

'Care to Give'

# Mt. St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, DiMino's Lewiston Tops join together for special giving campaign

DiMino's Lewiston Tops has partnered with Mount St. Mary's Hospital Foundation to present a special giving campaign, "Care to Give," which celebrates the hard work and dedication of Mount St. Mary's nurses and doctors. The campaign kicks off Sept. 21 and runs through the end of the month.

A press release said, "2020 has been anything but normal, and to most, extremely challenging. From health care, to education, to business and family dynamics, the community has felt various effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"One of the strongest ways many have been supported throughout the pandemic is through receiving health care. The special work of nurses and doctors has been vital for the overall success and recovery of so many in the greater Niagara Region."

Foundation Executive Director Julie Berrigan said, "During this time, the Mount St. Mary's Hospital Foundation would normally be preparing for our 21st annual 'Good Works Gala,' which, held each September, raises substantial funds for important projects and much-needed equipment at the hospital. Since we are unable to host our signature fundraiser in 2020, we are excited to launch a new giving platform - 'Care to Give' - which will be held in place of our 'Good Works Gala.'

Not unlike other industries, health care has been impacted financially. At Mount St. Mary's, the costs incurred with the need for increased health care and staff; purchase of personal protective equipment and screening materials; increased technology to assist with virtual medical visits; decrease in surgical procedures and diagnostic imaging; and the decrease



stepping forward to lead the campaign and asking his fellow business community and friends to join him," Berrigan said.

The "Care to Give" campaign is a community effort and all are invited to participate. Businesses can offer a percentage of sales for a day or days during the campaign, ask customers to "round up" their change, or simply put a donation box in their establishment.

The press release added, "We invite our friends to make a gift online at the address below, or send a check to: Mount St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, 5300 Military Road, Lewiston, NY 14092.

For more information, contact Christine S. O'Hara, MS, development specialist at cohara2@chsbuffalo.org; or make a gift online at www.chsbuffalo.org/foundations/mount-st-marys-hospital.

in fundraising initiatives and events has affected the "general" needs of the hospital.

"We are grateful to Anthony DiMino, president, DiMino's Lewiston Tops, for

## SPCA's 'Paws for Love' visits Mt. St. Mary's

SPCA's "Paws for Love" program was recently approved for stress relief events for essential workers. As such, the pups visited Mount St. Mary's Hospital for some stress-reducing therapy on Thursday, in the grassy grove between Mount St. Mary's and Our Lady of Peace Nursing Home. Pet owners and their sweet dogs greeted hospital staff, physicians and nurses.

As part of the SPCA's "Paws for Love" program, run completely by volunteers, pet owners bring their gentle dogs and cats to more than 100 area health care facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, courts, group homes, Hospice locations, children's facilities and area colleges. Volunteers' pets are evaluated by certified animal behaviorists at the SPCA and, once approved, the volunteers are put directly in touch with representatives of the facility requesting visitation, so a mutually beneficial schedule can be discussed.



Images courtesy of Karrie Gebhardt, Mount St. Mary's Hospital public relations manager

## Aquarium of Niagara to adopt uncommon lobster found in seafood shipment at Lockport Tops Markets

The Aquarium of Niagara will welcome an orange lobster into its animal collection after it arrived in a seafood shipment to Tops Friendly Markets on Transit Road in Lockport.

A representative from the seafood department reached out to the aquarium on Saturday, Sept. 5, after discovering the brightly colored crustacean. "My assistant manager opened the box, looked at him, and thought, 'Who put a cooked lobster in with the regular lobsters?'" said Tops Friendly Markets Seafood Manager Margie McKenzie. "She did a Google search and realized orange lobsters are pretty rare. We just want him to have a permanent home and not end up on someone's dinner plate."

The lobster, dubbed "Larry," is estimated to be between 5-7 years old and weighs 1.3 pounds. He came to Western New York by way of Boston after he was caught in Maine. He is currently residing in the Tops seafood

department and is expected to come to the aquarium next week.

The orange lobster will join the venue's other uniquely colored lobster, "Blue," who came to the aquarium from Wegmans on Military Road in Niagara Falls back in 2011. Both lobsters will act as ambassador animals for their species, participating in outreach and other educational events at the aquarium and beyond. Ambassador animals play a key role in fulfilling the aquarium's mission of inspiring people to make a difference for aquatic life.



"We have seen that our visitors have become increasingly less interested in goods and services, and instead seek out interactive experiences," said Aquarium of Niagara Executive Director Gary Siddall. "Ambassador animals provide educational and inspiring experiences that inspire future scientists and foster a desire to protect the aquatic world." Lobsters are most commonly dark colored with a blue-green green-brown hue, but they can be found in colors such as blue, red, yellow, albino (white), orange or even calico.

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Saturday, September 19th we will be having a seminar on mental health and spirituality from 9am to noon.

It will be led by Dr. Rob Bennett and Vicky Weidman.

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