



A Season of Gratitude

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Dear Friend,

It's because of the generosity of people like you that Riverside can continue to deliver remarkable care to our community. In this issue, you'll see your impact in action in a story from Brent, a grateful patient of our Neurosurgical team.

I'm also excited to share our Samaritans of the Year and announce the date and theme for the 2024 Heart Ball! And if you're inspired to deepen your support, I invite you to learn how to give back before the end of the year. You may be able to make a tax-wise gift from your IRA.

Thank you for partnering with us to change lives—today, tomorrow and for years to come.

Warmly,



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Special Agent Brent M. Howell (left) receives the Air Force's Bronze Star medal for his service while deployed in Afghanistan.

Advancing Neurosurgery Care Close to Home

"I was facing a traumatic spinal fusion surgery and knew I needed to find the best of the best!" remembers area resident Brent Howell.

After Brent suffered a terrible car accident, he needed a team of experts close to home. Fortunately, he discovered Riverside neurosurgeon, Juan

Jimenez, MD, and benefitted from the advanced spine surgeries Riverside Healthcare offers right here in Kankakee County.

"You often hear how important it is to have high-quality health care close to home.," says Brent. "As a former Air Force special agent, I've dealt with PTSD for a long time. By staying local, my

caregivers were able to easily help me and ensure I could continue caring for my mental health while I healed physically."

For years, Riverside Healthcare has paved the way in neurosurgery. Our team of board-certified specialists treat a full range of neurosurgical conditions and was the first in the Midwest to use the minimally invasive Cirq surgical robot.

As we continue down this road of excellence, we're seeking our community's support to invest in a biplane image-guided therapy system. This 3D X-ray tool will expand our diagnostic and neurosurgical capabilities, impacting more people like Brent.

Together, we can ensure our neighbors don't have to travel far for delicate brain and spine surgeries.

This Holiday Season, Give the Gift of Health

In the final months of 2023, we invite you to support the areas of greatest need throughout Riverside.

For nearly 60 years, generous people like you have helped advance our care through world-class technology for complex heart care, cancer treatment and brain surgery; patient-centered programs, including behavioral health initiatives; and wellness programs, such as healthy food pantries.

Will you help us continue our

legacy of providing high-quality care by making a gift before the year's end? 100% of your gift stays here and every single dollar is a direct investment in

the futures of our loved ones and neighbors.

Make your gift today at riversidehealthcare.org/give.



Savvy Giving with Benefits

In his recent article, Charles Slamar, JD, LLM, FCEP, Senior Vice President of Thompson & Associates, breaks down the tax-wise benefits of a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

Each year, anyone aged 70 ½ years or older may direct up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a charity. This QCD, also known as IRA charitable rollover, does not generate an income tax deduction. However, it does apply toward the donor's minimum required distribution amount and is not includable in their taxable income.

With the doubling of the



standard income tax deduction amounts, many people have lost the income tax benefits of their charitable contributions. Consequently, directing gifts

from an IRA provides a tax-efficient and cost-efficient alternative!

Learn more via the enclosed insert!

Celebrating Our 2023 Samaritans

On September 21, we held our 48th Annual Samaritan Event at the Majestic Theatre to celebrate the generosity of our donors with an evening of drinks, appetizers, and live music. We also honored this year's Samaritans of the Year, the Downs family. This

award recognizes those who go above and beyond to positively impact our hospital and community through their time, talent and treasure.

For more than 30 years, the Downs family has given back to Riverside—helping us grow from

a small community hospital to an advanced, regional center of care.

Johnson-Downs Construction Company was the first business to sponsor our Golf Pro-Am at the \$10,000 level, and they've inspired many others to follow their lead. Diane Downs has participated in the tournament for more than 20 years—paving the way for women golfers and earning the Pro-Am Legacy Player recognition in 2018. As the general contractor for the Riverside hospital's East Tower addition, they played a crucial role in the landscape of inpatient care that Riverside offers today.

On behalf of our hospital and Foundation, congratulations to the Downs family—and thank you to all our 2023 Samaritan Society donors for your support of community health.



Pictured (left to right): Sid Downs, Diane Downs, Jeff Downs and Clarissa Downs

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HEART BALL 2024

RIVERSIDE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

You're Invited to Heart Ball

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Heart Ball at Tinley Park Convention Center on Saturday, March 9, at 5 p.m.! With a theme of Diamonds in the Sky,

the evening promises to be a gathering full of unforgettable stories and entertainment—all for a great cause. Proceeds will benefit the advancement of

Neurosurgery at Riverside.

Tickets will be available for purchase in January 2024 with a formal invitation to follow.



Pictured (left to right): Rachel Baugh, Foundation Operations Coordinator | Matt McAllister, Foundation Director and Grant Administrator | Nicole Burgess, Donor Experience and Operations Manager | Matt McBurnie, Vice President of Public Relations and Communication | Ann Offermann, Major Gifts Officer and Estate Planning Manager

We believe that generosity is a powerful healing force—for the recipient, the giver and all those who observe it. Every gift made to the Riverside Healthcare Foundation is used for the sole benefit of Riverside Healthcare and the patients we serve.

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