ON SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009, the Memorial Hermann Foundation hosted its annual Circle of Life Gala at the Hilton Americas. More than 1,600 guests attended this year’s Gala which was chaired by Soraya and Scott McClelland and raised more than $2.3 million for Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital. Top underwriters included Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., Susanne and Will Galtney, H-E-B, Bobetta and Bill Lindig, and Sherry and Jim Smith. Proceeds from the Gala will ensure that Children’s Memorial Hermann continues to provide exceptional pediatric care in a warm, compassionate environment.

The 2009 Circle of Life Gala honored Sherry and Jim Smith. Sherry and Jim have touched countless lives through their involvement, leadership, support and many years of service to Memorial Hermann. Jim has been a longtime director of the Memorial Hermann Foundation and is currently serving as the chairman. He was also the co-chairman for the Campaign for Life Flight which raised $40 million to expand and enhance the Memorial Hermann Life Flight fleet. Jim currently serves on the TIRR Memorial Hermann Board as well as the Memorial Hermann Hospital System Board.

Sherry and Jim co-chaired the Circle of Life Centennial Gala in 2007, helping to raise more than $3.3 million for the Campaign for Life Flight. Sherry also co-chaired the Gala in 2000. In addition to their annual support of the Circle of Life Gala, Sherry and Jim have personally supported many philanthropic initiatives including the Campaign for Life Flight and the Anne R. Wilford Endowment.

“Soraya and I are fortunate to have chaired this special event to honor Jim and Sherry Smith who do so many wonderful things for our community,” said gala chair Scott McClelland. “They have been a big part of reaching out to the hospital for the last 20 years.”

It is extremely fitting that the Gala honored Jim and Sherry and at the same time benefited Children’s Memorial Hermann since they were instrumental in the Campaign for Life Flight. The Campaign raised funds for six faster, state-of-the-art, more fuel efficient helicopters including one dedicated to pediatric patients.

“It was very special for Sherry and me to be the honorees this year,” remarked gala honoree Jim Smith. “We share this tribute with all of you, our Memorial Hermann family. I got involved in Memorial Hermann because of its great reputation, and I love what we’re doing to improve the health of the people in the communities we serve. And the dedication of the doctors and the staff is truly amazing.”

“We truly appreciate the support we receive from so many of you in the community,” said Dan Wolterman, Memorial Hermann president and CEO. “Jim and Sherry Smith are two dear friends of our hospital system, and I can’t think of two more deserving individuals to be honored at this year’s Circle of Life Gala.”

Save the Date for next year’s Circle of Life Gala on Saturday, May 8, 2010.
Dear Friends,

I’m very pleased to report that as another one of Memorial Hermann’s fiscal years comes to an end, we continue to realize incredible successes throughout the System.

Despite a challenging economic environment, Memorial Hermann is thriving. We serve a record number of patients in our hospitals and outpatient businesses. We are receiving national accolades for patient safety and quality – including recognitions from VHA, the National Quality Forum, Thomson and U.S. News – which demonstrates to the community our deep commitment to living our Vision. Our image and reputation are climbing as more patients select us as their healthcare provider of choice.

For the eighth year in a row, Employee Satisfaction rates rose. These results are so important to the success of Memorial Hermann because people who are satisfied in their work tend to be more engaged in what they do, which leads to a higher level of patient satisfaction from employees who provide top-notch quality care.

Scores were also on the rise for this year’s Physician Satisfaction Survey. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of employees across our campuses, physician satisfaction levels have continued to rise and trend upward since 2004. Ensuring that physicians feel satisfied with Memorial Hermann is critical to our continued growth and success. Physician satisfaction directly impacts future patient referrals, quality of patient care and physician retention.

Our physician partners and employees continue to commit themselves to providing the highest quality patient care with exceptional patient care experiences. I am incredibly proud of their work and commitment to be the best of the best.

I want to thank you again for your ongoing support of Memorial Hermann and wish you a safe and happy summer.

Dan Woltermann

Memorial Hermann Receives Funds from Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust and Sterling-Turner Foundation

The Memorial Hermann Foundation recently received generous gifts from the Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust and the Sterling-Turner Foundation in support of Acute Care of the Elderly at Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center and the Stroke Outreach Program at Memorial Hermann Memorial City.

“The Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust and the Sterling-Turner Foundation are pleased to support Memorial Hermann which has touched the lives of so many in the greater Houston community including one of our own board members,” said T. R. Reckling, III, president of the Sterling-Turner Foundation.

The Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust donated $150,000 in support of the Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) Unit at Memorial Hermann-TMC. The funds will be used toward equipment, facility upgrades and a physician training program in geriatrics.

The Memorial Hermann ACE Unit is the first of its kind in the Texas Medical Center. This 14-bed unit focuses on acute medical care for the complex needs of hospitalized elderly patients. Under the direction of Carmel Dyer, M.D., the ACE care team provides specialized treatment preparing patients to return home to independent living.

The Sterling-Turner Foundation donated $220,000 for the Stroke Outreach Program at Memorial Hermann Memorial City. The funds will be used toward stroke education for 100 nurses at Memorial City for the next four years as well as stroke education for the Houston community at four public events.

It is critical that healthcare professionals be trained to quickly and accurately assess patients and that the community be educated on the signs and symptoms of stroke. Memorial Hermann has the only network of certified stroke centers in the region equipped to rapidly diagnose and treat stroke victims. The gift from the Sterling-Turner Foundation will allow Memorial Hermann to provide the most advanced stroke education to both healthcare professionals as well as members of the community.

