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## Member spotlight: **Huong Reilly—an artist in philanthropy**

Huong Reilly has turned her artistic talents into a powerful philanthropic tool.

Huong and her husband Scott have been ardent supporters of St. John Hospital & Medical Center (SJHMC) since joining the McQuade Society in 2011. Scott is President and Chief Investment Officer of Peninsula Capital Partners, a Detroit-based financial investment firm. Huong is a community volunteer and artist. She works in watercolors, oils and needlepoint—mostly for fun but also to benefit others.

“Painting is my passion,” says Huong, who is a member of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors and exhibited her work at University Liggett School and the University of Michigan-

Dearborn. “I don’t sell my pieces. Instead, I donate most of them to fundraising events.”

In 2014, the Reillys held a fundraiser at their Grosse Pointe Farms residence to benefit SJHMC’s Mary Ann Van Elslander Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Special Care Nursery. Huong offered her paintings to guests who made a \$1,000 donation to support the NICU Campaign.

“I wanted to create an incentive for people to give,” Huong says. “We received donations for 15 paintings. That helped the NICU renovate its space and offer private areas where parents can bond with their infants. The event was a win for the community.”

In addition to serving on the St. John Health Foundation Board, Fund Develop-



Huong and Scott Reilly

ment Committee and now chairing the Board’s Nominating Committee, Huong has volunteered her time and talent as a face painter for children at the SJHMC Pediatric Unit and at a recent Easter celebration event.

“Face painting really lights kids up,” Huong says. “One child asked me to paint Batman and another asked for Spider-Man. It was so much fun, I didn’t want to leave.”

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A Winter Sunrise



In Full Sun (Laker at work)

## Annual event honors, updates McQuade Society members

The McQuade Society reception gave St. John Hospital & Medical Center leaders the chance to pay tribute to you—our most loyal supporters. The McQuade members in attendance on Sept. 21 at the Country Club of Detroit mingled and enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

Bob Hoban, SJHMC President, and Kevin Grady, MD, Chief Medical Officer, provided updates on the latest advancements at the hospital:

- The \$4 million fundraising campaign for the Cracchiolo Family Birthing Center has been completed with help from many of you. Renovations began in July; the center is expected to be completed next summer.
- The Trauma Unit on 2 East was renovated earlier this year. The newly created meeting space at the end of the hall will be named for Dr. Joseph Buck, Director, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care, for his generous gift. Proceeds from the Flew Shot Sporting Clay Invitational will also benefit the project.
- Thanks to the generosity of Mary Wilson and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, the Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living opened in Grosse Pointe.
- With Gretchen Valade's generosity, the new Electrophysiology Lab opened this year.
- The gardens outside Boll Professional Building One were renovated, and the lower level café was enhanced with the addition of freshly made sushi, greatly satisfying staff and visitors.
- THE GUILD Coffee Shop will be expanded and relocated to provide more seating and enhance the patient and visitor experience.
- The Anthony L. Soave Mobile Mammography and Health Screening Center and the St. John Providence Heart and Vascular Mobile Screening Center are helping provide diagnostic care to more patients.
- The hospital is pursuing Magnet Status for Nursing, recognition for hospitals with superior nursing processes and quality patient care.



Sue and Bill Vitioe



Kris Mestdagh and Huong Reilly



Jennie and Bill Chope with Bill and Peggy Clark



Michael Cytacki, Sally Cytacki, Alicia Krall and Walt Cytacki



(Seated) Melissa DeMars, Phyllis DeMars and Linda Mackool;  
(standing) Gregory DeMars and Greg DeMars





Ann Garberding, Maureen McCabe and Melodie Scherer



Anthony Kallabat, Jeff Littmann and Pete Cracchiolo

## New member spotlight

John and Alicia Nicholson joined the McQuade Society last year after John became Chair of the St. John Health Foundation Board. With two active young children, the couple thought it would be useful to have access to the membership services and someone who could help navigate their healthcare needs around the clock. The Nicholsons named a birthing suite in the Cracchiolo Family Birthing Center with their generous gift. In addition, John recruited his three brothers and their wives to join the McQuade Society, and he highly recommends this service to others in the community.



