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 upon which it was founded.

SUPPORT PATIENT CARE AND EDUCATION

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
☐ Fall Swing Golf
☐ 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
☐ Lifetime: $500

Additional donation appreciated $__________

Please mail this form and your check made payable to:

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Syracuse, NY 13210

315-464-5610
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The Advocates is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization
Join us in making a difference in the lives of patients.

GET TO KNOW THE ADVOCATES

The Advocates is a membership organization of more than 100 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, The Advocates’ volunteer and service efforts enhance public health initiatives in our community and are redefining the role of auxiliary groups. It is continually offering unique ways to better service patients, families, and hospital staff, and it is actively recruiting new Advocate membership.

“Whether it is the caring touch of a volunteer or holding a fundraiser to benefit our youngest patients, The Advocates for Upstate Medical University influence nearly every corner of our campus.”

– Dr. John McCabe, CEO

FUNDRAISING:

The Advocates’ grant funding and scholarship programs are sustained by the service contracts The Advocates holds at the hospitals. Their contract partners include: TeleHealth (patient telephone & television service), Lori’s Gift Shops, EspressOasis Coffee Bar, Tim Hortons Café & Bake Shop, Next Generation (vending machines) and OUR365 (photography of newborns). Proceeds from The Advocates’ annual signature fundraisers, Mystery, Malt & Merlot and the Fall Swing Golf Tournament are distributed to areas designated as “key recipients”. The money raised by these events has allowed The Advocates to support many programs and projects, including:

- Grants for service recovery and lost property, cardiac risk screening, College of Health Professionals Shadow Day, complimentary television services for all pediatric in-patients, Pediatric Urgent Care, physical medicine rehabilitation enrichment and community re-entry programs; OASIS Healthy Living NY and many more
- Scholarships: John L. Brown Scholarships to Junior and Teen Volunteers and the Nellie Hurley Scholarships awarded to employees and adult volunteers who are pursuing studies in health-related fields at an accredited institution
- Funding to Upstate’s Nursing Recruitment and Retention program, the Department of Psychiatry, the Joslin Diabetes Pediatric Program, Women’s Health Network
- Building campaigns to date: $300,000 for Golisano Children’s Hospital and the Upstate Cancer Center

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Volunteerism is central to The Advocates’ mission, and its service projects are aimed at improving and enhancing patient care. Examples include:

- Blood pressure screening
- 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
- Providing educational opportunities for our members and others in the community through our partnership with HealthLink and hospital departments

The Advocates’ second major fundraiser is the Fall Swing Golf Tournament. Twenty teams of golfers enjoy 18 holes of golf at a local country club, followed by a scrumptious lunch. Proceeds benefit a featured department of Upstate Medical University and other Advocate programs.