

The Cutting Edge

As we all continue to adjust to and navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope this email finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Surgery on Sunday has not been able to host a surgery day since February but we have our fingers crossed for a June or July surgery date. We have been receiving a few referrals and are getting caught up with record-keeping and follow-up from past surgery patients. Kelly Hale and I have also been working diligently on our Service Enterprise project with [Serve Kentucky](#). We are excited about this opportunity for our program to be recognized among the top nonprofits in the country through the [Points of Light Foundation](#) and it will be a significant accomplishment for Surgery on Sunday.

We are also pleased to share another project we've been finalizing over the last few months - promotional videos! We were fortunate to wrap up filming on our February surgery date and in the studio shortly thereafter, and we think the staff at Pinnacle Productions did an excellent job capturing what Surgery on Sunday is all about! Take a look at the following links: [Surgery on Sunday - full video](#); [Surgery on Sunday - vignette](#)

With gratitude,

Amanda Ferguson,
Executive Director

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Volunteer of the Month



Our Volunteer of the Month for April is Certified Healthcare Interpreter **Lynn Fors, M.A.** Lynn worked for St. Joseph Hospital as coordinator of language and cultural services and became aware of SOS when it first began. In her roles at St. Joe, she worked with many immigrants and thought it was "wonderful to have such a service for people who previously had no options for surgery." She has been friends with Tony Reyes, SOS interpreter coordinator, for quite awhile and started by helping him recruit interpreters. Now, she regularly attends surgery days and is an integral part of making medical history calls and scheduling appointments for our non-English speaking patients.

Lynn is originally from Massachusetts but has lived in Kentucky since 1997. As an undergraduate student, she spent a semester in Spain that changed her life. With a degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, it was a natural fit for her to become a medical interpreter and she received training through Bridging the Gap with Catholic Charities of Louisville. She was nationally certified in 2012 and for the last three years has worked at Access Language Solutions, a nonprofit that she founded. She currently serves as ALS's executive director and leads them in offering professional interpreting and translation for previously underserved entities and populations. She also does freelance interpreting for Fayette County Public Schools and Kentucky Refugee Ministries.

Lynn has been married to Everardo (Lalo) for 12 years and they have a 16-year old son named Danny. She also has two stray cats, Max and Ruby, who showed up about 10 years ago and never left. Lynn is a big Boston Red Sox fan but does NOT want to talk about her favorite player who was recently traded to the Dodgers. A few months ago, she saw the documentary Fantastic Fungi and still can't stop thinking about it, and she religiously watches silly reality shows like 90 Day Fiancé and Married at First Sight.

Lynn's favorite thing about Surgery on Sunday is that it's a place "where you can get away from the negativity" that is seemingly all around us. She goes on to say that "helping people get life-changing services changes our lives, too. It's very satisfying to be involved in making the phone calls, scheduling the interpreters for pre-op appointments, and then meeting the patients on surgery day."

KY Gives Day - May 12

KY Gives Day is a 24-hour online fundraising event bringing charities and Kentuckians together for a powerful day of action. The

COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected nonprofits throughout the commonwealth and this statewide fundraiser will be crucial to continuing the excellent work of so many organizations. Surgery on Sunday has set a goal of raising \$10,000 between now and Tuesday, May 12. To donate or register as a fundraiser, please visit the website below.

[KY Gives Day - Surgery on Sunday](#)



Office Relocation



Another big project we've been working on is moving the Surgery on Sunday offices from our current location on Waller Avenue to Harrodsburg Road on the other side of St. Joe Hospital. The house at 1594 Harrodsburg Road had been occupied by the CHI diabetes and nutrition staff but they recently moved to a space more conducive to seeing patients. We are so thankful to CHI St. Joseph Health for providing office space to SOS, rent-free, and are excited to move to a location with more square footage, individual offices, a kitchen, and windows! We've pulled up carpet - yep, Kelly Hale, Nancy Johnson, and Amanda Ferguson did it - moved furniture, done a lot of cleaning, and have painters there now giving the entire place a fresh coat.

Our plan is to move the week of April 27th and have everything set up and ready to go on May 1. We can't wait to have you over to our new place, and, in fact, may end up hosting our anniversary celebration there. Check it out if you drive by and look for SOS signage coming soon!

Anniversary Celebration

Currently, we don't know if we will be able to celebrate our 15th anniversary at the Legends game on **Sunday, June 28**. Surgery on Sunday is scheduled to be the community organization of the night and volunteers and their families will have reserved field box seating in the Stables area of the park if the games are being played. We hope to let everyone know by mid-May. Stay tuned!

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