had prolonged my life, allowing me to have a successful business career, and that we wanted to somehow return the favor.”

Stuart Merritt, Aurora’s Director of Planned Giving, explained, “Bob and Pauline James established a Charitable Remainder Trust here at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. You can see their photo hanging in the Hall of Honor in the hospital’s Galleria. The James asked that their gift be used to meet the greatest needs of the medical center.” (see sidebar article on Charitable Remainder Trusts).

About seven years ago, Bob returned to Aurora St. Luke’s for a “tune-up,” of sorts. He said, “I returned to St. Luke’s and had several cardiac stents put in.”

Since retiring from full-time employment, Bob has remained active and involved, including dabbling in some new business ventures and serving on the boards of Milwaukee-area companies. He and Pauline now enjoy the warmth and gracious living found in Naples. They walk every day and continue to take care of their health. But despite his best efforts, Bob faced another critical health care crisis last year.

In April 2006, a lung biopsy performed in Florida was inconclusive, but suggested that Bob had small cell lung cancer. This former smoker who had kicked the habit many years earlier, said, “I had researched this disease on the Internet and the prognosis wasn’t good. I thought my luck had finally run out, but I didn’t want to just give up. I contacted Aurora St. Luke’s to get a second opinion.”

With the help of Lisa Bray, RN, Lung Cancer Coordinator, a team of medical experts at Aurora St. Luke’s evaluated Bob. They included thoracic surgeon Santosh Krishnan, MD, and hematologist/oncologist Ajit Divgi, MD. After an additional lung biopsy was performed, Bob’s case was reviewed by a multidisciplinary team at a case conference and his diagnosis was finally confirmed. Bob had low-grade lymphoma, not lung cancer, as originally suspected. Low-grade lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph system, typically offers better long-term survival than small cell lung cancer. Bob and Pauline were relieved and cautiously optimistic about his future.

Dr. Divgi made treatment recommendations and collaborated with Bob’s physicians in Florida so that Bob could have his treatments close to home. Bob summed up his latest experience at Aurora St. Luke’s by saying, “The staff was wonderful. They took care of all the details and communicated with my doctors here in Florida. One day each week for four weeks I was given special ‘bio tech’ drugs to target the problem directly.”

Lisa described the targeted antibody therapy that Bob received to treat his lymphoma. She said, “Targeted therapy refers to a medication or drug designed to target a specific pathway in the growth and development of a tumor. The targets are typically various molecules — or small particles — in the body that are known or suspected to play a role in the development of cancer.

“By attacking or blocking these important targets within or around the tumor, these therapies can cause the cancer to go into remission. Targeted therapies are sometimes used alone or in combination with chemotherapy. They are designed to directly attack cancer cells, while preserving the normal cells. Unlike standard chemotherapy which can be toxic to normal body cells, targeted therapy only affects the cancerous cells.”

After his series of treatments was completed, Bob was happy to learn that his lymphoma had gone into remission, although he still needs to be monitored closely through periodic CT scans.
With a second life-threatening health scare behind them, Bob and Pauline and their entire family had special reason to celebrate during the 2006 holiday season. “We celebrated with our children and grandchildren, both in Florida and on the west coast, and had a wonderful combined Christmas and Thanksgiving celebration — we called it ‘Thanksmas,’” Bob said.

At the end of 2006, Bob and Pauline once again wanted to express their gratitude to Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center for the outstanding care he had received. They decided to make a 10-year pledge toward the Rooftop Healing Garden project (see related article on page 14). When complete, the Rooftop Healing Garden will enhance the medical center’s environment and be enjoyed by the patients, family members, visitors and staff of Aurora St. Luke’s.

Commenting on their ongoing support for Aurora St. Luke’s, Bob said, “The medical advances being made at St. Luke’s are truly remarkable. We should all be grateful for what’s going on there.”

Don Cahill, Chief Philanthropy Executive for Aurora St. Luke’s, said, “This story is a wonderful example of how Aurora employees and physicians are committed to patient-focused care. The team led by Dr. Divgi should be commended for their smooth coordination of Bob’s care through collaboration with his physicians in Florida.”

He added, “People like Bob and Pauline James truly understand the value of philanthropy and realize that sharing their resources will improve the lives of others. Just as Aurora St. Luke’s has been a significant part of Bob James’ personal history, Bob and Pauline have made their mark on the history of St. Luke’s — and their generosity will never be forgotten."

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Charitable Remainder Trusts offer a multitude of planning options

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is an irrevocable charitable gift arrangement that provides the donor(s) a generous current income tax deduction, and enables a second tax benefit of escaping any capital gains tax, if the trust is funded with a highly appreciated asset, such as stock. A CRT, as it is commonly referred to, is generally established with at least $100,000 in assets.

The trust assets are invested to pay income (typically in the 5%-8% range of the trust’s value) to one or more persons for life, or for a term of years, not to exceed 20 years. When the trust terminates, Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, or other charitable organizations if so named, receive the remainder of the trust for use in their charitable missions, as designated by the donor(s).

Stuart Merritt, Aurora’s Director of Planned Giving, said, “We welcome the opportunity to answer questions people might have regarding a CRT. We can send information or generate a personalized sample CRT illustration for you, which would mirror your personal circumstances.” Contact Stuart Merritt at (414) 649-7008 or through email at stuart.merritt@aurora.org for further assistance.

