

# McQuade Times

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## Member spotlight: Mark and Maura Basile show their support during a time of critical need

As a medical equipment supplier and Grosse Pointe resident, Mark Basile has had the unique experience of seeing Ascension St. John Hospital from an operations and patient viewpoint.

"St. John is a very efficient hospital," says Mark, who is President of Healthmark Industries in Fraser and a McQuade Society member along with his wife Maura. "You can tell the people who work there from top to bottom really care about their patients. It's a very comforting place."

Mark and Maura are steadfast Ascension St. John supporters. They've made generous gifts to support Surgical Services, Palliative Care, Hospice Care, and the HOPE Fund (Helping Our Patients in Emergencies). The latter provides funds covering essential needs for patients after discharge, such as prescriptions, medical equipment, food and more. The couple have also supported THE GUILD and Fontbonne Auxiliary.

"We've made gifts where we personally felt they would have the most impact," Mark says.

The Basile's generosity was never more evident than during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The Basiles enjoy a sunset while vacationing in Europe.

When personal protective equipment (PPE) was in short supply at area hospitals and medical centers, there was no question where Mark and his brother Steve (Vice President of Sales at Healthmark Industries) would donate critically needed items like face shields, gowns, gloves and N-95 masks on behalf of their company.

"We knew what St. John was going through when the COVID pandemic began," Mark says. "We wanted to

help as many people as possible as quickly as possible."

Kevin Grady, MD, President of Ascension St. John Hospital, is a longtime close friend of the Basiles. He offered insight into Mark's generosity.

"Not only is Mark a great friend — as well as a hidden gem of a chef — he's always first in line in terms of community support," Dr. Grady

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## New member spotlight: Peter Ahee

By becoming a McQuade Society member, Peter Ahee is carrying on a longstanding tradition of family support for Ascension St. John Hospital.

Peter is President of Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods. Peter's parents, Edmund and Bettejean, began forging a strong relationship with Ascension St. John shortly after opening their business at its present location in 1968.

Edmund was a Lifetime GUILD member, and Bettejean was a Lifetime Fontbonne Auxiliary member. They served on numerous fundraising and event committees, and established the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Cardiac Research. Ahee Jewelers also supported fundraising efforts for Ascension St. John's cardiovascular research programs. John Ahee, Peter's brother, was a McQuade Society member until he passed away last year.

"The McQuade Society benefits are wonderful and really help expedite medical care," Peter says.

For the past seven years, Peter has been an Ascension St. John Foundation

Board member. He became Board Chair this year. Peter is also leading the board member drive for the **Your Child, We Care** campaign for Pediatric Services renovations at Ascension St. John. Peter and his wife became McQuade Society members when he made a generous gift to the campaign. He hopes to inspire others to give to the hospital, which he calls a "community jewel."

"I was born at St. John along with three of my siblings," Peter says. "My three kids were born there, as well as multiple nieces and nephews. I received outstanding care and treatment at St. John several years ago for heart issues. My wife [Lisa Gilbert-Ahee, DO] is an OB/GYN there. So our family has multiple connections with St. John. It's always been our go-to for medical care."

"Our parents taught us that it's more important to give than receive. St. John helps so many people in so many ways. It's important that we carry on our tradition of family support."



Peter Ahee

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says. "Mark and Steve's donation of a truckload of personal protective equipment to Ascension St. John was a kind gesture that I'll remember for the rest of my life."

Mark and Maura joined the McQuade Society in 2015.

"We haven't had much occasion to use the society benefits, but I did have some important medical tests expedited through McQuade," Mark says. "When my internist retired, the society also

helped me find a new one. I've been very satisfied with our membership."

Mark says he's a McQuade Society advocate and often speaks about its member benefits. A number of his friends and family have since become members themselves.

"I was born at Ascension St. John, as were my two sons [Daniel and S. Peter]," Mark says. "In addition to my personal connections with the institution — which adds a certain level

of pride — the hospital is an important resource for the Grosse Pointes as well as the east side of Detroit.

"I encourage people to support Ascension St. John as well as other local healthcare institutions, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you're a part of the community, lend your support to St. John. It's in everyone's best interest."

## New McQuade Society members

Please welcome the following new members to the McQuade Society. They joined our exclusive group of loyal benefactors between Sept. 24, 2019, and Sept. 7, 2021.

