

# foundation focus

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## Burns Joins Stormont Vail Foundation

Amy Burns has joined the Stormont Vail Foundation as president and executive director.

"The Stormont Vail Foundation has an excellent



*Amy Burns*  
community."

reputation of supporting patient care services and health education programs," Burns said. "I'm excited to build stronger regional partnerships in order to support Stormont Vail Health's mission of improving the health of the

"Amy is a well-known and respected leader in our community," said Kevin Hahn, Foundation Board of Trustees Chair. "We are pleased to welcome her to our outstanding team of Foundation staff and volunteers."

Most recently Burns led Junior Achievement of Kansas as president and CEO. She previously worked at Family Service and Guidance Center as the director of marketing and development and the vice president of development for the Family Service and Guidance Center Foundation. Burns received both her bachelor's degrees from Washburn University and juris doctorate from Washburn University School of Law.



*2017 BIG HEARTS for little hearts honorary co-chair Shawn Smith, second from left, with teammates Frank Ellis, Eric Dinkel, and Randy Peterson, president and CEO, Stormont Vail Health.*

## Tourney Raises Record Amount

Rain and a slight delay in morning play didn't dampen the enthusiasm of players, supporters and volunteers at the 17th Annual BIG HEARTS *for little hearts* golf tournament. By day's end the sun was shining and more than \$215,000 was raised for pediatric services at Stormont Vail Health.

"We truly appreciate our many sponsors, participants and friends for making this year's tournament such a success," said Tina Long, development officer with the Stormont Vail Foundation. "Because of their support, kids in northeast Kansas have access to an array of services close to home."

Shawn and Olga Smith were the event's honorary co-chairs. The tournament's presenting sponsor was Hospital Assistance Program, with Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer LLP and Lockton Companies serving as title sponsors. (See Page 3 for the complete sponsor list.)

The 2018 tournament is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 17, at the Topeka Country Club. Rick and Sue Wienckowski will serve as the event's honorary co-chairs. Sponsorship information is available at [stormontvail.org/golf-tournament](http://stormontvail.org/golf-tournament).

# Foundation Donor Receives Corporate Award

Advisors Excel received the 2017 Outstanding Corporate Donor award from the Topeka chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals during its annual National Philanthropy Day celebration. Nominated by the Stormont Vail Foundation, Advisors Excel was recognized for its efforts to help improve the communities where its employees and clients live and work.

“Advisors Excel has made a commitment to elevating its corporate responsibility program, which has created a ripple effect across the region,” said Amy Burns, president and executive director of the Stormont Vail Foundation. “We are grateful for their leadership, support, and commitment to being a good corporate citizen.”

Advisors Excel’s giving is focused on four primary areas – hunger, poverty, kids/education, and financial literacy. In addition to the Stormont Vail Foundation, the company has made financial contributions to some 50 local and



*Lindsay Freeman (center), director of Community Engagement with Advisor’s Excel, with Amy Burns, Stormont Vail Foundation president and executive director, and Kim Williams, AFP-Topeka chapter president.*

national organizations in 2017, including the Sole Reason Foundation, Topeka Public Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs of Topeka and Harvesters International. Advisors Excel has also made volunteerism an integral part of its corporate responsibility program. All employees, including leadership team members, volunteer at least one time each quarter.

# Grants Fund Children’s Courtyard, Care Line

Grants from Cox Charities and the Topeka Community Foundation will be used to help meet patient emergency needs and give kids an engaging and therapeutic outdoor space to enjoy. A \$5,000 grant from Cox Charities Community Investment Program will benefit the Care Line, Stormont Vail Foundation’s patient assistance program. In fiscal year 2017 (Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017), the Care Line provided support to more than 8,400 patients meeting nearly 13,000 needs. Cox Charities is the company’s employee-funded and guided giving program. Community Investment grants funds nonprofit programs and services in

the areas of youth, education, social issues and the arts.

The Topeka Community Foundation provided a \$5,537 grant through its Mental Health initiative to partially fund sensory play equipment and materials to expand the horticultural therapy program at Stormont Vail Behavioral Health. These improvements are part of a larger Children’s Courtyard renovation project that will also include increased seating, refurbishment of the basketball court and other improvements. For more information or to make a donation contact the Foundation at 785-354-6851.

## Stormont Vail Foundation Honor/Memorial List, July 1 to Sept. 30, 2017

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Ronald M. Campbell*	Maxine Hammerli*	Lesa Massey*	William Orth*	Frances Anna Sloop*	<i>*Indicates Deceased</i>
Billy Chambers*	Stacey Harrington*	Shelle McCoy	Robert Parks*	Phyllis Sluder*	

# Volunteers Replenish Supply of 'Warm Fuzzies'

Stormont Vail Health's Volunteer Services held its second Warm Fuzzies for Kids blanket making event on Nov. 5. One hundred and fifty volunteers spent the afternoon assembling 85 no-sew blankets for Stormont Vail's pediatric program. The blankets will be given to children throughout the winter months to use during their hospital stay and bring home after discharge.

"Warm Fuzzies for Kids is a great way for volunteers to make a short-term commitment that has a long-term impact on kids," said Ben Broxterman, child life specialist supervisor at Stormont Vail. "We truly appreciate everyone's efforts to bring comfort and cheer to our youngest patients."



Members of Washburn University's Upsilon Chapter of the Alpha Phi sorority display one of the 12 blankets their group made at the Warm Fuzzies for Kids Event on Nov. 5. From left are Sam Buesing, Sydney Masters, Clarissa Brittenham, Audrey Schmidt-Kipp and Starla Cochenour.

Donor gifts to the Stormont Vail Foundation fund the Warm Fuzzies for Kids project.

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## Chairs Provide Stylish Accessibility

The North Tower lobby now features STAXI transport chairs for assisting patients and visitors to safely reach their destinations inside Stormont Vail Hospital. The chairs were purchased by the Stormont Vail Foundation through a gift from Stormont Vail's former vice president and chief human resources officer Bernie Becker and his wife, Barb. Lobby ambassadors assist patients and visitors with directions and escort them to their destination. The STAXI chairs are designed specifically for large, busy facilities to provide temporary transportation safely and comfortably for those with mobility challenges.



*Stormont Vail Health Lobby Ambassadors Nancy Lacore and Bob Rosenberger demonstrate the new STAXI transport chairs.*