

Kindervelt

The Division of Critical Care Medicine and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Cincinnati Children's Hospital

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From the President

Happy Holidays Kindervelt friends! It's the most fabulous time of the year when we can come together in the spirit of the season. Let's all find time to pause, reflect, and make room for love, kindness and joy as we savor this festive time of the year.



Kindervelt supporters are some of the kindest and giving people I've had the pleasure of getting to know. It's truly amazing what we can accomplish together. Please take a moment and read the article by Dr. Maya Dewan, Division Director of the Critical Care Medicine team. It serves as a reminder that what we do is important and every dollar raised truly makes a difference.

A big THANK YOU to Bonnie Hueneman and her committee of volunteers that helped with our KV Kraft shows and our Monte Carlo Night. We wouldn't be able to fulfill our mission of giving back to Cincinnati Children's PICU without the commitment and generosity of volunteers like all of you. We are certainly all grateful for your willingness to give your time and talents!

Here's wishing you and your families the most joyous holiday season.

Your friend in Kindervelt,

Cindy Burger Kindervelt City President

> *"Put a Little Holiday in Your Heart"* ~ LeAnn Rimes



We want to share an article from the "For the Kids" magazine Cincinnati Children's produces written by Dr. Dewan, Division Director of Critical Care Medicine.

Sincerely Yours

Within the Kindervelt Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), we provide the highest quality care to the sickest children every day. And it's only possible because we work as a team. From the staff caring for children at the bedside to the families we serve, to our generous community of supporters—we're all a part of something bigger. Together, we're improving care and compassion for critically ill children.

And just like the team at the bedside in the PICU, I know our generous supporters will go above and beyond to help children in our care. I am in awe of the changes made possible because of Kindervelt—our largest fundraising auxiliary. The community of neighborhood volunteers continues to raise the support needed to allow our PICU to grow from a 35-bed medical and surgical unit to 48 beautiful, family-centered rooms in our new Critical Care Building.

Exceptional care is more than medicine. The Kindervelt Pediatric Intensive Care Unit also offers the best experience for our families—allowing us to provide the highest quality care in a comforting and welcoming environment. It recognizes and celebrates the uniqueness of each child. It understands the profound impact that families, including siblings, have on the healing process and creates a space for them. And in the hardest and saddest moments, the new design of the PICU provides space for solace and privacy.

Kindervelt's support is more than just a gift—it's an investment in our future and an example of what we can accomplish for children and families when we work together.

Maya Dewan, MD Division Director, Critical Care Medicine

Upcoming Events

Flyers are downloadable. Just click on the flyer!



Fall Event: Monte Carlo Night at the Club

The fall event - Monte Carlo Night at the Club, was held at the Western Hills Country Club with quite the turn out! Shoutout to Mary Lou Tallarigo and Patti Vetter for baking the delicious desserts, and to all who attended and contributed to the generous raffle baskets, auction, and the Bourbon pull. Thanks to everyone who bid on silent auction items from home! Looking forward to announcing totals soon.



More photos from the Monte Carlo Night can be found HERE.

Kindervelt Krafts

Thank you, thank you, to all the groups that helped make Kindervelt Krafts a success. For all the efforts from the groups that sold split the pot chances, donated gift cards and made crafts for the City Wide Kraft event, the Kraft Committee can't thank you enough. The Seton High School show was a big hit. Vera Luke won the Wagon of Toys raffle and Katrina Smith won the quilt raffle. Congratulations also to Muffy Kadon on winning the Split the Pot. Congratulations to all!

West Side Market was a very busy day. We sold a lot of our items. It was a great holiday show. Totals will be coming soon. Information about KV Krafts/Bakery Spring show to be held on February 28, 2024, will be coming soon.



Be on the Lookout!

