Volunteer Services Advisory Board
Approved Contributions and Donations
November 2021

- Angie Kipp, Heart and Vascular Center: $500 to purchase folders/labels to organize patient materials, appointment info and provider information and booklets for patients to write down daily weights, vital signs, and medications.
- Rachel Krueger, Nursing/ISS/JCP: $500 to purchase “Pop-it Fidget Toys” for our neuroscience population as a restraint.
- Wendy Thornburg, Pediatric Comprehensive Pain Clinic: $500 for fidget toys to occupy children during long clinic visits as well as decrease their stress.
- Amanda Paulson, Rehabilitation Therapies: $575 for an iPad to perform treadmill running analyses, throwing analyses, return to sports testing and to educate patients on running, throwing, or jumping mechanics and how they contribute to injury or can be altered to enhance performance.
- Lois Considine, Rehabilitation Therapies: $990 for Circle School Students (patients) tools to be utilized with goals to aid patients in their recovery during their stay while in inpatient on the child psychiatry unit.
- Stacey Figgins, Pathology/DeGowin Blood Center: $1,000 to purchase a Nintendo switch and games for pediatric sickle cell patients who must stay in bed for 5-6-hour procedures.
- Deb Bruene, Children’s and Women’s Services: $1,110 to purchase 40 Buzzy’s for children identified by UI SFCH staff who 1) receive ongoing needle procedures in the home and/or in the community, 2) a Buzzy effectively relieved pain while hospitalized, and 3) Buzzy cost is a barrier.
- Amy Midler, 2JPE Geriatric Psychiatry: $1,200 to purchase personal DVD players, travel clocks, weighted blankets with washable covers, stuffed plush animals for individual patient use, craft items/supplies, 5-6 clock radios, soft/cozy blankets, electric aquariums (fish/animals), books for dementia patients, magnetic doodle pad, neck pillows, fidget blankets, and toys.
- Holly Clubb, Clinical Research Unit: $1,300 for an adjustable tilt table to accommodate a variety of wheelchairs from pediatrics to adult populations for patient use during long visits.
- Penny Smith, Pack ‘n Play Program: $1,500 for Pack ‘n Plays for families in need of a safe crib for baby after discharge.
- Ellen Eulberg, CDD Nursing: $1,532 for 2 shopping carts with taxi car tops that give children the feeling they are driving to help families have fun going from CDD to Peds Specialty Lab with bags, medical equipment, and their child.
- Courtney Bradfield, POD-DOSA: $1,720 for 4000 eyeglass cases for preoperative patients in the main OR who come through Day of Surgery with glasses but without their own case.
- Michelle Altmaier, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program: $1,820 for young adult patients undergoing cancer treatment to receive a professional service of their choice form the Fourth Floor Salon.
- Stacey Figgins, Pathology/DeGowin Blood Center: $2,000 to add colorful wall covering, sticker decals and a more comfortable visitor chair to our private procedure room.
- Susan Crimmins, Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery: $2,287.50 to offer post-op surgical cardiac patients a therapeutic heart-shaped billow for them to provide comfort and sternal support after surgery.
- Emma Fox-Gatica, 6JCL: $2,400 for a massage chair for stroke patients.
- Sarah DeJong, Pediatric Specialty Clinic Division of Ophthalmology: $2,500 to supply orthoptic eye patches for amblyopia not covered by insurance for families that cannot afford this treatment.
- Jana Grienke, Radiation Oncology: $2,898.46 to securely display volunteer Weiren Liu's artwork, to provide patient education and information, and to recognize Weiren’s contributions in establishing the mask design program.
- Tara Seberger, Emergency Department/Air Care: $5,000 to provide new, custom plush toys for our pediatric emergency department and Air Care patients.
- Paul Pursley, Rehabilitation Therapies: $5,094 for a Delphi blood flow restriction machine for the Rehabilitation Therapies main campus.
• Karen Stenger and Robin Hennes, Guest Services: $8,920.52 to purchase a lift that efficiently transfers weakened guests that weigh up to 350 pounds into and out of a vehicle with dignity and without causing harm or injury.
• Suzanne Hammer-White, Ambulatory Nursing: $10,000 to support distraction items to continue the successful ambulatory pain intervention program.
• Kelly Poch, Centralized Functions: $10,000 for grief kits to serve children of dying adult loved ones through the departments of pastoral care, social services, and nursing, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so any health care provider will be able to offer this gift of support.
• Mindwell Egeland, Patients' Library: $11,700 to purchase new-release books, patient education CDs and DVDs, CD and DVD players, and magazines.
• Mitchell DeFauw, CDD Resource Library: $12,000 to fund the Look, a New Book! program that provides new patients a brand-new book they can take home from the Disability Resource Library.
• Holly Clubb, Clinical Research Unit: $13,000 to improve the procedure room based on recommendations from Child Life services to support a more SFCH-like environment and provide more patient amenities.
• Holly Clubb, Clinical Research Unit: $29,000 to improve the pediatric phlebotomy room based on recommendations from Child Life services to support a more SFCH-like environment that is more comfortable to patients and families.
• Heidi Burak, Nursing: $70,000 to install Masimo hemoglobin sensors which support non-invasive monitoring of retroperitoneally-asymptomatic bleeding for half of the beds on Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit.

Total funding approved: $203,282.48