Stuart added, “As you can tell by their life story, Bob and Pauline James are wonderful friends of Aurora St. Luke’s. We are most grateful to them for their generous CRT provision, and their other gifts. We hope that their story will inspire others to consider how a charitable remainder trust might be an appropriate giving option, benefiting both themselves and those who turn to Aurora St. Luke’s for help, hope and healing every day.”
David and his wife Arlene were returning from a carefree, two-week vacation in California to their home in Boston. They had enjoyed visiting with friends and touring Sonoma’s beautiful wine country. Everything seemed fine as they departed on a non-stop American Airlines flight from San Francisco to Boston. David and Arlene sat next to one another and passed the time by scanning newspapers and magazines. David said, “We were both reading, and not really paying too much attention to each other during the first half of the flight.”

Nothing seemed unusual until Arlene happened to put down her reading material and glance over at David. “I immediately knew he was in trouble,” she recalled. “His eyes were rolled back in his head and his face looked just horrible.” David said, “I was so lucky that Arlene happened to look at me when she did. That was my first piece of luck that day.”

A quick response by crew and passengers
Arlene quickly summoned a flight attendant who was standing nearby. The attendant lifted David’s arm and it fell like a rock. He was unconscious and totally unresponsive. The attendant immediately sought the assistance of two gentlemen sitting in the row in front of the Rubins to help get David on the floor of the aircraft. She then called a “Code Four,” to request emergency assistance from any medical professional who might be onboard. As luck would have it, two medically trained “life savers” came forward, including a critical care nurse from Children’s Hospital Boston and a California oncologist.

David would later learn that his heart had abruptly stopped beating, commonly referred to as “sudden cardiac arrest” or “sudden cardiac death” (SCD). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sudden cardiac death is a leading cause of death among adults over age 40. In the United States alone, approximately 250,000 people die from it every year.

SCD is described as an unexpected death due to cardiac causes, occurring in a short time period in someone with known or unknown cardiovascular disease. Most cases of SCD are related to cardiac arrhythmias. Like David, many victims have no cardiac symptoms beforehand. Without warning, their heart simply stops and they are clinically dead.
Luckily for David, the airline was equipped with an automated external defibrillator (AED), as the timeframe to revive someone suffering from SCD is only three to five minutes. "If this would have happened a few days earlier, while driving around wine country, I wouldn't be here to tell my story," David remarked.

At first the doctor and the nurse attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by pounding his chest and using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but they couldn't detect a pulse. After administering a shock from the AED, David's heart returned to a normal rhythm. Arlene said, "After the shock, David regained consciousness and the color came back into his face. He seemed to be back to normal. We were so thankful the plane was equipped with that life-saving device. Later on, the airline sent us the print out from the machine, showing that David's heart had indeed 'flat-lined.'"

David survived because of the immediate intervention by the flight attendant, his fellow passengers and the AED which restored his heart to a normal rhythm.

available on all commercial airplanes. He was still one of the lucky ones, since more than 90% of people who experience sudden cardiac death don't survive.

David explained, "The whole incident was quite surreal to me. One minute I was doing fine, the next minute I was literally 'gone.' Once I was brought back to life, I felt OK and wanted to get up. At the time, I didn't realize exactly what had happened, since I didn't have any chest pain or discomfort." But knowing that David's heart had stopped beating, the flight crew quickly arranged for an emergency landing in Milwaukee, so he could get prompt medical attention.

Lady luck smiles again
A waiting ambulance at General Mitchell International Airport whisked David to the closest hospital equipped to provide emergency cardiac care—Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center. After a heart catheterization and other diagnostic testing, it was determined that David needed double bypass surgery to relieve blockages in his heart.

A few of David's family members thought he should return home to Boston to have the surgery, since Boston is home to many world-class health care facilities. However, because of their positive first impressions of Aurora St. Luke's, and after talking to others in Boston who knew about the medical center's reputation as one of the top cardiac centers in the country, the Rubins quickly realized that being taken to Aurora St. Luke's for heart surgery was the third lucky event that day.

"Being from the east coast, you don't usually think of world-class medical centers when you think of Milwaukee," Arlene recalled. "But of all the places that the plane could have made an emergency stop in the Midwest, we were most fortunate to land in Milwaukee and to be taken to St. Luke's. At the time

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we didn’t realize what a fire, well-respected facility St. Luke’s is. We just wanted David to be in the best place possible."

David echoed Arlene’s positive sentiments about the medical center. He said, “Once we met Dr. Suhail Allaqaband (cardiovascular disease specialist), and Dr. David Kress (cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon) and the staff, we knew we were in good hands. I discovered that they knew many of the doctors I knew back in Boston. Arlene and I were really impressed with the warm, personalized health care offered at St. Luke’s. You’re more than just a name or a number, you’re treated as a real person. I can’t say enough about how nice the people were, especially the medical staff.”

After successfully undergoing heart surgery at Aurora St. Luke’s, David recovered quickly and was released. Commenting on David’s close call and how “lucky” he was, surgeon Dr. Kress summed up the experience by saying, “Everything went right for David on that day.”

David finally resumed his trip home about a week after his unplanned “detour” to Milwaukee. He continues to be monitored closely and is on heart medication, but is doing well. Thanks to a string of good luck that fateful day, when preparation met opportunity three times over, David is back to living life to the fullest.

