

The Cutting Edge

What a day! On Sunday, November 17 our volunteers changed the lives of 16 patients by providing free outpatient surgery for them. Nine different surgeons offered procedures and we are thankful for **Dr. Matthew Bailey, Dr. Greg Cowen, Dr. John Draus, Dr. Johannes Evans, Dr. Tad Hughes, Dr. Paul Kearney, Dr. Andy Moore, Dr. Kaveh Sajadi, and Dr. Ross Tekulve**. Thanks also to **Dr. Anjum Bux** and **Dr. Phil Hall** for providing anesthesia, and to our team of nearly 50 other volunteers who made the day possible! Breakfast was provided by **Panera Bread** on Nicholasville Road and a delicious homemade lunch was prepared by **Chefs in Christ**, based at Broadway Christian Church.



As we prepare to share Thanksgiving with family and friends, there is much to be thankful for in the Surgery on Sunday family and we wish you a relaxing and joyous holiday!

With gratitude,

Amanda Ferguson,
Executive Director

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Volunteer of the Month



Our Volunteer of the Month for November is **Amy Lambert, RN**. Amy works in both pre-op and PACU and has been volunteering with SOS for a little more than a year. Her family is originally from Kentucky but she was born in Fort Wayne, IN and earned her nursing degree from the University of Kentucky.

Amy currently works at UK in Clinical Documentation Integrity, using her clinical experience to review and evaluate medical records. She and her husband, Alex Tsappis, have been married for 16 years and have a 12-year-old son, Lukas. She has a stepdaughter, Gabriella, who is 22, as well as a fur baby, an Aussie doodle named Sherman.

Amy enjoys watching soccer, especially when her son is playing, and is also a UK basketball fan. While living in Cyprus for 11 years, Amy says she managed to learn enough Greek to work as a nurse there but was at a loss for words the first time she had to give blood to a patient. She had to go downstairs and get it from a taxi driver!

Amy's favorite thing about volunteering with Surgery on Sunday is being able to give something to others in need while doing something that she enjoys. She says "there is no hassle or fuss, as everyone has chosen to spend their time there doing something good" and it has been a wonderful experience for her.

Thank you, Amy, for sharing your time and talents with the patients in our program!

Patient Gratitude

"I cannot thank you enough for accepting me into your program and referring me to Dr. Evans. I am amazed at the improvement in my vision. I have never been able to see so well. The improvement in my vision has impacted my entire life. I am not afraid to drive at night anymore. Your care and kindness are so appreciated." - CD

"This is the most amazing group of people you could imagine. Medically, I was headed off a cliff and with good humor and compassion, they turned me around. I did better than hit the lottery. That's just money. This was hitting the reset button on my life. I will be forever grateful!" - MF



Good Giving Challenge



Our annual kick-off of the **GoodGiving Challenge** is next week on Giving Tuesday, **December 3**. We are hosting a pizza party at **Mirror Twin Brewing** at 725 National Avenue from 6-8 pm. There will be complimentary pizza for SOS volunteers and stiff competition in the third annual Surgery on Sunday giant Connect Four tournament! The tournament winner will take home two tickets to the UK basketball game against Fairleigh Dickinson on Saturday, December 7.

Join us to celebrate the charitable season and share your support of Surgery on Sunday on social media!

[Giving Tuesday Pizza Party](#)

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