

Foundation Focus

What's Happenin' at the Hospital Thrift Store?

By Nancy Krosnoff

Thanks to a successful mission of service to both the community and our hospital — the Hospital Thrift Store requires more room!

Collaborating on the project, three generous donors — Johanna Collester (a foundation trustee), along with Richard Watts and MRW Design — have provided the impetus for the expansion work. The remodel is creating a fully enclosed, heated and air-conditioned space at the rear of the store that will facilitate critical retail processes.



ABOVE: The old Trafalga Restaurant.
LEFT: Current thrift store.
RIGHT: Thrift store expansion.



Collester, who volunteers at both the store and with the hospital emergency department's triage, said, "I've served as a store volunteer almost two years. I've watched the mission grow exponentially over that time, thanks to the really dedicated cadre of volunteers and staff. It's been gratifying to see this progress, both in service to our hospital and our community. But to effectively continue our

mission, we need to enhance our work environment with expanded accommodations. We're truly excited to see this coming to fruition."

With completion anticipated after the first of the year, merchandise processing, donor drop-off, back-of-the-house storage and organization, as well as more retail space, will all benefit. The additional room and amenities — among them, expanded merchandise layout space, ease of shopping and enhanced "creature comforts" — will all play a part in the store's future success.

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the staff, volunteers and clientele, store manager Dave Waters said, "We're especially grateful to our donors, volunteers and the

partner organizations on whom we rely and without whom we could not meet our mission of service. We're proud of what we're able to accomplish with the help and generosity of so many, and we look forward to project completion — our biggest Christmas present this year." ❧

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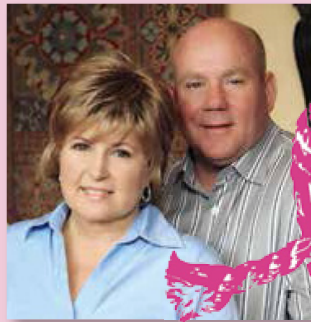
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St. George Lions Pink Rodeo Gifts \$12K to Breast Cancer Care at Dixie

Each year, Dixie Regional is simply overwhelmed by the compassion, commitment and sheer energy dedicated by the St. George Lions to make the Pink Rodeo such a success.

This year was no exception. Thanks to the rousing success of Tough Enough To Wear Pink Night at the rodeo, the St. George Lions are generously gifting \$12,000 to support Breast Cancer Care and Services at Dixie Regional Medical Center. Once again, the Lions — along with major event sponsors John and Lisa Ames, as well as the community at large — will make a tremendous difference in the lives of friends, neighbors and loved ones affected by this devastating disease.

Such generosity in time, talent and treasure is, in fact, the "Dixie



JOHN AND LISA AMES
Lions' way." Since 2007, the St. George Lions have gifted an

overwhelming \$72,000 to the hospital to fight breast cancer and help care for the patients and families impacted by it.

Thanks to their help, Dixie Regional is making great strides.

Nationally, breast cancer is the second leading cause

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of death among women, and one in eight women will be

diagnosed with this disease

in their lifetime. With early detection

and treatment, most people continue to lead a normal life. Statistics have shown that Utah ranks as one of the lowest states for breast cancer screening in the nation — and southern Utah has ranked lowest in the state. Dixie Regional Medical Center is committed to addressing this gap, each year helping hundreds of patients through the maze of diagnosis and treatment and actively advocating for early detection.

On behalf of the many lives that will be touched and saved because of the Lions' efforts, the hospital extends its deepest gratitude for their support of breast cancer care at Dixie Regional Medical Center. ❧