

# The Cutting Edge

Ten patients were on the schedule for Sunday, August 19 and 5 different surgeons donated their time and talents to operate. Thank you to **Dr. William Cavatassi, Dr. Johannes Evans, Dr. Tad Hughes, Dr. Blake Isernhagen, and Dr. Paul Kearney** for providing surgeries. Thanks also to **Dr. Jud Chalkley** who served as our supervising anesthesiologist.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team. Whether you are clinical or in another line of work, we can find a place for you. Aside from surgery Sundays, other opportunities to be involved include providing **breakfast or lunch for volunteers** on a surgery day, **working in the SOS office** during the week, or being a **corporate sponsor** for an upcoming fundraising event. Call us any time in the office at 859/246-0046. No matter your role, thank you for your support of Surgery on Sunday and the patients we serve!

Gratefully,

Amanda Ferguson  
Executive Director

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## Patient Perspective



One of Dr. Evans's patients from August returned her patient survey and provided the following testimonial:

"I am the working poor. When I heard that I was blind in my left eye due to a cataract and my right eye had one too, I knew I was going to go blind. I have a family of four in my home who depend on me. My husband is a retired engineer who has dementia. My son has ADHD and Tourette's, and I am raising two grandsons.

What money we saved was lost in the stock market. Now we are on a fixed income of Social Security and my Avon sales. I was referred to Surgery on Sunday. I was amazed and felt blessed beyond what I deserve. Everyone, Dr. Evans, his office staff, the surgical team at the hospital (Lexington Surgery Center) treated me with respect. I hope to one day repay their generosity and kindness. God bless all the donors and the grants; the volunteers for giving me and my family my gift of sight."

## City Barbeque Fundraiser

On **Friday, September 14**, we will have our first fundraising day with **City Barbeque** at **3292 Richmond Road** in Lexington! All customers who present this digital image any time that day - from 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. - will have 25% of their purchase donated back to Surgery on Sunday. It's simple: eat barbeque, change lives!



## Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer of the Month for August is **Dr. Kenneth "Tad" Hughes**. Dr. Hughes has been volunteering with Surgery on Sunday since the program began in 2005.

He is originally from Oklahoma City, OK and attended the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. Dr. Hughes then completed an Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and now works at Kentucky Ear, Nose & Throat at the

Lexington Clinic.



He and his wife Dawn have been married for more than 32 years. They have two children: a daughter, Taylor (27), and a son, Sam (23). They also have a French bulldog named Hugo. Tad loves to play golf and run, and, not surprisingly, his favorite college football team is the Oklahoma Sooners.

Something people might be surprised to know about Dr. Hughes is that he loves to sing, and according to the surgery scheduler in his office, Regina, he is quite good at it. When asked what he likes most about volunteering with Surgery on Sunday, he says "I love to be able to do medical mission close to home. I am also impressed by all the volunteers that are the catalysts for such a beneficial program. Lastly, I love the patients' gratitude for what the program has done for them."

Regina also shared that Dr. Hughes "is a truly compassionate man that cares for his patients' overall well-being. He is thoughtful, gracious and conscientious of others' feelings. He is never condescending nor does he place himself above others. It has been a pleasure to work with him in caring for his patients."

Thank you, Dr. Hughes, for all you do for Surgery on Sunday and our patients!

## Donation Options

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