Greetings!

Fall has finally arrived with the colorful changing of the leaves and the frost on the pumpkin! You will notice the change in colors in our gift shops from maize and blue to orange to black to brown to red and green as we celebrate the upcoming holidays. We will have lots of new merchandise with the transition of the holidays and we invite you in to browse, to be enticed, to shop, and of course, even to purchase these unique items. As always, we thank you for your help and support as we continue our mission to provide assistance to the patients and their families.

This summer, the Friends Gift Shops participated in the annual employee ice cream social in August. We distributed a lot of prizes from our hourly drawings and also provided employees with a discount coupon for one purchase in the gift shop. It was a beautiful day to be in the courtyard passing on the word about Friends and we all enjoyed meeting the employees and listening to the great music.

On November 19th, gift shop volunteers are invited to attend our Fall Appreciation Luncheon in the Towsley Center Lobby. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to the volunteers that are involved in the daily running of our gift shops and to the employees who support our mission with their purchases. Together we are making great strides for our patients and their families.

Karen Stern,
What’s Going On With Friends Gift Shops?

2014 Ice Cream Social
The UMHS Friends Gift Shops participated in the Ice Cream Social again this year and added two banners to their pop-up tent for easy identification and as well as a way of thanking the staff...

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A new face at the CVC Friends with a Heart Gift Shop

William hails from Ann Arbor and has been working with the UM temp agency for six months. Previously, he worked at Mott as a PSA before his...

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Friends with a Heart Gift Shop

The Mardigian Resource Wellness Center houses the Friends with a Heart gift shop, which opened in 2007. The fourth gift shop to open, it has a somewhat different mission than the other three gift shops. Focusing on...

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Managers Musing: What's going on at the Gift Shops?
Greetings Friends and Family,

This quarter finds us transitioning into Fall. You will begin to see many items around the Shops with that theme. I will be posting pictures to our Twitter and Facebook pages of these great products. Feel free to forward to your friends and family...

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Why Volunteer at the UMHS Friends Gift Shops?

Do your friends and family ever ask you why you volunteer at the Friends Gift Shops?...

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Make a Difference

Your voice is important. Consider serving on the Board of Directors for Friends Gift Shops. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

Interested in Making a UM Difference? Visit our website link on the left column 'Get Involved' for more information about Volunteering at our UMHS Friends Gift Shops or being a part of our Friends Board.

A Recap on Past Fund Grant Recipients

Gifts of Art

Friends support for Gifts of Art over the years has resulted in one of the best and most comprehensive arts in healthcare
programs in the United States. The National Endowment for...  
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Wings of Wonder
Currently we are utilizing the Friends funding for the other programs identified in the grant, i.e., Leslie Science & Nature Center and Hands On Museum monthly...  
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Child and Family Health
I am writing on behalf of the Child & Family Life department. It is with tremendous appreciation that we thank the FRIENDS for their steadfast commitment to supporting our department on...  
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Canton Health Center Radiology
We are extremely grateful for the grant you provided allowing us to purchase a patient blanket warmer, for the Canton Health Center Radiology/CT Department...  
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Cancer Center Patient & Family Support Services
Sue Wintemeyer-Pingel and our team were generously awarded a Friends Award this past fall to develop the "Life Images of Today and Tomorrow" photography program for adult cancer patients and...  
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Survival Flight Bears
For twenty years Survival Flight has been able to give special teddy bears to the children who are transported by our flight team. These teddy bears help give comfort to the children who are undergoing treatment...  
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Ronald McDonald House
Your gift is changing the lives of children! We believe that when you change a child’s life you change their family, their community and ultimately the world...  
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Seeking funding for your UM Department projects? Please check out our Friends website link on the left column under 'Need Funding'.
UMHS Friends Gift Shops Cordially invites their Gift Shop Volunteers to a Fall Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday November 19, 2014.
Noon-2PM
Towsley Center Lobby

Please mark your calendars!
(Email Evites to follow with details)

Sincerely,

Karen Stern,
UMHS Friends Gift Shops Board Communications Director