

Reflections

Acts of Grace Foundation • Small Deeds, Big Difference

A Note From The Founder

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While I was in the hospital I always thought "wouldn't it be great to have a place to go that does not look like a hospital room? A place Joe or my Mom can do my laundry while visiting me? A place for all the patients to have the option of watching a movie together or to be able to go pick out a book for myself?" I am pleased to announce that Acts of Grace Foundation will



The door to the future Place of Grace at P/SL.

have this room! *A Place of Grace* will be a room for ante partum patients to use for fellowship, family dinners, baby showers, craft projects, and journaling. *A Place of Grace* will also give patients access to books, DVD's, the internet, Skype, laundry machines and provide a few other comforts of home. Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center is graciously giving Acts of Grace Foundation room #309 to create this special place. We are thrilled to be able to provide this to the ante partum patients and their loved ones.

This room will officially be given to Acts of Grace Foundation in the Fall. Plans, designs, and pricing are all occurring. In the meantime, the

room will be renovated and prepped along with the 3rd floor. Please consider making a donation or choose an item off of our wish list.

WISH LIST

- Costco Gift Cards
- Target Gift Cards
- Lowes Gift Cards
- Home Depot Gift Cards
- Head sets
- Cash Donations
- DVD player
- A variety of games, cards, etc

Thank you so much for considering a donation. We know we are making a big difference for pregnant moms on hospital bed rest!

Best,

Marlena

Celebrating Volunteerism

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK was celebrated April 15-21, 2012.

We love our volunteers. We appreciate our volunteers. We would not have been able to celebrate our 4th anniversary on April 17th without our volunteers.

Acts of Grace Foundation has no paid positions. It is able to function due to the work of our volunteer staff.

Volunteers provide social activities, bag stuffing, website building, twitter-



ing, thank you note writing, game playing, facebook posting, newsletter designing, gift bag delivering, flower arranging, craft preparing, budgeting, wheelchair pushing, tax filing, number punching, fund raising, smiling, encouraging. THANK YOU to the volunteers that we have. Because of YOU we are able to reach out to women and their families that find themselves in what can

become an emotionally stressful, lonely journey. By bringing our

moms a little laughter, providing them with an outlet, introducing them to others and giving them a distraction from the monitors, medications, and worry, we know Acts of Grace Foundation is making a Big Difference through Small Deeds.

Thank you for donating your talents, time and treasure to such an important, much-needed cause. We look forward to expanding services in many directions and appreciate your help in making that dream come true.

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A Grateful Mom and Happy Baby

I want to thank Marlena, Joe, and their daughter Elle for bringing me and all others the joy and inspiration that

expecting mothers desperately need while having an extended stay at Presbyterian Saint Luke's Hospital. The *Acts of Grace* foundation is a Godsend and I want everyone to know that they hold a special

place in my heart and always will. You, and all the volunteers that came into the hospital during my stay on bed rest, are all angels, and I thank you for everything you did for me and continue doing for others.



A recent shot of Jerryd thriving at home

We had a long, stressful stay at P/SL, but will never forget those days. Finally, after 55 days our

family was able to go home and resume "normal" life. My sweet baby boy, Jerryd, is doing well and we are so happy to have him home with us. Thank you so much and God bless all of you. The work you do is so very important and I know

I speak for other

moms when I say thank you and keep up the great work.

Ice Cream Cart Resumes Service

Did you hear? The ICE CREAM CART begins service the end of this month for P/SL patients and their visitors! Root beer float, vanilla ice cream with fresh strawberries, hot fudge on chocolate ice cream, fruity frozen yogurt, an ice cream sandwich, some blueberry lavender sorbet, a chocolate covered frozen banana, a scoop of mint chocolate chip ice cream- WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FROZEN TREAT? Share with us your favorite summer treat on the Acts of Grace facebook page.



Make a positive change in your life! Take action by choosing one of these simple ways to transform a small deed into a big difference for pregnant women on hospital bedrest.

1. Sign up for \$7 on the SEVENTH.
2. Tell friends to sign up for \$7 on the SEVENTH.
3. Come to a quarterly *Lend a Hand*.
4. Tell friends about AoGF.
5. Volunteer in the Summer to serve ice cream.
6. Attend an AoGF Fundraiser.
7. Follow AoGF on twitter or "like" the AoGF facebook page.
8. Become a volunteer at P/SL (there is flexibility).
9. Donate an item to the Silent Auction.
10. Volunteer time to work on the quarterly newsletter or monthly e-blast.
11. Ask what you can do to help.
12. Watch the video at www.actsofgracefoundation.org to



Thanks to everyone who has "liked" our page! One purpose of the page is to reach out to the community, friends, donors, and volunteers informing them of what Acts of Grace is up to, as well as upcoming events. Please continue to encourage people to "LIKE" our page and follow us. Let's continue to grow our fan base and expand our online following!