To demonstrate their gratitude to Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, the Rubins recently made a generous contribution which has been directed toward cardiac research.

David Rubin’s life-and-death experience underscores an important point. When they enter the doors of Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center — whether by choice or by chance — all patients receive the most up-to-date, patient-centered medical care available anywhere.

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Aurora St. Luke’s CICU Receives Prestigious National Award for Excellence

In Spring 2006, the Aurora St. Luke’s Coronary Intensive Care Unit (CICU) was the recipient of the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence. Aurora St. Luke’s is the first hospital ICU in Wisconsin to receive the award from the American Association for Critical Care Nursing.

The Beacon Award recognizes the nation’s top hospital critical care units based on quality, collaboration and communication among nurses and the patient environment. Aurora St. Luke’s CICU was one of only 12 other units in the United States chosen for the award.

Several criteria were evaluated to choose the Beacon Award winners. According to Deb Hansen, CICU patient care manager, there are many things that contributed to the award. “While they look at everything, a few things we do here to care for our patients really stand out. Our outcome facilitation team process is a priority for our team and a great example of our commitment to achieving the best possible outcome for every patient. Our CICU nurses meet daily with all disciplines such as physical therapy, pharmacy, respiratory therapy and social workers, to discuss every patient.

“We work very hard to constantly improve our care and look at how we can do things better,” continues Deb. “Our goal is excellence. To have it recognized with this award is really exciting and reinforces our desire to provide this to our patients every day.”
Gardettos Make $1.5 Million Gift to New CyberKnife

In July 2006, John and Judy Gardetto made a generous $1.5 million gift to help fund the addition of the new CyberKnife radiosurgery system at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. This is the Gardettos’ second major gift to Aurora St. Luke’s. In 1998, they established the John and Judy Gardetto Heart and Cancer Endowment Fund.

“Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center is extremely grateful for the generosity that John and Judy have shown,” said Nick Turkal, President and CEO of Aurora Health Care. “Their support is a great example of how grateful people with an altruistic desire to help others can impact the lives of many.”

The CyberKnife brings additional cutting-edge technology to the cancer treatment options at Aurora St. Luke’s. With its unmatched image-guided accuracy and surgical precision, the CyberKnife is specifically designed to treat cancerous tumors and other lesions with minimal risk to surrounding tissue and organs. From a patient’s perspective, the entire process is practically painless. It is performed on an outpatient basis, without anesthesia, and typically takes only 30 to 90 minutes to complete. While radiosurgery was previously limited to treatment of lesions in the brain, the CyberKnife makes it possible to perform radiosurgery almost anywhere in the body.

The generous gift from the Gardettos has helped to bring cancer treatment to a new level, enhancing Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center’s reputation as a leader in providing the latest treatment options and excellence in cancer care.

The Gardettos were named the 2005 Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center Philanthropists of the Year. The award was a well-deserved recognition of the Gardettos’ lifetime accomplishments and generosity to Aurora St. Luke’s and their community over the years.

Once again the expertise and dedication to quality shown by the Aurora St. Luke’s stroke team have gained national recognition for the Stroke Center. Results published this past fall from the Premier quality initiative show that Aurora St. Luke’s stroke program is not only in the top 25% for quality among all hospitals participating in the project, but its program is the best performer in its peer group (hospitals similar in size and scope). “This is a wonderful acknowledgment of the ongoing work we are doing to provide the highest quality of care for our stroke patients,” shares Gloria Bock, Stroke Center coordinator.

This is the second time in recent months our center’s expertise was recognized. Just the year before, the Stroke Center received certification from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) as a primary stroke center, one of only seven primary stroke centers in Wisconsin.
A positive step in the right direction

Stem cell transplant offers hope to Sheboygan Falls couple

Ken and Darlene Mills could easily be described as positive, forward-looking people. Even when Ken was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma back in 1999, the Mills were determined to do whatever they could so Ken would regain his health. Ken describes his medical condition as being “double cancer,” since it was in both his blood and in more than 40 lymph nodes. One innovative treatment option for this disease is a stem cell transplant (see sidebar on page 12).

Ken was originally treated for his cancer in Minnesota, where the Mills lived at the time. He was diagnosed just as he was about to retire from a college presidency in Southern Minnesota. For seven years Ken was considered ineligible for a stem cell transplant because he responded poorly to chemotherapy. Stem cell transplant candidates must respond positively to chemotherapy (i.e., they must show that their cancer cells can be destroyed by chemotherapy). As a result, Ken thought he would never qualify.

Ken described the feeling of elation he and his family felt upon hearing the good news. “It came as a real shock and a surprise,” he said. “It was like heaven on earth for us. We were so excited, as I had few treatment options left. The news was unbelievably joyful, and we thanked God and celebrated with family and friends.”

Before the stem cell procedure in Milwaukee was scheduled, Ken completed all of the necessary tests at Aurora facilities in Sheboygan, just minutes from his Sheboygan Falls home. Ken said, “It was very convenient to have the tests done locally. This was finally responded well to chemotherapy, under the direction of hematologist/oncologist Max Haid, MD. Two rounds of chemotherapy in late summer 2006 were successful, producing results that made him eligible for the stem cell transplant procedure he long hoped for.