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Afsari	Mr. and Mrs. Darnell James
Mr. Peter Ahee and Dr. Lisa Gilbert-Ahee	Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Krall
Mr. and Mrs. Victor R. Battani	Mercedes and Douglas Kucyk
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Bolton	Ross and Sarah Lewicki
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Caraway	Mr. and Mrs. Alex Matus
Mr. and Mrs. John Peracchio	Ms. Patricia E. Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Davis	Lorraine and Steve Owczarek
Dr. Marcus and Mrs. Melissa DeGraw	Jim and Vicki Papas
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dossin	Jason and Kristen Renner
Peter and Ellen Durand	Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Sattler Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy V. Fox	Ms. Geraldine Scaduto
Raymond J. Ghersi	Dr. Ryan Schureing
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Glenn	Mr. Christopher Provenzano and Mrs. Andrea Soave-Provenzano
Dr. and Mrs. Narendra D. Gohel	Ilja J. and Kelley A. Vreeken
Dr. Michael Harrison and Mrs. Sara DeMars	Dr. Abdallah Zamaria and Dr. Barbara Henike
Martha Henkel	

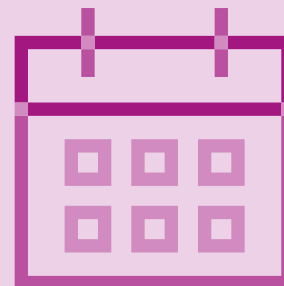
## Are you leaving a legacy?

The Legacy Society honors donors who demonstrate their deep commitment to Ascension St. John Foundation by including Ascension Michigan hospitals, programs or services within their estate plans. Legacy gifts are recognized during your lifetime and can be in the form of a charitable bequest or other planned giving arrangement. A planned gift of any amount qualifies you for this membership.

You can make a difference in the health of those in your community, leave a legacy and even achieve tax savings by making a planned gift and joining the Legacy Society.

As a Legacy Society member, you will receive a special pin to proudly wear and demonstrate to others your generous commitment to Ascension.

For more information on making a planned gift and joining the Legacy Society, please call 313-343-7480 and ask to speak with Stan Simek, Planned Giving Director.



## McQuade Society Reception postponed

Thank you so much for your continued support of Ascension St. John Hospital.

By now, you know that we made the difficult decision to reschedule the McQuade Society Reception, originally scheduled for Sept. 9, to the spring of 2022. This was due to the nature of the event taking place indoors, the surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant and the increase in COVID cases in our community. We will announce a new date once it has been finalized. The health and safety of YOU — our valued friends, as well as our providers, associates, patients and communities continues to be our top priority in relation to the coronavirus.

Thank you for your understanding...and stay safe!



## In memory of

The following McQuade members passed away (Sept. 24, 2019-Sept. 7, 2021).  
With deepest sympathy, we remember:

Bettejean J. Ahee	Roland Rinke
John J. Ahee	James Schroth
Michael C. Bolton	David C. Stone
Richard J. Gagnon	Robert J. Valice
Patricia J. Gardella	Virginia Vallee
Raymond J. Ghersi	Marie A. Vanden Boom
Milton Henkel	Ralph T. Vigliotti
Dan V. Kachadourian	Inge A. Vincent
Raymond A. Mabarak	Wayne W. Webber
Manuel J. Moroun	David M. Zalenski
William Rice	

Please note: If you know of a member who passed away, please contact us at 313-343-7480 so we can update our records. We may not hear of a loss firsthand or see the death notice; therefore names may be missed in this section.

## Membership reminder

Membership in the McQuade Society is available to our most loyal supporters to thank you for your generous commitment to Ascension St. John Hospital. Beth Carter is available to members to help you navigate your health services to ensure your complete satisfaction when using the hospital.

Please remember services are for members only. You may refer friends to us for membership if they wish to enjoy member privileges.

Memberships can also be gifted to others, such as your adult children or friends. Please ask us how!

Thanks to your assistance, McQuade membership has grown. When you refer your friends and family, it is the highest compliment. To make it easier to share information about how to qualify for membership, details are located at [stjohnprovfoundations.org/mcquade-society](http://stjohnprovfoundations.org/mcquade-society); or request brochures by calling 313-343-7480.

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