“The Memorial Hermann values the long standing relationship we have developed with the Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust and the Sterling-Turner Foundation,” said Ilena Treviño, chief executive officer of the Memorial Hermann Foundation. “We are also grateful of their past generosity to our Life Flight program, Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, neuro radiology programs and Memorial City cancer services.”
2009 CIRCLE OF LIFE GALA
An Evening in WONDERLAND

1. Charles & Randa Williams
2. Dr. Richard & Sharon Smalling with Janet & Reed Wood
3. Gerald & Anita Smith
4. Drs. Oscar & Marguerite Rosales
5. Dr. Yvonne & Rufus Cormier
6. Honorable Ed Emmett & Dan Wolteman
7. Dr. Sherri Levin & Craig Rapp
8. Cathy and Georgio Borlenghi
9. Bobetta & Bill Lindig
10. U.S. Senator John & Sandy Cornyn with Lori & Dan Wolterman

11. Sandy & Gerald Bennett with Gala Chairs Soraya & Scott McClelland

12. Leila Mischer

13. Don & Jan Wagner, Bob & Dorothy Hanna, Ken & Donna Wine

14. John Eddie & Sheridan Williams

15. Tony & Donna Vallone

16. Will Williams & Mary Rahmes

17. Vicki & Jim Montague

18. Janeice Longoria & Steve Lasher

19. Jim & Beverly Postl

20. Wayne & Judy McConnell

21. Philamena & Arthur Baird

22. Margaret Williams & Jim Daniel

23. Mike & Carol Linn with Ileana & Michael Treviño

24. Martin & Dr. Kelli Cohen Fein

25. Pattie Dale & Jim Tye

26. Dan & Lori Wolterman

27. Doug & Suzi Swanson with Barbara & Corby Robertson
Sherry and Jim Smith hosted top underwriters of the 2009 Circle of Life Gala in their home on May 6, 2009. More than 60 people attended the dinner.

On June 8, 2009, the Memorial Hermann Foundation hosted the Circle of Life golf outing at Sienna Plantation for top donors and friends. The event was made possible through the generosity of Suzie and Larry Johnson. Nineteen teams participated in the tournament.
On April 2, 2009, Michael Cordúa, restaurateur and owner of Cordúa Restaurants, hosted the *In the Pink of Health* Premiere at Americas in The Woodlands. More than 100 people attended the patio reception, which kicked off the fundraising for the ninth annual luncheon to be held on Friday, October 9, 2009.

*In the Pink of Health* has become a tradition in The Woodlands to commence October’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to support women and men fighting the disease.

Since its inception in 2001, *In the Pink of Health* has raised over $1 million to support the Breast and Bone Health Center at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands. Throughout the years, proceeds have allowed for the purchase of state-of-the-art screening and diagnostic equipment; access to free mammograms and care for underserved women; provide education resources for newly diagnosed patients; and most recently, funding for a support program to work with children of those affected by breast cancer.

The Memorial Hermann Foundation is pleased to announce H-E-B as Presenting Sponsor for the *In the Pink of Health* 2009 and 2010 luncheons.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon on October 9 is Kelly Corrigan, author of *The Middle Place*, which has been on The New York Times Best Seller List for more than six months. Newspaper columnist Corrigan was a happily married mother of two young daughters when she discovered a cancerous lump in her breast. As Corrigan reports on her cancer treatment, she weaves in her life story. All the stories lead up to where she is now, in that middle place, being someone’s child, but also having children of her own. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Ms. Corrigan face-to-face during the book signing.

In addition, *In the Pink of Health* was selected by *Houston Magazine* and Mercedes-Benz of Houston North for Mercedes’ exclusive E-Class Launch Party on August 27, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. The evening will also mark the official kick-off for *In the Pink of Health*.

For more information on the *In the Pink of Health* Luncheon, please contact Gayle Kinnie at 713.704.5249 or go to www.inthepinkofhealth.org.

**COMMUNITY LEADERS EXPERIENCE CHILDREN’S “UP CLOSE”**

On May 27, 2009, community leaders were given the opportunity to observe pediatric patient care at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital through the eyes of a physician at Children’s Up Close.

Participants experienced healthcare from the frontline to get a real sense of the type of work we do every day for our pediatric patients. Leaders were able to choose from pediatric specialties to perform patient rounds, observe surgery or see patients and their families in the clinic.

The goal of Children’s Up Close is to expose community leaders and friends to the compassionate care in the unique healing environment at Children’s Memorial Hermann.
The seventh annual Run for the Rose, held on March 29, 2009, saw more than 3,300 race participants and raised $425,000 increasing the total monies donated to more than $1.6 million since the Run’s inception. The Run benefits pediatric initiatives at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital and brain cancer research at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

The event is held in honor of Dr. Marnie Rose, a pediatric resident at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston and Children’s Memorial Hermann, who lost her battle with brain cancer in 2002.

Since her death, the Rose family established the Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation to support causes that were dear to Marnie’s heart. To date, the Foundation has contributed and pledged a total of $759,000 to Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital.

The proceeds from this year’s race, in addition to the next two years, will go towards the Children’s Neuroscience Center, which offers the latest innovations in the treatment of autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, congenital malformations, brain tumors, and much more. Previous funds from the foundation have been used to create and develop Memorial Hermann’s Pediatric Palliative Care Program and for the first ever pediatric Life Flight helicopter.

“Jerry and I share in the excitement over the future of the Children’s Neuroscience Center,” said Lanie Rose, mother of Marnie Rose. “We believe that funding from the Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation can make a significant difference in the lives of many children, and that was Marnie’s dream.”

For more information, please go to www.runfortherose.com.