Ken and Darlene’s daughter Mary Theodoroff, RN, is an Aurora nurse. She knew about the cutting-edge research and innovative treatments offered through the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic. After her parents moved to the Sheboygan area, Mary encouraged her father to seek treatment at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic in Sheboygan. It was there that Ken

Ken and Darlene Mills spend time together during Ken’s isolation period at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center.
possible because all Aurora facilities are linked. I received care at Aurora Sheboygan Clinic, Aurora’s hospital in Sheboygan (Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center), at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic in both Sheboygan and Milwaukee and at St. Luke’s. Regardless of where you receive care within Aurora, everyone works as a team toward a common goal. That’s one of the great benefits of receiving care through an integrated health care system.”

At Aurora St. Luke’s, oncologist/hematologist Robert Taylor, MD, was the physician who directed Ken’s care and harvested the stem cells from Ken’s blood, for a procedure called an autologous stem cell transplant. Ken’s own cells would later be re-infused back into his body. Ken said, “Both Dr. Taylor and the Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Coordinator, Kristen Kemp treated us with the utmost kindness and respect. They were very straightforward with us and explained the procedure in terms we could easily understand.”

Stem cell harvesting is an outpatient procedure completed in the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic at Aurora St. Luke’s. The procedure takes several days, since at least four million stem cells/kg are needed for eventual transplantation back into the patient’s body. Ken’s entire health care team visited him and cheered when he reached the magic four million/kg mark on the third day. “They shared in each little victory with us along the way,” he said.

The Mills were overwhelmed by the love and support shown to them throughout Ken’s cancer journey. Ken said, “We were so impressed with the quality of care, both at St. Luke’s and at the two Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinics. Everyone, from the valet parkers and receptionists, to the nurses and the doctors, made a real effort to treat us as individuals. They showed genuine concern for our total well being. When you are battling cancer, your caregivers become your adopted ‘family.’”

Ken then underwent six days of intense chemotherapy as an inpatient at Aurora St. Luke’s, to wipe out the cancer cells in his system. Once chemotherapy was complete, Ken’s own stem cells were thawed and infused back into his body through a procedure resembling a blood transfusion. During the two-day infusion process, he received 30 bags of his own stem cells.

After transplantation, Ken spent nearly a month at Aurora St. Luke’s in isolation to reduce the risk of infection while his immune system recovered. Ken explained, “Your immune system is totally disabled while you wait for the immature stem cells to engraft (that is, to begin producing new red blood cells, white cells and platelets). It takes several weeks to months before the stem cells are mature enough to see if the procedure was successful.”

100 days of watchful waiting
At that point, Ken was sent home to “watch and wait.” He was still prone to infections and had to take a number of precautions. “I had to watch what I ate and who I came in contact with. I didn’t go to church for months, eat out in a restaurant, or even see my grandchildren,” he said.

Throughout the entire ordeal, the Mills were particularly impressed with Aurora’s holistic approach to patient care. “They take both the physical and spiritual health of the patient into account,” Ken explained, “As spiritual people, we really appreciated that. Ken added, “Almost immediately after meeting the staff, I felt safe, cared for, and cared about.” The Mills strongly believe that Aurora Health Care gives patients a voice and empowers them to be an active part of the health care team and to make decisions regarding their care.

Toward the end of January 2007, Ken underwent tests to check the status of his cancer and to see if the stem

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cell transplant had been successful. On January 30, he met with Dr. Taylor to hear the long-awaited news. Dr. Taylor happily shared the results, which were nothing short of remarkable. The cancer in his bone marrow was in total remission, and only two of the 40+ cancerous nodes showed any cancerous cells, and those two nodes had shrunk in size.

After months and years of tests and treatments, the Mills’ prayers had finally been answered. Ken said, “This news was a great outcome and a total success in my estimation. It means that God, and St. Luke’s, have now granted me more time on this earth. How does a person adequately say ‘thank you’ for that?”

To give back to the Aurora organization and to “pay it forward,” the Mills have volunteered to serve on the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic Patient Advisory Committee (PAC), launched in 2006. This group consists of former patients, support partners and a nurse who serve as “mentors” to new cancer patients. Committee members are available to listen and provide support to patients and their family members.

Jean McDonald, Regional Manager of Outpatient Cancer Services, said, “The PAC was developed because Ken and his wife wanted to give back to the community in a way that shows how appreciative they are of the care and support they have received throughout this cancer journey. In the short time that this committee has been in place, they have accomplished a great deal.”

Ken’s wife Darlene added, “The cancer journey can be just as difficult for family members, as it is for the patient. It’s important for them to have someone to talk to, so they can express their fears and emotions in a positive, supportive atmosphere. We are so happy to help.”

Ken summed up his positive experience by saying, “By telling our story, we hope to showcase the outstanding, seamless care that Aurora offers and hopefully shed some light on stem cell research and treatment, which is often misrepresented by politicians and others. Perhaps my personal journey can offer a glimmer of hope or inspiration to others who might benefit from this type of life-saving treatment.”

Editor’s note: Ken Mills has such a strong belief in the power of a positive attitude that he has recently published a book entitled, Person-Shine: The Power of Brightening Our Lives. If you are interested in learning more about this book, you can contact Ken at kmpositive@aol.com.

Do you know what a stem cell transplant is and why it is done?

A stem cell transplant may be performed when a patient’s bone marrow is damaged and cannot make some or all of the red blood cells, or platelets, that the body needs. The damage to the bone marrow may be due to a disease that affects the bone marrow itself, or to high-dose anticancer therapy.

