

# The Cutting Edge

As the week of Thanksgiving comes to a close, I am reminded of my fellow Kentuckian who, in 1863, proclaimed the last Thursday in November a national day of thanks. In the midst of a bitter civil war that had torn the country apart, Abraham Lincoln reminded Americans to take time out for thanksgiving and praise as he implored for restoration of "the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

While the U.S. could certainly use today more of the peace and harmony sought by our 16th president, there is much to be thankful for here in Lexington and within the Surgery on Sunday program. More than 400 volunteers are on our list to offer their time and talents to those needing surgery. Generous donors, both corporate and individual, regularly give to SOS through events, grants, and gifts so that we may continue to help others. Grateful patients and families regularly call or write to express their thanks. Everywhere I turn, support for Surgery on Sunday and our work is expressed in many ways.

Our week began on Sunday, November 19th, with 12 more patients undergoing procedures that have changed their lives. One patient, who came to the surgery center in so much pain she could not sit down to check in, was on top of the world as one of our nurses made a follow-up call to check on her Monday morning. She felt so good just a day after surgery that she was decorating her house for the holidays and looking forward to visitors!

Thanks to all of you who helped make November's surgery day possible, especially this month's surgeons **Dr. Joe Hill, Dr. Phil Hadley, Dr. Martin Favetto, Dr. Paul Kearney, Dr. Michael Moore, and Dr. Johannes Evans**. For grateful words from another recent patient's family, please see the feature below. Thank you for all you do to support Surgery on Sunday!

Gratefully,

Amanda Ferguson  
Executive Director

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## A Mother's Gratitude

The following is taken directly from a recent thank you letter from the mother of a young patient:

"My son has been privileged to benefit from your expertise at no cost. You have relieved a long-term medical concern of my son and a financial burden.

You did not spare your time or your expertise in favor of my son. You cannot imagine the joy and the peace in heart your gesture has provided to the entire family. No words will match the gratitude and satisfaction we have.

Many thanks for your kindness and professionalism. God bless you and wish you all the best."



## GoodGiving Challenge Kick-Off

Now that Black Friday has come and gone, join us on **Tuesday, November 28** - Giving Tuesday - as we kick-off the 2017 GoodGiving Challenge at **Mirror Twin Brewing** from

# THE 2017 GOOD GIVING CHALLENGE

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Enjoy cold Mirror Twin brews, hot Rolling Oven pizza, and stiff competition in the first Surgery on Sunday giant Connect Four tournament! The winner will receive 2 upper arena tickets to the UK vs Harvard basketball game on Saturday, December 2. Registration begins at 6:00 and the tournament will start at 7:00.

This event is intended to generate enthusiasm and support for our participation in the Challenge, a month-long giving program for local non-profits presented by the Blue Grass Community Foundation and Smiley Pete Publishing.

[GoodGiving Challenge Kick-Off on Facebook](#)

## Sweat4Surgeries 3.0

Registration is now open for Sweat4Surgeries 3.0, a 24-hour fitness marathon presented by Josh Bowen and Aspire Fitness. After raising nearly \$60,000 total the first two years, Josh has set a goal of \$50,000 for 2018!

Thank you to our presenting sponsor **Mt. Brilliant Farm** as well as **Bank of Lexington, Bryant Heating & Cooling, Colorectal Surgical and Gastroenterology Associates, Pathology and Cytology Labs, J.T. O'Connell/Century 21 Commonwealth Real Estate, The Lexington Clinic and Equity Management Group, Inc.** who have also signed on to sponsor the third annual event. For more information and to register, click the link below.



[Sweat4Surgeries 3.0](#)

## Register Now!



Registration remains open for the third annual Perfect 10 miler & 10K road race on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 9:00 am. All proceeds will benefit Surgery on Sunday.

Participants will run through picturesque Mt. Brilliant Farm and along tranquil Huffman Mill Pike. All registrants will receive a commemorative dri fit race shirt. Chip timing will be provided, and overall & age group awards (10 Miler) and overall awards (10K) will be presented. Post race food and drink will be served at the Mt. Brilliant Entertainment Barn.

This race is great preparation for many area half and full marathons like Run The Bluegrass, Kentucky Derby Festival, and Horse Capital, and the course is entirely on paved surfaces. The pace limit for the 10 Miler is 15 min/mile. There is none for the 10K and walkers are welcome. No dogs or strollers will be allowed. Click the link below to register!

[The Perfect 10 Miler and 10K](#)

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