Pythians Support Calvary Hospital

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias support several charities including Calvary Hospital. WE HELP PEOPLE is our motto. Through its Dr. Morris Smoller Social Services Fund, Grand Lodge donated $3,000 to support Calvary’s mission of compassionate, comprehensive care.

[Photo Caption: PDSC Sir Michael Sukenick (l) and PCDGC Ron Klare presents $3,000 donation check to Mary McQuaid, Executive Asst. of Calvary Funding. Photo by Grand Outer Guard Randy Silverman]

The Order of Knights of Pythias is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order, established in 1864 in Washington, DC, by Justus H. Rathbone and was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress. Its distinguishing principles are "FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE". Domains of the Order exist in most states and provinces, and subordinate lodges are located in many cities and towns across the United States and Canada. New York Grand Lodge supports charities, including the Pythian Humanitarian Fund, Diabetes Research Association, Pythian Camp, Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund (which supports health and elder care institutions) and the Special Olympics. For information on becoming a member of the New York State Order of the Knights of Pythias please visit KOPNY.com to be contacted by the Membership Committee (email: GSNYKOP@gmail.com). You may find a lodge near you by visiting the lodge listing page, or by contacting Grand Lodge.
January 31, 2017

Dr. Morris Smoller Social Services Fund
C/o Mr. Michael Sukenick
71 South Central Avenue

Dear Mr. Sukenick,

I am writing with warm regards and personal appreciation. We recently received Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund’s Storms Society contribution of $3,000.00 (Check Date: 12/29/2016 and Check #: 1188). Your generosity means so much to our patients and their families, and to our staff.

Every charitable organization has a few especially generous friends whose commitment to the mission is extraordinary. You are one of those rare people for Calvary, and I want you to know how much we appreciate your help.

Your gifts help provide care for people in desperate need of physical, emotional, and spiritual comfort at the end of life. When we hold the hands of a man or woman who is living their final days and hours, your hand is there, too.

Far too many people in this country die abandoned and in pain. This is tragic beyond belief. Your ongoing commitment to our mission helps us live out Calvary’s firm belief that no one should ever die alone. And no one should spend their final days in physical or emotional pain.

We provide care far above what most hospitals, nursing homes, or hospices provide, and much of that care could not happen without generosity like yours. We never forget that.

Many of our patients tell us they will carry the memory of our care with them into the next life. When they do that, they will carry your love and concern as well. Thank you.

With my heartfelt gratitude,

Timothy P. Barr
Executive Vice President

Pursuant of Section 170(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, I would note that this is the total amount of the gift and that no goods and services were provided to you in recognition of the gift.