A stem cell transplant is a type of transfusion that replaces diseased or damaged stem cells with new, functioning stem cells – either the person’s own, previously harvested stem cells, or that of a donor. When stem cells “take” or engraft, they begin to produce healthy new blood cells, and will continue to replenish all essential blood cell lines for a lifetime.
• June 8 & 9  Vince Lombardi Golf Classic
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Planting the seeds of healing and recovery

_Rooftop Healing Garden will be a place of refuge and relaxation for you and your loved ones_

R estorative or “healing” gardens have been used since the Middle Ages when monasteries functioned as hospitals. The grounds would often incorporate an enclosed courtyard for use by the residents. The natural outdoor setting was created to bring comfort to the sick.

For many, a garden is a special place to escape—to feel the sun on your face, smell the fresh air and enjoy the beauty of nature. Imagine how much a garden could mean to someone recovering in a hospital or to those who work or visit there. Facilities that offer this amenity report positive mood changes in patients and staff that make them feel calmer, stronger and refreshed.

With this in mind, in 2005 plans were unveiled for a Rooftop Healing Garden to grace the empty terraces on the seventh and eighth floors of the Heart Care Center & Patient Tower at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. With a fundraising initiative underway, those plans will soon materialize into the largest garden of its kind in Wisconsin. It will also be only the second elevated healing garden in the entire United States. The garden will provide a stunning view of Milwaukee, as well as an oasis for privacy, solace, and healing.

Why a Healing Garden?

Healing gardens perfectly complement Aurora’s vision of health care that encourages a healing environment to support the mental, emotional, spiritual

and social needs of patients, as well as their physical or medical needs. This concern for the “holistic” needs of the person reinforces the need for the Healing Garden because of its immense therapeutic value.

The Rooftop Healing Garden will provide physical and psychological relief from the stress and pressures of the hospital. Patients will be provided with a positive distraction from their illnesses and associated treatments. The garden will also function as a relaxing environment to visit with family members, allowing social interaction to take place in a positive environment. Hospital staff often refer to healing gardens as “a place to recharge.”

The Rooftop Healing Garden will be designed and wired to accommodate wheelchairs, hospital beds and medical equipment, so patients at various stages of recovery can enjoy the gardens. Those who cannot get outside to spend time in the garden will still be able to enjoy it, as several rooms in the Heart Care Center & Patient Tower will have a clear view of it.
Employees, patients and their families, and community members have the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on the Rooftop Healing Garden, by investing in one of the many naming opportunities available at various gift levels. One such opportunity is to purchase a brick in support of the project, which donors will be able to engrave with a personal message (see inside back cover).

Here are a number of personal stories behind some of the gifts already made to support this very exciting project. They offer an inspiring glimpse into the lives that have been touched directly or indirectly by Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center.

**Building a legacy at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center**

Supporters from within and outside of the Aurora system are stepping forward to bring this project to fruition. The lead gift was recently announced by the Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds with a very generous $1.5 million pledge. In addition, many individuals – from first time donors to annual contributors – have also lent their financial support to the Rooftop Healing Garden. One such example is the Don Tendick Jr. Family Foundation, longtime donors to Aurora St. Luke’s. Spurred by their family’s positive experiences at Aurora St. Luke’s, Don Jr. said, “Our entire family, including spouses and children, highly endorses this most worthwhile project.” The Tendicks were initially attracted to the rooftop garden project because it will serve as a quiet refuge – a lovely retreat for patients, families and caregivers, offering a respite from the hustle and bustle of the medical center.

**Taking an ancient path to wisdom and peace**

One unique feature of the Rooftop Healing Garden will be the labyrinth. Dating back to ancient Greece and Egypt, labyrinths have often been used as meditative devices. Walking the course of a labyrinth is believed to help quiet the mind and heart. The circular labyrinth on the Rooftop Healing Garden will be adjacent to the open lawn area of the garden.

Paul Milakovich, Director of Philanthropy Operations at Aurora Health Care, made a generous donation toward construction of the labyrinth and a concrete bench to honor his late father, Charles. Paul said, “The labyrinth and bench seemed like a perfect way to honor my father who was a bricklayer himself, especially since the labyrinth design will be sand-blasted into reclaimed paver bricks. During his career, my dad spent many hours laying bricks and doing specialized concrete work, so I was inspired to support the brick labyrinth in the garden. He would have certainly appreciated the workmanship of the project.

“My dad was diagnosed with cancer in 2003, and died shortly thereafter. He received most of his medical care at Aurora St. Luke’s, making this a great way to honor his memory and to support the medical center that supported him. I'll be anxious to show our family, especially my mother, the labyrinth area and the entire Rooftop Healing Garden once it’s complete. It'll be an inviting area where patients and visitors can reflect and find peace.”

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IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
ABRAHAM STALLER  JEAN STALLER
SYDNEY GROSSMAN  MAE LOIS GROSSMAN
DR. BERNARD STALLER & MRS. EILEEN STALLER

"Since 1973 St. Luke’s has been my ‘home away from home.’” That’s how cardiovascular disease specialist Bernard Staller, MD, describes the past three decades that he’s been associated with Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. In that time, Dr. Staller has seen many improvements and changes made to the facility.

