



HAPPENINGS of PORT ST. JOHN Inc.

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More Than \$68,000 Raised in the 2026 Employee Circle of Giving Campaign by Parrish Healthcare Staff Members, Providers and Volunteers

More than \$68,000 raised in the 2026 Employee Circle of Giving Campaign by Parrish Healthcare staff members, providers and volunteers, will be used for projects to improve the quality of life for north Brevard residents, Parrish Healthcare and Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) officials say. By raising \$68,000 the Parrish team, called Care Partners, surpassed its own fundraising goal by \$8,000. In the employee giving campaign's 20-year existence, Care Partners have pledged more than \$1.5 million to build or support community projects.

This year's two-week campaign, Turning Back Time for a Healthier Tomorrow, kicked off on June 5 and concluded on June 19, said Melissa Lugo, JPMF board chair. "Money raised in this year's campaign, as is the case each year, will be used to help people in our area by furthering Parrish Healthcare's vision, 'Healing Families, Healing Communities,'" Lugo said. "Every day, Care Partners do invaluable health care work that serves all of us, and their generosity through the giving program is yet another benefit to the individuals and families of our area."

Among the uses over the years to which Parrish Employee Circle of Giving contributions have been put:



Circle of Giving Co-Chairs and Team Captains bring the decades to life as they turn back time in support of Parrish Healthcare's annual campaign.

- Digital Stereotactic Breast Biopsy Technology: Advancing early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer.
- Stop the Bleed Tourniquet Kits and Training: Donated to the Titusville Police Department (TPD), these kits equip officers with lifesaving resources and emergency response training. The kits have helped TPD officers save 23 lives since 2015.
- Healing in Motion Vans: Helping patients who need transportation for medical care.
- The Children's Center Playground Renovation and Expansion: Creating a safe outdoor environment that supports healthy childhood development for children of all abilities.

Employee Giving Campaign co-chairs were Kristina Crabtree, Parrish Healthcare Director of People Development, and Samantha Decker, Director of Communications and Community Relations.

"Our deepest thanks, on behalf of everyone who will be helped by Care Partners' financial gifts, go to all who gave, our campaign co-chairs and the planning committee," Lugo said.

For more information about Circle of Giving, please contact the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or visit parrishmedfoundation.com.



Team Captains from Parrish Healthcare's Gold Team hold the winning trophy after being named the winning team of this year's campaign.

Parrish Medical Center Earns Transparency Award from Leading American Health Care Safety Organization for Publicly Reporting Patient Safety and Quality Information

A leading American health care safety advocacy organization has presented Parrish Medical Center (PMC) a transparency award for the hospital's public reporting of patient safety and quality information.

The Leapfrog Group - the name of which means taking giant leaps to improve patient safety - has awarded PMC the Full Transparency Badge, earned by hospitals that "complete, affirm and submit all sections of the Leapfrog Hospital Survey."

"Parrish Medical Center provides patients and families safe, high-quality care in a healing culture of transparency and continuous improvement," said George Mikitarian, Parrish Healthcare president and CEO. "This award spotlights our PMC staff – who we call Care Partners – and how they ensure patients and families have the information they need to make confident decisions about their health care. Everyone is gratified that living PMC's mission, vision, and values has led to this national recognition for a critical aspect of patient quality and safety."

"Patient safety is improved when hospitals are transparent and voluntarily share clinical information with The Leapfrog Group," Mikitarian said. "Not all hospitals do it, possibly because they're afraid of what their numbers would show. It's further evidence of PMC's transparency."

Founded in 2000, The Leapfrog Group is an independent national nonprofit organization created to improve the quality, safety and transparency of U.S. health care. Through its annual Leapfrog Hospital Survey, Leapfrog publicly reports hospital performance on key measures of patient safety, quality and outcomes.

"We applaud Parrish Medical Center for its commitment to transparency," said Leah Binder, The Leapfrog Group president and CEO. "Transparency is one of the most powerful drivers of improvement in health care. By fully participating in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, Parrish Medical Center is helping patients and families access meaningful information about the safety and quality of their care."

"PMC's mission is healing experiences for everyone all the time; its vision - healing families, healing communities; its values are safety, loyalty, integrity, compassion, excellence and stewardship. Putting these into practice daily is what has earned PMC extensive national, and even international, recognition," Mikitarian said.



"It starts with our Board of Directors and extends throughout the entire organization," Mikitarian said. "Health care is a calling as much as it is a profession, and PMC's Care Partners understand that it's a great privilege and great responsibility. The Leapfrog Group's award is a testimony to Care Partners' ability and effectiveness."

To learn more about Parrish Medical Center or Parrish Healthcare, visit parrishhealthcare.com.

Friends of the Port St. John Christmas Parade Float

Believe it or not, the Friends of the Port St. John Library are already planning our Christmas float in July. Our theme, (not the Christmas parade theme) this year is 'Hansel & Gretel.' Ed has already begun re-painting the trailer from last year's colors. And volunteers have begun cutting out and painting gingerbread men to decorate it.

We had a very generous donation from Mike Hughes towards new tires for the trailer. We can't wait to see all your happy faces along the PSJ Parade route.



