



## Summer at St. Jude! Photo Gallery



*Independence Day Photo Station in the Volunteer Office*



*Beverage Cart outside an inpatient unit*



*"Mad-scientist" student-led event in the Imagine Room*





*Volunteer campus tour*



*Cold Treat Trolley in action*



## **St. Jude Summer Volunteer Program**

The St. Jude Summer Volunteer Program welcomed 21 volunteers who served in many roles during June and July. Participants served as Ready Runners, rounding wagons and wheelchairs throughout campus; led games and activities at night in the Imagine Room; and played with patients and siblings, while cleaning toys in outpatient Child Life playrooms. Additionally, many volunteered to run an Amenities Cart for families staying at Tri Delta Place and others served in the St. Jude Garden, helping grow and harvest produce for the Kay Kafe and the St. Jude Farmer's Market. These dedicated volunteers contributed 1,236 hours and greatly enhanced the patient and family experience during their time here.



Summer Program volunteers pictured: Elizabeth Caradonna, Lacy Milan, Makenzie Organ, Yu Min Lee, and Katherine Nesbitt

## Student-Led Program Events



The Family, Guest and Volunteer Services Department partnered with the Pediatric Oncology Education (POE) program and Human Resources to host five themed events for St. Jude patients and families at each of the St. Jude housing facilities and in the hospital. These events were held at Tri Delta Place, Parcels at Crosstown Concourse, Ronald McDonald House, Target House, and the Imagine Room. Event volunteers consisted of both St. Jude summer interns and POE students. Each event had a different theme, and the volunteers helped bring fun and joy to patients and their families.



## St. Jude Volunteer Program 2019

This summer 34 new teens and 11 returning teen leaders were selected to participate in the St. Jude 2019 Volunteer Program.

This program allowed the teens to provide fun-filled activities for patients and siblings each day, explore health and research-related careers, and gain a better understanding of, while also making a connection to, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Here is what one Volunteer had to say about the experience:

"While I came into Volunteer looking mainly for exposure to the medical field, I came out of my time at St. Jude a more compassionate, caring person, and I shared so many valuable moments with patients and their families. My experience has inspired me to live with the purpose of serving others."

*Visit the link below to view a recap and photos from both sessions of the 2019 Volunteer Program.*

[2019 Volunteer Program Recap](#)

## St. Jude Women's Club Golf-A-Round

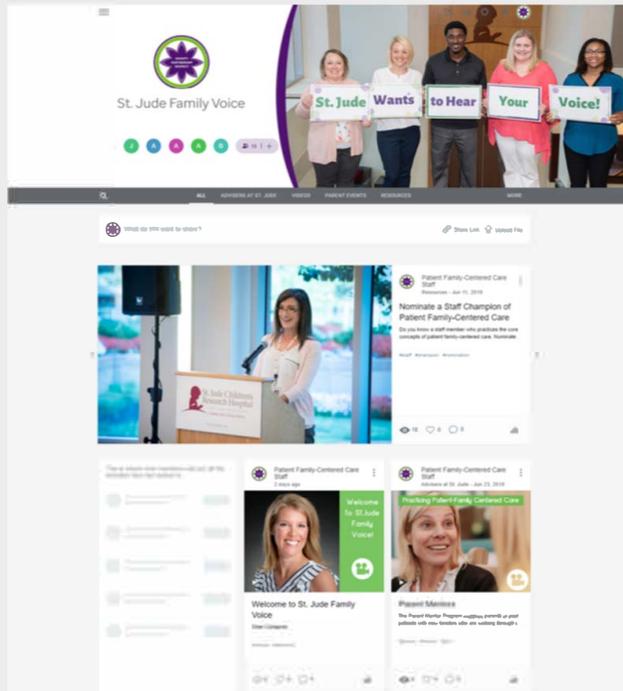
Upon the departure of the original co-chairs, newly elected chairs, Tehani Barton and Hailey Skonhvd, graciously stepped in to organize the 20th annual St. Jude Women's Club (SJWC) Golf-A-Round. Judy Bosi, a former co-chair, assisted. In coordination with ALSAC, club members hosted a memorable event for more than 75 patients and family members. New, professional putting greens provided by ALSAC were available for the patients. Several pros, including Bryson DeChambeau (7th in the PGA Tour World Ranking), Chez Reavie (27th) and Max



Homa (96th) attended the event. SJWC volunteers served delicious snacks, including beautifully decorated hole-in-one donuts, and worked various activity stations offering arts and crafts, face painting and a photo station while the pros played golf with the patients and signed autographs. The golfer mascot portrayed this year by Diana Storment, Melissa Sessions and Mary Anne Giannini made its annual appearance. The entire team came together to make this a special day for all in attendance. It was a shining example of SJWC members in action.



## Introducing St. Jude Voice



Patient Family-Centered Care (PFCC) continues to grow the ways it is connecting the voice of the patient family with the staff of St. Jude. Now, no parent will miss an opportunity to share insight regardless of location, time or work obligation. PFCC has invested in a new tool to communicate with St. Jude caregivers through a Virtual Advisory Council (VAC), a 24/7 online platform. This VAC is called St. Jude Voice and it will feature two communities, Family Voice and Legacy Voice, to support each community's unique needs. Legacy Voice will host our bereaved families, while Family Voice is for families in active treatment or post treatment. St. Jude Voice will offer parents the chance to contribute their thoughts to all kinds of hospital initiatives in an online setting. This VAC platform will be a useful resource for parents to take surveys, learn about PFCC programming, and provide St. Jude with helpful insight from the parent perspective. St. Jude Voice had its soft launch in July with a full launch in October during PFCC Awareness Month.