Both Dr. Staller and his wife Eileen believe that the new Rooftop Healing Garden will be another enhancement for the medical center. Dr. Staller said, “When we first heard about the Healing Garden project, we wanted to show our support. We decided to purchase a bench in the Healing Garden as a lasting way to honor and memorialize our parents. Dating back to the early 80s, all four of our parents have received medical care at Aurora St. Luke’s. One parent had successful aortic valve replacement surgery in 1982 that lasted more than 20 years, another had a mitral valve replacement in 1989, and two of our parents have had angioplasty procedures there.”

The Stallers clearly understand the therapeutic value of the new Rooftop Healing Garden. Dr. Staller said, “The Rooftop Healing Garden is a wonderful concept and it is perfectly located, overlooking the city. The open green spaces are sure to bring comfort and solace to patients and families during stressful times and aid in recovery. Spending time in the garden will be beneficial to all.”

Eileen added, “Once complete, the Healing Garden will be a beautiful, comforting place to be.”

Brick by Brick
If bricks could talk

By engraving a personal message in stone, employees and friends of Aurora St. Luke’s have the opportunity to become a permanent part of this very special place in the hospital. Purchasing a commemorative brick is a wonderful way to celebrate birthdays, marriages, anniversaries, milestones, friendships, and lifetime memories.

Every brick in the Healing Garden will have a story to tell. Here is just a sampling.

**Remembering Loved Ones**
A mother’s love lasts forever. In 1976, Kathy Darga and her husband lost their son Bobby at age 13, as a result of a congenital heart condition. Although this tragedy happened more than 30 years ago, Bobby’s memory remains very much alive for his family. To honor his memory, Kathy decided to purchase a brick in the new Healing Garden. It will serve as a permanent reminder of their family’s love for Bobby.

Kathy, who works in the Mail Room at Aurora St. Luke’s, considers the memorial brick to be “a gift for our whole family.” She hasn’t told other family members about it yet, so she can take them to see the garden and show them “Bobby’s brick.” Kathy said, “I want to thank the Philanthropy department for doing this project and for allowing us to be part of the Healing Garden. It will be so special to be able to go
up there and see a tangible remembrance of Bobby and his short life. His younger sisters really loved and looked up to him. He is also missed very much by his two younger brothers. Even though Bobby had a weak heart, he had such a good heart. This will keep his memory alive.”

Mary Nault (her family members call her “Mare”) knew that her late husband Jack would have approved of the brick purchased in his name. “He was really into ‘bricks,’ Mary explained. “Jack purchased commemorative bricks for each of our four grandchildren at a children’s park here in Greendale some years ago.”

The Naults’ long-term relationship with Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center dates back to 1975 when Jack had cardiac bypass surgery performed there. “We had young children at the time, and the whole experience was a very scary thing. Jack was fortunate to recover and we went on to have 25 more wonderful years together. The staff at St. Luke’s always provided us with very kind and loving care,” Mary said.

In the years following his surgery, Jack twice returned to the hospital for angioplasty procedures, and Mary had breast surgery there in 1993. In 2000, Jack was diagnosed with leukemia and died at Aurora St. Luke’s shortly thereafter. Mary remembers how helpful the counselors at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic were to her husband and their family during those difficult times.

Based on her personal experience dealing with health care crises, Mary knows how valuable the Rooftop Healing Garden will be to patients and families. “Sometimes you just need a quiet place to go, where you can think your own thoughts,” she said. “Jack loved St. Luke’s, and would have loved the Healing Garden, too.”

Sharing Inspiration
Many Aurora employees, including James Marx, PhD, a manager in the Department of Clinical Research, are actively participating in the brick program. Dr. Marx and his family decided to honor a special family member who made an impact on their lives. The Marx family purchased a brick in memory of Dr. Marx’s late sister-in-law, Patsy.

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WHEN SOMEONE WE LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY, HIS MEMORY BECOMES OUR TREASURE.
TO JACK NAULT, FROM MARE AND YOUR FAMILY

LIVE EACH DAY FOR WHAT IT IS
~ A GIFT ~
THE MARX FAMILY
JAMES AND MARY ALICE
DREW CHRIS SCOTT

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Patsy suffered from cerebral palsy and died in 2002. She lived with her brother’s family for about 12 years. Dr. Marx says that it was a very positive experience for everyone, especially the children, who witnessed Patsy’s challenges and fortitude. Dr. Marx said, “We wanted to purchase a brick to remember Patsy, because she taught our family that each day is a gift. She inspired us, and I wanted to pass that inspiration along to others who will visit the garden.”

Through his personal experience in caring for a loved one, Dr. Marx understands the value of a healing garden as a soothing, relaxing place that will promote healing and recovery. By supporting the Rooftop Healing Garden, Dr. Marx and his family feel that they are simply “sharing some of the gifts we have been given.” They know their gift will help promote healing for many generations to come.

LIVE FOR TODAY!
AS NO ONE KNOWS WHAT TOMORROW MAY BRING
EUGENE J. AND IRENE W. BEMBENEK

While the Bembeneks encourage living for today, they also believe in planning for tomorrow. Irene and Eugene Bembenek are most fortunate. They have never personally needed the services of Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. The Bembeneks now live in Whitewater, Wisconsin, but grew up in Milwaukee and lived on the city’s south side after their marriage. They are very familiar with this south side landmark, as Irene graduated from Pulaski High School, located across the street from the medical center, while Eugene attended nearby Greenfield High School.