Post 359 - American Legion



8-1 Bike Days at the Tiki - 1st Saturday of the month, 1 - 5 p.m. presented by American Legion Riders. Good food on the grill with fixin's, \$10. Listen to live music, take part in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to

benefit veterans and veterans' families.

8-5 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

8-10 Sons of the Legion - 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

8-15 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

8-16 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, at 321-210-6234.

8-19 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or more information about American Legion, visit the Post, located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call the Post Commander at 321-268-1632.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



8-5 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

8-8 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd

Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Mike Brayman.

8-8 Bike Day! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

8-12 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

8-13 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Annette Norris.

Karaoke every Friday, 7-10 p.m. Open to the public.

Bingo - Members - Sundays 1 p.m. - ?

Show Me the \$\$ - every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John.

If you are a veteran or family member of a veteran, stop by and visit the Post to get more information about Amvets.

Thank you for your service!



American Aviation Weekend At Kennedy Space Center

American Aviation Weekend is a three-day celebration of flight, innovation, and the people who explore the skies. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex invites guests to explore the spirit of American aviation through special guests and unique activities.

Throughout the event, guests can look forward to:

- Meet and greets with pilots and astronaut pilots (see schedule below)

- Atlantis Aviation Center on the bottom floor of Space Shuttle Atlantis with fun activities, photo opportunities, and a future pilot selfie station

- Screenings of The Blue Angels in IMAX Theater, showing: Monday, July 27 – Sunday, August 2 at 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Pilot Schedule:

- Friday, July 31: Major Trent “Beef” Kingery, Ph.D., and Matthew “Mutt” Manifold

- Saturday, August 1: Matthew “Mutt” Manifold and astronaut Winston Scott

- Sunday, August 2: Matthew “Mutt” Manifold and astronaut Fred Gregory

A variety of tickets and prices, including single day or multi-day, as well as senior and military prices plus a special limited-time savings during their Celebrating U.S.A. summer events between July 1 – August 31, 2026, (take \$17.76 off both adult and child one-day admission tickets), are available at:

www.kennedyspacecenter.com/info/tickets/#admission-tickets

There are also several special packaged experience tickets; Fly with an astronaut, KSC Elite VIP Tour and a Family After Hours Adventure. See them on the site.

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is located on Space Commerce Way, Merritt Island, and is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



3500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday 12-8 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

Tabletop Game Night: Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The library provides a variety of board games and card games for all ages. Simply visit the Youth Services Desk to borrow a game, then settle in and play at the library. Bring your family, invite your friends, or meet new people while enjoying an evening of fun, friendly games. No registration required; just drop in and play!

Kids' Dice & Dragons: Sundays, 1:00 & 1:30 p.m. A staff-led, tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story for children ages 8-12. Space is limited; kids will be split into parties of 5 for 30-minute sessions. Adult supervision required at all times.

Family Movie Night: Mondays. 4:00-6:00 p.m. Have fun watching G or PG-rated movies. All ages welcome. Adult supervision required. Adults are also welcome to stay and enjoy some popcorn and a fun, family oriented movie. Wear something comfortable!

- 8/3 Hoppers (2026)
- 8/10 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937)
- 8/17 101 Dalmatians (1961)
- 8/24 Lady and the Tramp (1955)
- 8/31 Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse (2023)

Sensory Playtime: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. A sensory-friendly play event for ages 3 and up, featuring hands-on activity bins with kinetic sand, rice, beans, and more. Adult supervision required.

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Short stories and nursery rhymes for babies ages 1 and under. Adult supervision required.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. A fun movement program for toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. For children ages 3-5. Adult supervision required.

Playdate: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Spanish Bilingual Story Time: Monday, August 17, 10:00-10:30 a.m. Join us for a fun and educational event! Children will learn basic Spanish vocabulary, sing songs, make a craft, and listen to stories in English and Spanish. This event is for ages 3-5, Adult

supervision is required.

TEENS

Teen Dice & Dragons: August 9 & 23, 3:00 - 4:45 p.m. A staff-led, beginner-friendly tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story. This event is for ages 13-17. Adult supervision required.

ADULTS

Adult Dice and Dragons: Sundays, August 2, 16, 30, 3 - 4:45 p.m. Role playing adventures with characters and dice.

Yarn Group: Fridays in August, 1 - 3-30 p.m. Yarn Group of PSJ Library is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They donate projects and meet every Friday.

Book Worms Book Club: Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m. Join the group for a lively discussion of Killing the SS by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard. Pick up September's title Brave New World by Aldous Huxley.

Port Readers Book Club: Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss The Buffalo Hunter Hunter by Stephen Graham Jones.

Community Support Advocate will be at the Port St. John Public Library Mondays, August 3, 17, and 31, 1:30 - 5 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources. Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. See the Reference desk for details.

Port Saint John Dependent Special District Board meets Wednesday, August 12, 6 p.m. This is a public meeting. Unpaid member board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The PSJ Board serves as the recommending body for the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency and the Board of County Commissioners for requests within the Dependent Special District Area of Port St. John. Visit the Brevard County website for available Port St. John Dependent Special District Board.

FAMILY EVENTS

Cards with a Purpose: Tuesday, August 11, 10 -11 a.m. Make a custom personal card as well as a card for charity to brighten someone's day. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month. All ages welcome with adult supervision.

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