December 2nd & 3rd - KV#8 Christmas Tree Sale February 24, 2024 - KV #8 & KV #45 Pickleball Tournament March 2, 2024 - KV Bowl March 23, 2024 - KV #30 Bunco Luncheon April 13, 2024 - KV#19 Lunch at the Links April 13, 2024 - KV #50 Havana Nights

May 4, 2024 - KV #77 Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show May 15, 2024 - KV Annual Meeting at Cincinnati Woman's Club

Luminary Locations

December 10th - KV #78 - Wayside Woods & Ravens Run in Anderson Township, Babson Park in the Eastgate area.

December 10th - KV #22 Candles for Kids in Montgomery - ZigZag and Monte December 17th - KV #16 - Eden Ridge Subdivision in White Oak December 20th - KV #16 - North College Hill on these streets: Oak Knoll, Corcoran Baywood, Baybro

Group News & Tidbits

KV #3 Hyde Park, is thrilled to add four new members to our group! Our new members are looking forward to helping raise funds through our monthly First Friday sales and other fundraising opportunities. We recently held our popular Make It, Bake It, Fake It Auction, which is always a fun night of food, camaraderie and raising money for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. KV3 members are also gearing up for KV Bowl in March, which member Andi Mapes is co-chairing. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!!

KV #16 would like to recognize and thank Anne Rauf for all her hard work chairing our Kraft projects this Fall. She has done a fantastic job and we appreciate all her efforts krafting, scheduling, working and already thinking about next year's Krafts. Thank you Anne!

KV #22 We are grateful to our friends and the leadership of Kindervelt who support **us** to support CCHMC! Special thanks go to Cindy Nelson for hosting and to our esteemed Citywide president, Cindy Burger, for making more than an appearance at our October gathering. Enjoy the collage of members from our recent meeting. Our wish is that you can find some joy this holiday season even though there is strife across the world.

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KV #30 will host their annual Bunco Party on Saturday, March 26th at the Cincinnati Woman's Club at 11:00. Lunch will be served. More details will be forthcoming.

KV #49 is pleased to welcome new members Judy Dennis, Lisa Schwartz & Laurie Sternberg! Our group has been busy with blanket sales, bake sales, bread sales, and handmade hippo ornament sales... what else can we sell for CCHMC??? We have all enjoyed pulling our time & talents together to be a creative & productive group! P.S. If you need blankets or hippo ornaments for Xmas gifts call us!!!

KV #49 A huge thank you from KV #49 to our member Lisa Schwartz, who channeled her grief with the loss of her mother by organizing a fleece blanket crafting session at her home. Over 30 blankets were made by tennis friends, family & neighbors. Using her pottery skills, Lisa also designed and crafted Fiona & Fritz hippo ornaments for our craft sales. Lisa's loss certainly turned into a positive for the children at CCHMC. Thank you Lisa!



KV #56 Sends thank you's to all the ladies who have created, been donors, and helped make our "bracelet brigade" such a success! Special thanks to Libby Baker, Sue Hammel, Peg Williamson, Barb Koch, Cheryl Parker and to the many who have made purchases! Thanks also to all the crafters, bakers, and those who worked the fall events. Another special thank you to our member Catherine Fessel for volunteering as a Fall Event Committee Member and for securing the very generous WoodHouse Spa donation of \$300.00. Last thank you to Sheila Horan and Debbie Linneman who wrote letters, secured all our gifts and packaged them up for Fall Event Silent Auction! Well Done, Ladies!

KV #68 would like to thank Sally Westendorf for hosting our November meeting at her house and would also like to thank Mary George for the delicious treats. KV #68 would also like to thank all their members that contributed in any way to the success of the Kraft Shows whether it was making crafts, baking, or working at any of the Kraft Shows. It is greatly appreciated. KV #68 would also like to thank all those that attended the "Monte Carlo at the Club". A Special thank you to Lou Tallarigo, Patti Vetter, Susan Zimmermann and Kathy Werner who so generously volunteered their time.

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KV #30 It is with great sadness that Group #30 lost Elaine Snyder on November 20th. Elaine was a wonderful supporter of Kindervelt. Along with her husband, Milan, she enjoyed working tirelessly for our group and Kindervelt. We will miss her smile.

