

# CSI Program At FRH Open To Area Teens

Franklin Regional Hospital and LR-GHealthcare are proud to once again offer local teens the CSI (Caring Student Interns) Program.

The CSI program is for teens between the ages of 14 and 18 who are interested in learning about health careers. Program participants will have an opportunity to learn medical skills such as taking blood pressure, respirations, first aid skills, and more.

Students will become familiar with many different departments, skills, and staff. Upon completion of this six-week program, students are eligible to volunteer on the medical units at Franklin Regional or Lakes Region General Hospital, working directly with the Licensed Nurses Aides.

Both hospitals will kick off their annual CSI Programs in July. Lakes Region General Hospital will start Tuesday, July 8, and Franklin Regional Hospital on Wednesday, July 9. CSI is open to all students from local school districts.

Applications will be accepted until Monday, May 19. To apply, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Darcy Peary at 524-3211, ext 6720. Space is limited, so call today!

## New Toy Bin At FRH

Members of the LRGH Nursery Guild recently donated a beautiful toy bin overflowing with brand new toys to Franklin Regional Hospital.

The toy bin provides much needed comfort to children who are admitted for an overnight stay at the hospital, giving them opportunity to choose a toy from the bin before they are discharged.

“Speaking as a parent, when your child is ill, even the smallest comfort of a favorite toy can really relieve their stress, as well as yours,” states Kristin Champoux, LRGH Nursery Guild Publicity Vice President. “The LRGH Nursery Guild is very proud to offer this service to the children of the Three Rivers region.”

Funds to purchase the toy bin were raised by the Guild through semi-annual bake sales, and by accepting community donations.

The Nursery Guild will gladly accept any donation of brand new toys or cash to purchase additional toys to support this program. For more information, please contact the LRGH Nursery Guild at 524-3211 Ext. 3018 or NurseryGuild@lrgh.org.

# YOUNG LIFE / WYDLIFE BANQUET

By Sandee Waine  
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Three years ago, Cathy Ellis and other local volunteers began a Wyld-Life ministry to middle school students in conjunction with Young Life, an international organization that believes in

this past February's deep-freeze camp. It was clear how much fun and camaraderie these kids have with each other.

Hannah Nixon attends Pam Green's Young Life ladies group in New London and sang *a capella* the beautiful song *Amazing Grace* with such clarity and dignity. I could not help but notice a dabbling of the eye here and there as I looked about the room.



Singing at the banquet were Elise Goodwin, Savannah Donovan, Brad Cote, Canon Brownell, Tyler Waine, Jesse Coffey, Nick Waine, Mike Donovan, Luke and Mark Seminara, Meghan Hanscom, Sam Barrett, Marissa Laro, Hannah, Chantal Caron, Emily Bentley, Cassie Lampert, Eli Shedd, Erin Frost, Maddie Trefethen, Rebekah Stearns, Michaela Trefethan, and Brooke Ellis.

Photo: Sandee Waine

There was also a special performance by One Accord, a Christian song group from Belmont and New Hampton, as well as two well-received songs by Samantha and Brooke Ellis.

A special commentary was added by Brad Cote, who has been such an integral part of this program since coming on board to assist Cathy Ellis. Brad attends programs, camps, functions, and weekly meetings while attending Plymouth University. He gives so much of himself and the kids all enjoy his company and compassion for this endearing program.

reaching kids where they are, through mentoring relationships and fun activities for the purpose of introducing them to Christ.

Through out the year, Cathy and her volunteers work tirelessly to promote this program involving middle and high school students. On April 12 over 100 people from various communities surrounding Andover attended the Young Life/WyldLife Banquet at Ragged Mountain Resort.

Many local businesses contributed items for the silent auction, which raised almost \$3,000 and helped reach the total needed to sustain a program that does so much for kids in the area.

Several of the Young Life and WyldLife kids from Andover served tables and sang worship songs during

the night's activities. They really seemed to enjoy dressing in black and white and being waitress and waiter to the needs of each table – plenty of interesting conversations could be overheard. In turn, the attendees were very appreciative of the good nature and involvement in this program that these kids have in giving back to the community in an event such as this.

Canon Brownell had a special slide show presentation that was outstanding and warrants special mention. It featured clips from this past year's events, summer camp, summer carnival, and

events and dinners, and contributing generous dollars.

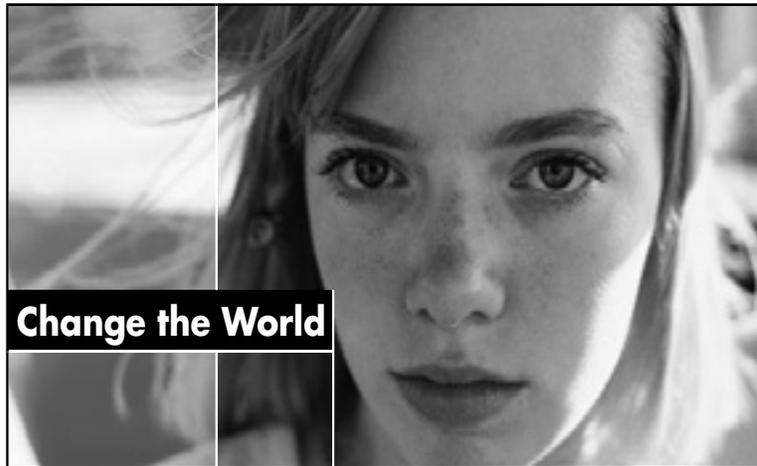


Don and Jean Weatherson invited friends to join their table: Bob Meck, Vicky Meck, Don Weatherson, Jean Weatherson (not visible), Mike Bramley, June Bramley, Sonja Hannah (not visible) and Bill Hannah. Photo: Laurie Ferguson

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This program is in continuous need of volunteers. Every year they have a new group of kids coming up, and Cathy Ellis welcomes all parents, grandparents, and friends to contact her for more information. She can be reached at 735-5025 or CathyE@tds.net.

Your support, participation, and prayers mean so much to these kids, and this program would not be possible without your contributions, time, and efforts.



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