Commenting on their support of the brick program, Irene said, “My father had an angioplasty procedure and a carotid artery procedure performed at Aurora St. Luke’s, and was treated in the Emergency Department on several occasions. We’ve had other friends and family members who’ve received wonderful medical care there, too. Our parents are now in their 70s and 80s and still live in the area. It’s comforting to know that this quality medical care is nearby, should they need it. We’ve supported Aurora St. Luke’s for many years. The hospital has always been there for us, whether we needed it or not. We wanted to ‘be there’ for them, by purchasing a brick in the Rooftop Healing Garden project.”

Honoring Caregivers
“Kathy Lunow was the ultimate nurse.” That’s how Linda Buck, Manager of the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), describes her friend and former coworker. “Kathy was an extraordinary woman, with quiet, yet effective leadership skills. As a registered nurse at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center for 35 years, Kathy was a friend and mentor to many.”

Linda added, “Outside of work Kathy was an avid gardener, often sharing the fruits of her labor with coworkers. Unfortunately, Kathy got sick and passed away in January of 2006. As the department grieved our loss, we wanted to find a special way to honor Kathy’s memory. We heard about the Rooftop Healing Garden and the brick program and it was a

KATHY LUNOW, RN
OUR DEAR FRIEND
A COMPASSIONATE AND DEDICATED NURSE
35 YEARS OF SERVICE
PACU STAFF 2006

KATHY LUNOW, RN
MAY SHE REST IN GOD’S ETERNAL GARDEN
FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS
ST. LUKE’S HOSPITAL

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fitting way to honor Kathy, especially with her love of gardening. We can’t wait to see the project when it’s complete. Making this gesture was also healing for us and provided closure for our staff. These two commemorative bricks are a perfect way to keep Kathy’s memory alive forever.”

THANK YOU
MEDICAL RESPIRATORY INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Sue Katz, RN, Patient Care Manager for the Medical Respiratory Intensive Care Unit (MRICU), purchased a brick to honor her staff. For more than 30 years, Sue has witnessed the incredible skill, dedication, and compassion that the MRICU nursing staff brings to the bedside each day.

Sue knows first-hand how the MRICU nurses work tirelessly to provide a positive outcome for each patient, despite dealing with very difficult family and medical situations. Her own brother Dan was critically ill and hospitalized in the unit a number of years ago. He twice underwent open-heart surgery at Aurora St. Luke’s and spent three months recuperating in intensive care. Sue is convinced that Dan wouldn’t be here today, if not for the excellent care he received while hospitalized at “her” hospital.

As an added bonus, the MRICU is located on the hospital’s eighth floor. When the Rooftop Healing Garden is complete, the MRICU nursing staff will be in close proximity, where their special brick will always be a visible reminder of the respect and gratitude shown by their own nurse manager.

THANKS 2 U FOR A 2ND CHANCE AT LIFE
BARBARA STOLESON

One day in 1993, schoolteacher Barbara Stoleson was not feeling well and had a sense that something was not quite right. When she started having pain in her arm, Barbara immediately knew she was having a heart attack. She called 911 and was brought to St. Luke’s Emergency Department for treatment. Barbara, who now lives in Plover, Wisconsin, ended up having double bypass surgery. The way Barbara sees it, God and her doctors gave her a second chance at life and she’s grateful. Barbara’s been an annual donor to Aurora St. Luke’s for more than 10 years. When she heard about the brick program, she wanted to make this special gift, because it allowed her to publicly express her gratitude to Aurora St. Luke’s caregivers in a very lasting way.

The Rooftop Healing Garden will be a special place for many reasons, but the stories that will emerge from every corner of its landscape will certainly be its most inspiring feature. We hope that you will share your story with us through one of the many naming opportunities available. For more information, please visit: www.Aurora.org/RHG or contact the Office of Philanthropy at (414) 385-4732.
On Saturday, March 3, 2007, Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds announced a $1.5 million pledge to the Rooftop Healing Garden at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. This exciting announcement was made at the 17th Annual Vince Lombardi Award of Excellence Dinner Ball, where Mario Andretti was honored as this year’s distinguished honoree.

When asked why the Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds Board of Directors decided to designate such a generous amount to the garden, president Jim Clark said, “This project is consistent with our mission to provide state-of-the-art, innovative and breakthrough care for cancer patients.” He went on to add, “Research is clear on the positive impact this will have on patients. With the addition of a healing garden, patients tend to have shorter post-operative stays, take less pain medication, and experience fewer post-operative complications.”

Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds has an important and long-standing partnership with Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center to provide the best care possible for cancer patients. This partnership has delivered state-of-science technologies and research breakthroughs. In 2005, Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds committed to raise $1 million for the purchase of the latest in medical technology, the CyberKnife. With their help, this equipment has become a reality – operation began last March with over 120 procedures to date.

“The spirit and the will to win and the will to excel, these are the things that endure.”

— Vincent T. Lombardi

For information on these and other events throughout the year, please contact the Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds at (414) 649-5463.
Excellence in Cancer Services Recognized Nationally

Distinguished for our ability to provide the best in diagnosis and treatment of cancer through a coordinated, multidisciplinary team approach, in Fall 2006 Aurora Health Care received the highest level of approval from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons – a full Three-Year with Commendation award. As an approved cancer network, this award recognizes the cancer programs at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, St. Luke’s South Shore, Aurora Sinai Medical Center, West Allis Memorial Hospital and Aurora Medical Center in Washington County.