KV #30 sends our deepest sympathy to Carolyn Ludwig and her family on the death of her husband, Peter. Carolyn has been a Kindervelt member and supporter of Group #30 for over 30 years.

KV #49 Kindervelt #49 sends our heartfelt condolences to member Lisa Schwartz & her family on the recent death of her dear mother Lillian Gordon who passed away on

September 30.

Congratulations

KV #16 Congratulations to Andrea and Drew Violette on the arrival of Layla Isabelle on October 30, 2023! I'm sure she's beautiful and will be spoiled by all and we can't wait to meet her!



December 5th - Wendy Holschuh #78 December 6th - Pat Policinski #22 December 7th - Kate Moody #22 December 7th - Karen Mandel #30 December 8th - Connie Bergen #22 December 18th - Sue Crosby #22 December 19th - Marie Tsacalis #30 December 19th - Amy Rosenberg #22 December 23rd - Kathy Roth #22 December 24th - Marilyn Jacoby #22 December 26th - Valerie Schwartz #22 December 28th - Terri Dahlem #78 December 28th - Susan Deye #68

Optimizing Care for Pediatric Cancer Patients in the Pediatric ICU: A Collaborative and Synergistic Approach

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We are proud to report that Cincinnati Children's was named the #1 hospital for pediatric cancer in the country by US News and World Report this year and the very sickest of these patients are cared for in the PICU. As the top center for cancer in the nation, we receive the children who most need our help from the region, the country, and the world. Unfortunately, these children, who arrive sick often get sicker, often require care in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). Currently, patients with hematologic and oncologic diseases make up almost 20% of our critical care patient days. Given the highly specialized care that these patients require there is a high degree of collaboration between the critical care team and the oncology/ Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) teams. With optimization of care of the sickest pediatric cancer and BMT patients in mind, the idea of a formal collaborative between the PICU and Cancer and Blood Disease Institute (CBDI) was born.

Our goal was to synergize and optimize care so patients can receive the best possible care and families have a unified experience during their time at CCHMC. First, we gathered baseline data from the care team in the ICU including nurses, respiratory therapists, doctors and nurse practioners with a range of experience. From this data the collaborative learned that, not surprisingly, these patients are some of the most rewarding, but also some of the most challenging patients to care for in the ICU. Some of the challenges included inconsistencies in care. With this data, we have begun to implement interventions that are focused on enhancing care delivery for patients and training for the staff managing oncology and BMT patients. Specifically, this collaborative has focused on improving how we communicate and hand off information about these complex patients when they are transferring care and throughout their stay in the PICU. The collaborative has created unique educational opportunities, including simulation-based training and an onco-critical care training month for the care providers in the PICU. A nurse champion role was also created in an effort to provide continuity of care for patients and families as they move between the oncology/BMT floors and the PICU.

We are also proud to report that we are launching a unique training opportunity for pediatric intensivist through the combined efforts of the division of Critical Care and the Cancer and Blood Disease Insititute. In July, I will be the first Onco-Critical Care fellow at CCHMC. I plan to complete my training in pediatric critical care in July and stay on for this additional one-year fellowship. Given the preeminent status of both our CBDI and Critical Care Medicine programs, this is a distinctive opportunity for CCHMC to train the next generation of onco-intensivists. In addition to patient care, the fellowship will have a special emphasis on optimization of care spanning organizational structure, specialized equipment, and specific clinical algorithm and research infrastructure.

In only a few short months, the oncology-critical care collaborative has established robust pathways which transcend either division, invested heavily in onco-critical care education, and established a promising academic training program. Collectively, these endeavors ensure that we live up to our reputation as the best pediatric oncology program with the best children's hospital in the country. This cross-divisional collaborative is an innovative approach to enhancing care for some of the sickest patients in the hospital. These children and families deserve the best care via a multidisciplinary approach, as we push the envelope to continue to improve outcomes. We are excited to see what the future of this collaborative will hold.



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