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Please include the name of the person and who you would like notified. CoxHealth Foundation will send a tax receipt to you and notification to the family of your gift.



## Stopping Neglect with a Safe Place to Sleep

**It's a well known fact** that southwest Missouri has one of the highest rates of child abuse and neglect in our state. The Springfield-Greene County Health department has repeatedly brought together non-profit organizations to brainstorm on methods to combat common forms of abuse. One that stood out was the growing number of children that were dying due to co-sleeping. Parents who could not afford a crib were putting their babies in bed with them or other siblings and accidentally asphyxiating the children in pillows or covers. Agencies also reported finding babies in drawers, dog beds, boxes and other unsafe places. Injuries reported were caused by children falling out of these makeshift beds.

The CoxHealth Foundation took the initiative in 2005 to form the Safe Cribs Project of Springfield, writing a grant to the Children's Trust Fund and securing funding to purchase cribs for high risk families. Together with over 14 community partners including the Health Department, Parents as Teachers, Parenting Life Skills Center, Mercy, Lutheran Family and Children's Services, Pregnancy Care Center, Family Medical Care Center at CoxHealth, Children's Miracle Network, Catholic Charities, Doula Foundation and more, this collaboration began offering not just a crib, but education in safe sleep, Shaken Baby Syndrome and ways to bond with a child to reduce stress in being a caregiver. Parents were now being connected to partner agencies for additional services and in five years 800 cribs were distributed.

When the Children's Trust Fund grant ran out, the CoxHealth Foundation was determined to keep this important program going. Pam Bryant with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department has credited the Safe Cribs Project with helping to reduce the numbers of child deaths in Springfield and aiding in building stronger families. The CoxHealth Foundation has since received grants from the Darr Family Foundation, the Junior League of Springfield and this past month, the Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation. To date over 900 children have now been placed in safe sleep environments thanks to the support of donors to the program. If you'd like to help combat child abuse and neglect by joining us in this effort, send your gift to the CoxHealth Foundation marked Safe Cribs. Your gift will help another child sleep safely tonight.

"The Safe Cribs Project has saved the lives of local children."

~ Lisa Alexander, CHF President

## Fans for Life



Record-breaking temperatures have made this summer a difficult one for seniors. With the thermometer hitting triple-digits 3-4 times each week, the elderly can find themselves in 120-degree, life-threatening situations with poor ventilation and/or a lack of resources to cool their homes. Through funds provided by the Greene County Senior Citizens Tax Fund (GCSCTF), both CoxHealth Foundation and Oxford HealthCare have teamed up to extend the "Fans for Life" program to benefit these individuals with relief from the heat. Grant monies allow volunteers to purchase cooling fans for low-income seniors and deliver them into over 600 homes. This opportunity also allows the Oxford volunteer to visit with them in their home to share information on the signs of heat exhaustion and what steps they can take to avoid a dangerous situation.

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## A letter from the CEO of CoxHealth



**I am pleased to share** with you that CoxHealth has been named by U.S. News & World Report a Best Hospital in 2012! CoxHealth was the only Springfield hospital named to the list, and the only Springfield hospital recognized as “high performing” in any medical specialty. CoxHealth was recognized by the publication as a high-performing hospital in five specialties: Ear, Nose and Throat, Gastroenterology, Gynecology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, and Pulmonology.

Of the more than 100 hospitals in Missouri, CoxHealth tied for fourth in the state only behind such well-known institutions as Barnes-Jewish Hospital, University of Missouri Health Care and Missouri Baptist Medical Center.

The Best Hospitals’ rankings are largely based on objective measures of hospital performance and hospital resources, such as patient survival rates and nurse staffing levels. Each hospital’s reputation among physicians is also a factor.

Your generosity and compassion helps us to be the best for our patients, and to achieve this prestigious recognition. Thank you for your continued support as we provide world-class care to the people of southwest Missouri.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Edwards



## Battle Blossoms...

**At ten years old**, Samantha Magill had a mission — she wanted a horse and saddle. The talented pre-teen created hair berets to sell hoping to raise the money for her dream. Then she learned her dad’s good friend had fallen out of remission and turned her sights instead on helping him.

Samantha now calls her berets **Battle Blossoms** as she hopes the money instead will help others like her friend Rick Allenbrand combat their disease. All of the proceeds from her sales are now going to the Allenbrand Resource Center inside the Hulston Cancer Center to provide the services that assist cancer patients each day. Samantha has a website: [www.facebook.com/magillk9Mikes](http://www.facebook.com/magillk9Mikes) where you can help this fabulous 5th grader accomplish her goal — helping others.

## Will you help give a HUG to a patient in need?

**Have you ever needed something** so badly and had nowhere to turn for help? This is a daily occurrence at CoxHealth with patients who find themselves uninsured or underinsured for their immediate health care needs. Recently a post surgical patient found herself suffering from lymphedema. This occurs when there is swelling because of a blockage of the lymph passages. In her case, due to a mastectomy. She required pressure garments to help ease the swelling and pain but could not afford the garments that would get her back on the road to recovery. Thanks to a great case worker, the patient was connected with the CoxHealth Foundation and the HUG

fund provided her with what she needed. HUG, which stands for Help for Uninsured-Grants is new this year. The fund honors the late Neil Wortley, a former CoxHealth administrator who always had a hug and sought help for those patients who struggled. The “hand-up” this fund provides is already impacting and empowering patients back to good health. Since it’s inception in April of this year, \$29,000 has been donated toward our goal of \$50,000. If you’d like to give a HUG to a patient in need, please use the enclosed envelope to send your gift to the CoxHealth Foundation today.

## Save the Date!

For more information on any of these events, call us at 269-7150.

### September 9-10:

**The Julian Golf Pro-Am** at LedgeStone in Branson. All are welcome to participate in this golf tournament to benefit ALS patients. Sunday night offers an auction and dinner with KY3’s Ned Reynolds as your host. Tourney tees off at 11:00am with lunch and gift bags for participants. Sponsors and teams are welcome.



### September 24:

**Boys Against Breast Cancer and Ozarks Women’s Links** at Millwood Golf and Racquet Club. Men tee off in the morning, ladies in the afternoon. All are welcome for this four person scramble with great prizes and rewards knowing women with breast cancer will benefit from your time on the course. \$600 a team.



### October 17-18:

**Dillard’s Day** at Cox South. All are welcome to shop this special sale by Dillard’s in the physician’s dining room off the Cafeteria. 7:30am-4 :00pm.

You can register for any special event by going to [coxhealthfoundation.com](http://coxhealthfoundation.com) and clicking the Special Events tab.

### October 26:

**Trivia Night** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Join us for wacky questions and wild fun with trivia for all ages! Dress your table in theme and win great prizes.

Tables of 8 are \$80.

### November 15:

**Breast Care Fund Silent Auction** at Foster Auditorium located inside Cox South Hospital. All are welcome at this silent auction to benefit breast cancer patients at CoxHealth. Over 100 great items are up for bid from 7:30am-2:00pm including autographed celebrity items, restaurant and travel packages, a hot air balloon ride, home décor and more. *To donate contact us at 269-7150.*