

# FRIENDS *of* STRONG VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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*News & Updates for  
Strong Memorial  
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**Happy  
New Year!**

## Inspiring Volunteers Recognized for Unwavering Commitment to Patients, Community

You are the first faces our patients and visitors see when they come to us, and often the last people they see before going home. You give toys to pediatric patients, and some of you even bring homemade desserts to share with staff. You provide comfort and hope in a gentle and reassuring way, and your service to our community speaks volumes.

Among our 1,300 volunteers who gave more than 143,000 hours of their time throughout Strong Memorial Hospital last year, eight of you were recognized for your compassion, kindness, leadership and steadfast loyalty to our patients and staff as recipients of our 2019 Volunteer Service Awards.

Join us in congratulating—and thanking—Marsha Clark, Carol Ennis, Mark Bovenzi, Nancy Sanza, Anne Elphick, Sue Gay, Rose Faucette, and Sarah Tyler for their exceptional service. Read more about each of them at the [Best of Friends Blog](#).

## Long-Time Hospital Volunteer Bud ‘The Candy Man’ Wesley Remembered by Friends of Strong

Bud (Leonard) Wesley, husband, grandpa, friend and longtime Strong Memorial Hospital volunteer, died peacefully Oct. 31 at the age 77 surrounded by family and friends.

Bud was well known throughout our volunteer program and the hospital’s adult Intensive Care Units. Serving in the program for more than 24 years, Bud drove twice weekly from his home in Bristol to provide an open ear to patients and families who just needed someone to talk with—as well as passing out fresh hot coffee, tea, snacks and other comfort items. In total, he gave nearly 16,000 documented hours and countless memories of his beaming smile, compassion, and exemplary dedication to our patients, families and staff. Read more about Bud’s legacy at the [Best of Friends Blog](#).

## Know Someone Who'd Make a Great Volunteer?

If you think they'd enjoy providing meaningful service to our community by volunteering, this is your opportunity to invite them in for a commitment-free info session to learn about Friends of Strong and the various volunteer roles available throughout Strong Memorial Hospital—and some of our offsite locations.

Our volunteer program continues to grow, with many departments looking to fill volunteer roles with new, enthusiastic, caring and compassionate volunteers. Retirees especially find volunteering with Friends of Strong to be a deeply rewarding experience.

If interested, please contact the Friends of Strong office at (585) 275-2420.

*Please Note: We are only recruiting for Adult and College volunteer roles at this time. Those interested in the High School Volunteer Program may call for an appointment on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.*

## Active Flu Season Declared by New York State

New York State law mandates that **all unvaccinated volunteers, employees, students and physicians must wear a surgical mask** during times of “widespread influenza activity” as determined by the New York State Health Commissioner.

If you declined participation in the 2019-2020 Flu Vaccination Program, please be prepared to wear a mask each time you volunteer until the mask requirement is lifted by the State. Please contact our office with questions.

## Welcome to Your New Volunteer Room

Thank you for your patience during our volunteer room renovations, which are now complete! We're hopeful that you enjoy the new layout, design and the new lockers. Please take a moment each time you're here to view our “Digital Billboard” above the sign-in Kiosk. This is where we'll display important announcements, information on program updates, and other notifications such as temporary office hour changes, as well as policy reminders, and the scoop on upcoming events.

**Please Note:** Instructions for locker use are inside each locker. However please ask at the reception desk if you need assistance. **Be sure to keep the locker you used in the unlocked position and left slightly ajar at the end of your shift. Lockers are not for overnight or personal use!**

## Baby Love—A Heartfelt Success

The holidays were made brighter for more than 40 Baby Love families thanks to your generosity, as well as many URMC departments and community groups. The annual program is a collaboration between Strong Memorial Hospital's Social Work Department and Friends of Strong. Groups "adopt" a family and bring items from their wish list to our office for distribution before the holidays. Join us in thanking these groups and departments for their generous donations:

5-1400 Kessler Trauma Center & General Surgery  
AC3  
Center for Health & Tech (CHET)  
CEO & Dean's Office  
CPA Office  
Department of Pharmacy  
Eastside Internal Medicine  
ERM  
Friends of Strong  
GCH – Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine  
HIM at Brighton Health Center  
ISD  
Med Surg Nursing 6-1600  
North Ponds Family Medicine  
Office of Nurse Recruitment  
Office of Strong Commitment  
Orthopaedics  
Orthopaedics – Clinton Crossing  
OT – Physical Medicine & Rehab  
Pediatric Residency Program  
Pulsifer Medical Associates  
Registration and Insurance Management  
SMH Patient Financial Services  
Social Work – ED  
Strategic Communications  
Surgery Program  
The Gill Family  
The Porter Family  
Twelve Corners Internal Medicine  
UR Med Access Center  
URMFG (RTP)  
URMFG Administration  
URMFC Executive Office

## Wine Tasting Gala Feb. 7 at Monroe Golf Club

Join us as we sample from a selection of over 100 red, white, and sparkling, imported and domestic wines along with French champagnes, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts at Monroe Golf Club, from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, February 7. Tickets are now available at [giveto.urmc.edu/fosgala2020](http://giveto.urmc.edu/fosgala2020). All event proceeds benefit patient care at Strong.

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Every year.  
Every gift you make  
to Friends of Strong  
helps support  
patient- and family-  
centered care  
initiatives here at  
Strong. Since  
1975, Friends of  
Strong has given  
more than \$15  
million to  
departments and  
programs  
throughout UR  
Medicine's Strong  
Memorial Hospital.*

## Save-the-Date

Join us at one of our upcoming events . . .

### *Celebrity Bartender Fundraiser*

Thursday, Mar. 19 | 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Grappa

### *Rochester River Run & Walk 5k*

Sunday, Apr. 26 | 9 a.m. | Genesee Valley Park

*Visit [fos.urmc.edu](http://fos.urmc.edu) for more information.*

## Save 25% at the Friends of Strong Gift Shop

Enjoy 25% off your purchase in the Friends of Strong Gift Shop on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Some items are excluded. No ID required.

Friday, Jan. 24

Saturday, Jan. 25

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Wednesday, March 25

## Donations

### *Friends of Strong*

#### *In Memory of James Sperr*

Ann Agricoltoso

Joyce Cringoli

#### *In Memory Leonard "Bud" Wesley*

Thomas Coor

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