

guiding star SOCIETY

Guiding Stars Light the Way



Ruth Terwilliger has had a very strong connection to Thompson Health for 88 years. Born in 1918 at the original Thompson Hospital on Main Street, Ruth saw F.F. Thompson Hospital grow into the health system that now serves more than 120,000 individuals in our area.

Growing up, Ruth saw firsthand how the generosity of Mary Clark Thompson shaped our community. Ruth, her friends and her family all benefited from the gifts that Mrs. Thompson gave to Canandaigua – the hospital, the playground on Howell Street, the Swimming School at Kershaw Park and more.

As an adult, Ruth chose to follow Mary Clark Thompson's example of generosity, dedication and commitment by volunteering her time to Thompson.

Her first volunteer position was in the Admissions Department of the original hospital in the late 1960s, then as a tour guide for the new hospital on Parrish Street. She moved on to help in the Cashier's Office and now continues her volunteer work every Monday morning in the Medical Records Department.

Ruth is also one of Thompson Health's Guiding Stars – individuals who have chosen to give a charitable gift to Thompson Health. Guiding Stars are donors who truly do light the way for Thompson's future. They are individuals who have included Thompson in their estate plans or arranged a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust with Thompson Health.

"I am so pleased that I am able to support Thompson through a Charitable Gift Annuity. Not only will my gift be used to help Thompson Health maintain their level of excellence for generations to come, it also provides me with an income I can count on for the rest of my life. It is good for me – and it is good for Thompson," Ruth said.

Summer Events Raise Over \$140,000 for Thompson

Each year, dedicated community members and Thompson Health Associates work together to hold a variety of fundraisers for various programs at Thompson. Our event list continues to grow – and so do the net profits! Summer events have raised over \$140,000 this year! Funds raised from more than a dozen events benefited the Sands Cancer Center, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Wellness Services, Rehabilitation Services, OCALS and more. Thank you to all those involved in organizing, participating and supporting these events. Your commitment and support do make a difference!

Summer Event Fun



Treasure Island Summer Bash



Better Life 5K



Walk and Smell the Roses



Ride for Independence

Smart Pump Technology Comes to Thompson Health

For over 100 years, community support has helped ensure that Thompson Health continues to provide excellence for the thousands of families we serve in our area. Members of our community have generously supported our most recent investment in state-of-the-art technology – "Smart" IV infusion pumps. Smart Pumps are critical pieces of equipment that substantially reduce the risk of medication errors. They deliver vital medications to patients undergoing chemotherapy, pain management, surgery or extensive medical care.

To date, more than a dozen of the many new Smart Pumps needed at Thompson have been purchased through generous donations from the following:

- Crosswinds 5K
- Garlock Sealing Technologies employees
- Girls' Night Out
- Thomas Pawluk
- Thompson Guild
- Velmex, Inc.
- William Rayburn

Welcome to the first F.F. Thompson Foundation Newsletter. 2006 has been a great year – and there is so much news to share with you! Our community continues to show us their dedication, generosity and commitment in a variety of ways. In fact, gifts and pledges are more than 33% higher than this time last year. We've seen growing support in all of our special events and special projects such as Smart Pumps, OCALS equipment, and more. In addition, we received a \$250,000 federal grant from Congressman Randy Kuhl and a \$500,000 state grant from Senator Dale

Volker. Both are wonderful statements of support from our state representatives who understand the crucial role that Thompson Health plays in this community. Thank you for your commitment, trust and support. Your investment in Thompson will ensure that quality health care will be here for you and your family – when it is needed most.



Christopher B. Mahan
Senior Vice President, Development

For more information on how to make a gift, become a Guiding Star, contribute towards a Smart Pump or organize a fundraising event for Thompson, contact the F.F. Thompson Foundation at 585-396-6155.

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Paintings Raise \$500

Early this year, Finger Lakes Gallery and Frame in Canandaigua featured a three-week show of the works of the late artist John C. Menihan. John's son, John C.



Menihan, Jr., donated one of his father's paintings to be auctioned, with the proceeds of \$500 benefiting F.F. Thompson Foundation.

Way to go Abby!

Eight-year-old Abigail Wright chose to have her birthday party guests donate to Thompson rather than buy her gifts. Abby then took it a step further and partnered with the Peter Pan Children's Fund to match the gifts. At Abby's request, her gift of \$230 will be applied to the purchase of an infant swing for Pediatrics.