“We are very pleased with our full three-year approval with commendation,” says Bill Laffey, director of regional cancer services. “This recognizes our efforts to provide the best care for patients and their families, as well as our commitment to provide support to our staff and physicians.”

The Commission on Cancer grants this level of accreditation to programs that offer the highest quality cancer care, a comprehensive approach to care as well as a commitment that patients will have access to all of the various medical specialists who are involved in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Program (IRP) of Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center and St. Luke’s South Shore received a three-year Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accreditation as a stroke specialty program in January 2007. A three-year accreditation represents the highest award offered by CARF.

The Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center/St. Luke’s South Shore program is the first in the state to achieve this accreditation. Achieving the nationally and internationally recognized high standards for quality care set by CARF means our patients are assured they are receiving the best care possible.

“As a CARF-accredited institution, our patients know that we have demonstrated commitment to quality care and achieving the best possible patient outcomes,” says Carolynn Glocka, regional director of Inpatient Rehabilitation.

Your Aurora St. Luke’s Inpatient Rehabilitation Program Recognized for High Quality

The Spirit of St. Luke’s
New Staff Bring Talent and Expertise to

"I am pleased to welcome two outstanding new individuals to our already strong team," said Don Cahill, Chief Philanthropy Executive, of the newest members of the Aurora St. Luke's Philanthropy team. “Russ brings with him a wealth of experience, particularly with cancer initiatives, and Naomi brings experience within the Aurora system, as well as a fresh perspective on our daily operations.”

Naomi Wendland began her career with Aurora Health Care in Outpatient Services at the Aurora Psychiatric Hospital in 2005, but tracing her steps to the Philanthropy Office at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center takes you all the way to Africa, where Naomi, the daughter of missionaries, was born and spent her childhood.

"Those who first meet me have told me that they hear a slight accent in my speech. I'm never sure how to respond to the question that always follows, 'So, where are you from?'" After attending high school in Michigan, Naomi relocated to Charlotte in 2000 to study English and Biology at the University of North Carolina. Naomi remembers, "I knew that I would love it there. Among other things, the weather felt more like home."

Naomi liked North Carolina so much that she stayed there for almost two years after she graduated, working as an office assistant at a local retail store. But feeling a need to be closer to family, Naomi made the decision to move to Milwaukee in 2005, where two of her brothers and their families reside.

Since joining the Aurora St. Luke’s Philanthropy team this past February, Naomi cites getting to know our donors as one of the most rewarding aspects of her job. “Already I have encountered numerous outstanding individuals who have altruistically chosen to contribute to and benefit the lives of others through their participation in philanthropy.”

Naomi attributes her interest in Philanthropy to her parents, explaining, “After thirty years, my parents continue to live overseas in southern Africa where they have selflessly chosen to dedicate their lives to what they believe in, and by doing so enrich the lives of people around them.”

Russ Hinz officially joined the team as Manager of Major Gifts and Planned Giving on March 26 after lending his expertise as a consultant to the Philanthropy team earlier in the year. Russ has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and Political Science, and he is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Medical Informatics at Northwestern University. Russ’ educational background has prepared him well for the interesting positions he has held throughout his career.
Your Aurora St. Luke’s Philanthropy Team

"While I no longer practice nursing, the experience I gained has allowed me to stay in the medical field in different roles from lobbying to management. In each of these roles I have raised money and worked with volunteers."

Russ most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer for the American Cancer Society, Midwest Division. In this capacity, he provided strategic vision and leadership to raise money, influence policy, and help cancer patients navigate through their cancer journey.

Prior to joining the American Cancer Society, Russ worked for the Walt Disney Company, where he led environmental, transportation, and land use planning for a 3,000-acre, $650 million historic theme park in suburban Washington, D.C. Russ also worked for eight years for the American Lung Association as Executive Director of the Virginia Chapter, as Washington, D.C.-based lobbyist on federal health and environmental issues, and as architect of the successful 1989 campaign to enact the New York State Clean Indoor Air Act.

Russ has played leadership roles in campaigns in New York and Wisconsin. He volunteers for community service projects and recently served on the Milestone Early Childhood Program Board of Directors. In December 1999, Russ was selected by the Milwaukee Business Journal as one of the 40 under 40 leaders in the Milwaukee area.

"His extensive experience and dedication to health care philanthropy make Russ an ideal fit for our team," commented Don Cahill. "His expertise in cancer care will be invaluable to our efforts to support Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center’s reputation as a leader in providing the latest treatment options and excellence in cancer care."

Russ resides in Glendale, Wisconsin with his family.

Patty Malovec received a much-deserved promotion in November when she accepted the position of Administrative Assistant to Don Cahill. Patty had been working in the St. Luke’s Philanthropy Office for over a year, supporting Philanthropy Officers Meghan Marsden Parsche and Julie Ellsworth. With almost 17 years of experience working on the St. Luke’s campus, Patty has proven herself to be an invaluable member of the team.

"I’m not sure what we would have done without Patty in the last year and a half," commented Don Cahill. "She not only helped to bring a team of people who were new to the Aurora system up to speed on the ins and outs of St. Luke’s, but she has gone above and beyond to ensure that our colleagues and donors get the level of attentiveness and service that they deserve."

Patty works out of the main Philanthropy Office in the North building of Aurora St. Luke’s, so please stop by to say hello the next time you are in the hospital.
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