

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I would like to become an Advocate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Check all areas of interest:

- Board of Directors
- General Fundraising
- Mystery, Malt, and Merlot
- Scholarships & Grants Funding Committees
- Volunteer Opportunities / Community Service

### Membership / Marketing

#### Select Advocate Membership preference:

- One year: \$20
- Three years: \$50
- One-year Senior (65+): \$15
- Three-Year Senior (65+): \$35

Lifetime: \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation appreciated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please return this form and your check made payable to:

The Advocates for Upstate Medical University  
750 East Adams Street, Suite 1401E  
Syracuse, NY 13210

315-464-5610  
[www.upstate.edu/advocates](http://www.upstate.edu/advocates)

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PATIENT CARE  
AND  
EDUCATION

JOIN NOW -

### BECOME AN ADVOCATE

The Advocates – a dynamic, membership-based organization is looking for you – someone eager to help enhance patient care within Upstate Medical University. YOU can become involved by volunteering at its numerous hospital-based patient care initiatives, community education service programs, fundraising and grant initiatives. Contact The Advocates to get involved. Give back, make a difference, and enjoy our member social events throughout the year.

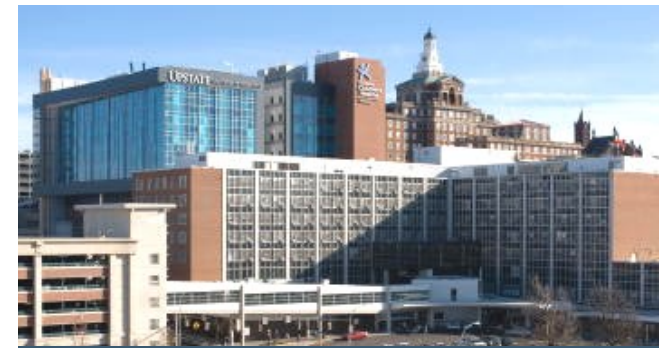
The Advocates' strength and direction comes from its membership base. With your involvement, this century-old organization will continue to create new, engaging ways to instill the comfort and dependability

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of patients



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serving Downtown and Community campuses



JOIN US!

# Join us in making a difference in the lives of

## GET TO KNOW THE ADVOCATES

The Advocates is a membership organization of volunteers whose mission is to serve Upstate Medical University and its hospitals on both campuses. It does this by raising funds and awarding grants to improve patient care and education. In addition to fundraising, through their volunteer and service efforts, The Advocates enhance public health initiatives in our community. It offers unique ways to better serve patients, families, and hospital staff, and it is actively recruiting Advocate members.

“The presence of a caring, compassionate volunteer at your side, speaks quiet, powerful words to patients, families and the community seeking care at Upstate. There is the broad Advocate impact of raising funds and supporting programs to improve the quality delivered to our region, the immediate impact of a friendly escort at discharge or a much needed stroke of a pet therapy dog for patients, families and our staff. The Advocates are a true partner within our Upstate Team, one which we could not do without!”

*Nancy E. Page, MS, RN, NEA-BC*

## FUNDRAISING:

The Advocates' grant funding and scholarship programs are sustained by the service contracts The Advocates holds at the hospitals. Their contract partners include: Tele-Health (patient television service), Lori's Gift Shops, EspressoOasis Coffee Bar, Café Kubal, American Food and Vending, and Dazzle Gifts on the Hill. The money raised by these contracts has allowed The Advocates to support many programs and projects, including:

Grants for diverse programs and occasions serving both the Downtown and Community Campuses. Grants awarded for 2018-2019 include:

- ◆ National Cancer Survivors' Day Celebration
- ◆ Volunteer Appreciation Events
- ◆ Employee Recognition Day
- ◆ BooBoo Bear in My Chair  
Clark Burn Center
- ◆ Dental Supplies for those in need
- ◆ Spiritual Care Program
- ◆ Donate Life Night with the Chiefs
- ◆ Hospital School Program
- ◆ Therapeutic Recreation Patient & Family Enrichment Program

Scholarships: Advocates Youth Scholarships are awarded to Junior and Teen Volunteers. The Nellie Hurley Scholarships are awarded to employees and adult volunteers who are pursuing studies in health-related fields at an accredited institution.

Funding for Nursing Recruitment & Retention and Employee Events including Hospital Week and Employee Recognition Day.

## SERVICE PROJECTS:

Volunteerism is central to The Advocates' mission and its service projects are aimed at improving and enhancing patient care.

Examples include:

- ◆ Coordinating quarterly blood drives at both campuses
- ◆ Collecting donations for hospital patients
- ◆ Creating special events on select patient units as a diversion and encouragement for patients and family members
- ◆ Participation in SnowFlake Central, the Holiday gift program for pediatric patients and their families.

Mystery, Malt & Merlot is The Advocates' signature fundraiser. Held in the spring, this event features wine and beer tastings, silent and live auctions, and the opportunity to gather clues to solve the mystery.



Proceeds benefit a featured department of Upstate Medical University and other Advocates programs. A major donation is given in support of the key recipient.

Recent recipients have included:

Adolescent Psychiatry Unit at  
Upstate Hospital - Downtown  
Patient Guest Services Center