

The Cutting Edge

As 2019 comes to a close, I am thankful for every volunteer who made possible the 86 surgical procedures provided this year by Surgery on Sunday. Nineteen different surgeons did those cases and dozens more nurses, surgical techs, anesthesiologists, CRNAs, SRNAs, and other clinical and office staff shared their time and abilities to help others. We also completed another 23 in-office procedures outside of our regular surgery days, including colonoscopies and EGDs. While all of these were done without cost to the patients, their marketplace value is easily more than \$1,000,000.



People needing surgery frequently call the office and ask how much their procedure will cost. When I tell them there is no charge at all if they qualify under our guidelines, they often find it too good to be true and are overwhelmed with gratitude. Whether you volunteer on a surgery day or in the office, sponsor an event, register for a workout class, run in a race, make a donation of any amount, or even like or share a post on social media, please know that your support of Surgery on Sunday helps us make a difference every day. Thank you for helping us change lives and may 2020, our fifteenth year, be our best yet!

With gratitude,

Amanda Ferguson,
Executive Director

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Volunteer of the Month



The Volunteer of the Month for December is **Daniel Yun, SRNA**, who has been volunteering with Surgery on Sunday for about a year. After shadowing a surgery day in the summer of 2018, he says he "knew he wanted to become part of the team."

Originally from Korea, Daniel moved to the U.S. during his junior year of high school in 2010 but lived in England and Jordan before then. He attended the University of Kentucky for his undergraduate degree and also trained to be a nurse assistant through UK's summer courses.

Daniel currently works in the catheterization lab at UK's Gill Heart & Vascular Institute. As a nurse assistant, he provides patient care for both inpatient and outpatient procedures. His dog, Teddy, is a Maltese and Dachshund mix and Daniel says he is the baby of the house and knows it. After Teddy joined the family last year, Daniel can't imagine his home without him!

Daniel works out regularly and loves watching the Olympics and World Cup because of the way they bring people together from all over the world. On his brother's recommendation, he is currently watching a Netflix series called Ozark and says it's "getting really intense." He enjoys the gritty atmosphere of every episode and says he knows he's late on the boat but is glad there are two seasons to binge on!

Daniel's favorite thing about Surgery on Sunday is "how everybody is gathered together under one mission: to provide for those who need it." He believes it is "quite something to see people come every month during a weekend to volunteer when nobody is paying or forcing them to do it. It's out of people's heart and their belief in the mission that makes SOS special."

Thank you, Daniel, for your always positive attitude and your willingness to jump in wherever your help is needed on a surgery day!

K-LOVE's Positive People

Surgery on Sunday was thrilled to be featured on national radio station **K-LOVE's** "Positive People" segment earlier this month as regular Sunday on-air personality **Monika Kelly** interviewed our executive director Amanda Ferguson. In addition to

a website feature, where you just might see some familiar faces, an audio was aired several times and is available at the link below. Thank you to each and every volunteer who makes our program possible. We are glad to share with K-LOVE's 20 million weekly listeners the wonderful work you do!



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The 5th annual Sweat4Surgeries event is just around the corner and **Josh Bowen** of **Aspire Fitness** is well on his way to reaching this year's fundraising goal of \$51,000! The 2020 version, on January 24 and 25, will have an even wider variety of workout classes than in 2019 and registration is open now at the website below.

Many thanks to **Mt. Brilliant Farm** and the Goodman family for being this year's presenting sponsor. Thank you also to the following sponsors: **Arena Chiropractic, Bank of Lexington, Blo Blow Dry Bar, Bluegrass Orthopaedics, CHI Saint Joseph Health, Clark Material Handling, Downtown Doctors Brown, Lexington Clinic, Lexington Diagnostic Center, Retina Associates of Kentucky, and Sturgill Turner.**

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