

The Cutting Edge

June has been a time to celebrate graduations and the end of school, to take early summer vacations, and to enjoy beautiful weddings. We took the month off and did not host a June surgery day but July 15 will likely have a full schedule of 14 patients. If you are available to volunteer that day, and haven't already let Gaby Dawson know, please contact her as soon as you can at gaby@surgeryonsunday.org.

As I look back on my first full year with Surgery on Sunday, I can't believe how quickly the time has gone. There has been so much to learn, so many welcoming and helpful people to get to know, so many referring clinics to connect with, and so many appreciative patients we have cared for. I am thankful to be part of an organization that is so committed to reaching out and helping those who truly need a hand up. Thanks to all of you who have made the last 12 months such a smooth and pleasant experience. I look forward to serving alongside you as we continue to change lives one surgery at a time.

Gratefully,

Amanda Ferguson
Executive Director

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Gifts to Surgery on Sunday



Surgery on Sunday is pleased to announce the receipt of a substantial grant from the **Good Samaritan Foundation** for FY19. The Foundation is a ministry of the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church which funds charitable and educational activities related to health care and health education in the

Commonwealth. It has been a major supporter of our program since 2007 and we are grateful for this generous gift.

We have also received notification of funding from **United Way of the Bluegrass** in the form of a local grant for the upcoming fiscal year. We are glad to partner with UWBG as they seek to create a better life for everyone in our community.

An unexpected but very welcome gift came to us in June from the **Bluegrass Corvette Club**, a local group of car enthusiasts who chose Surgery on Sunday to receive their charitable donation for 2018. Executive Director Amanda Ferguson enjoyed seeing their colorful array of sports cars and speaking to the group at their June meeting where the check was presented.

Thanks to each of these organizations for their commitment to our community. For more information about them, click the links below.

[Good Samaritan Foundation](#) [United Way of the Bluegrass](#) [Bluegrass Corvette Club](#)

Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer of the Month for June is **Kathryn Peterson Dooley**. Since responding to a call for help with data last fall, Kathryn has been invaluable to Surgery on Sunday as she has almost single-handedly designed and created our new online patient referral and record-keeping system, using the REDCap format. Her work has allowed us to receive and keep track of patients so much more efficiently and has simplified the required reporting of data for licensure, insurance, and grants.

Kathryn is a native of Virginia Beach, VA and attended Old Dominion University where she majored in finance. She currently works as a senior data analyst for HealthLinx and is active in the Junior League

of Lexington. She and her husband, UK law student Pete Dooley, were just married on May 12 and are the proud parents of Sophy, "a very spoiled 3-year old mutt."

Kathryn says she is a "terrible sports fan" because she gets excited for whoever is playing and considers tailgating to be her favorite sport. When asked her favorite thing about SOS, Kathryn replied: "I love that Surgery on Sunday touches the lives of so many people from such diverse backgrounds. Behind each surgery is the story of a patient in need and the many resources that SOS brought together to provide a free, life-changing surgery. I am constantly in awe of Surgery on Sunday's dedication to providing each patient the best possible care that they can receive."



We are in awe of you, Kathryn, for the time, talent, and commitment you have shared with Surgery on Sunday in the midst of planning a wedding and maintaining a busy work schedule. Thank you!

Birdies for the Bluegrass



Golf is in the air this summer and **The Barbasol Championship** is Kentucky's only PGA TOUR event. As part of the TOUR's mission to positively impact local charities through its events, the Barbasol Championship created Birdies for the Bluegrass to maximize the tournament's impact through not only Central Kentucky but for charities throughout the Commonwealth.

Donors are invited to make a pledge to Surgery on Sunday through Birdies for the Bluegrass for each birdie made throughout the course of the tournament, held July 16-22 at Champions at Keene Trace. When pledging, you will have the opportunity to guess the number of birdies that will be made. If you guess the exact number of birdies scored by all golfers, you will be eligible to win the grand prize of a 2-year lease of a new Lexus ES, or a \$200 Bluegrass Hospitality Group gift card.

The minimum total pledge is \$10. All gifts, up to the first \$1.7 million in total contributions, made through Birdies for the Bluegrass will be matched with an additional 10% gift. This is a great way to magnify your donation to SOS. For more information or to pledge, click the link below.

[Birdies for the Bluegrass](#)

Other Donation Options

Don't forget two other ways to support Surgery on Sunday through your regular shopping - **Amazon Smile** and **Kroger Community Rewards**!

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