Alicia and John Nicholson with their sons Alex and Gregory



Mary Wilson, Beth Carter, Renee Peck and Cynthia Littmann



Thomas and JoAnn Miller



Bob Hoban speaking to the guests

## New McQuade Society members

Please welcome the following new members to the McQuade Society. They joined our exclusive group of loyal benefactors between Oct. 1, 2016, and Sept. 14, 2017.

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Adams  
 Mr. Joseph A. Bartush  
 Mrs. Susan Bartush-Cugliari  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Bolton  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bracket  
 Dr. Melinda L. Karam Campion and  
 Mr. William Campion  
 Mr. and Mrs. William P. Clark  
 Drs. Bernard and Francquois Degnan

Mr. and Mrs. Rick DeNardis  
 Dr. Bruce A. Jones and  
 Dr. M. Michelle Pierron  
 Dr. Herman Kado  
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller  
 David and Kristin Nicholson  
 Jim and Mary Beth Nicholson  
 John and Alicia Nicholson  
 Stephanie and Tim Nicholson

Dr. and Mrs. Deepak G. Patel  
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pitera  
 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Taravella  
 Michael and Laura Timmis  
 Mr. Joseph Vallee  
 Ms. Anne Van Ash  
 Mr. and Mrs. William P. Vititoe

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As parents of three active children—Sheridan, 21; Brynne, 19; and Tristan, 16—proximity to first-rate emergency care is important to the Reillys. McQuade Society membership proved beneficial when Sheridan sustained injuries while playing organized hockey.



Tristan, Sheridan and Brynne

“Sheridan broke his wrist after a hard check,” Huong says. “I called Beth Carter, who made all the arrangements. By the time Scott arrived with Sheridan in the hospital parking lot, medical staff were already waiting for him.”

Huong says Society benefits were very timely when Sheridan had a scratched cornea just before going back to college at Emory University in Atlanta.

“It’s very hard to make a doctor’s appointment on such short notice,” Huong says. “Thanks to the McQuade Society and the concierge services, we got Sheridan in that day.”

As devout Catholics, the Reillys strongly support St. John’s faith-based heritage and Mission to sustain the health of the communities it serves, including the poor and vulnerable. Huong was raised Catholic in Vietnam, her native country.

“I joined the Foundation Board because of my Christian belief to help and serve one another,” Huong says. “I love that each board meeting begins with a prayer.”

The Reillys’ first gift to SJHMC supported the Endoscopy Capital Campaign. Their most recent gift supports the Cracchiolo Family Birthing Center. It also provides a “gifted” McQuade membership for Sheridan.

“We wanted to help the Birthing Center, and it’s a good opportunity to give a gift to our son,” Huong says. “He loves the Detroit area and is likely to settle here after college.”

“We support St. John because our entire community benefits from having such a great hospital right in our backyard. We want to ensure it remains a great hospital and in-step with 21st century medical care. We also love St. John’s Christian Mission to care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.”

In addition to SJHMC, the Reillys actively support the Michigan Cancer Research Fund. Huong also volunteers for various University Liggett committees and parent associations.

“We support organizations that align with our Christian beliefs and are very efficient with donor dollars,” Huong says. “Without my husband and family, I wouldn’t be able to volunteer for such great causes. I’m grateful for their love and support and thankful for having an outstanding community resource in St. John.”

### Membership reminder

Membership in the McQuade Society is available to our benefactors and most loyal supporters to thank you for your generous, charitable commitment to St. John Hospital & Medical Center. Beth Carter is available to members to help you navigate your health services to ensure your complete satisfaction when using the hospital.

Please remember services are for members only. You may refer your friends to us for membership if they wish to enjoy member privileges.

Thanks to your assistance, membership in the McQuade Society has grown. When you refer your friends and family, it is the highest compliment to us. To make it easier to share information about how to qualify for McQuade membership, details are located at [www.stjohnprovidence.org/McQuadeSociety](http://www.stjohnprovidence.org/McQuadeSociety) and in brochures available from Beth (313-343-4602) or the St. John Health Foundation (313-343-7480).