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WEATHER



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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Eden named national Blue Ribbon school

GREENFIELD — A local elementary school has been named a national Blue Ribbon school. Eden Elementary, 8185 N. State Road 9, Greenfield, is one of only seven Indiana schools to be named a recipient of the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

Created in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either high performing or have significant improvement in student achievement among disadvantaged students.

In November, the department of education will conduct a reception in the nation's capital to formally recognize the awarded schools.

For more information about Eden's achievement, see an upcoming issue of the Daily Reporter.

THE DAILY KUDOS

The Daily Reporter today salutes Shelley Swift of Greenfield and Chris Sickels of Greenfield. Have a great day!

CORRECTION

A photo in the Sept. 28 edition of the Daily Reporter ("Poetic Anniversaries," A4) mislabeled the Riley Museum as the James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home. The Riley home is celebrating its 80th anniversary as a public tourist attraction. The Daily Reporter regrets the error.

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Gift of Life International



HEALTHY AT HEART

Program repairs birth defect in girl from Trinidad



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From top: Megan Ramroop and Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman share a laugh during a recent luncheon with the Greenfield Rotary Club. Ramroop eats ice cream after attending a Greenfield Rotary Club meeting.

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GREENFIELD — Megan Ramroop sat in Stephanie Kinnaman's arms, clutching a neon plush cat and chattering about her trip earlier that day to the zoo.

Over the last three weeks, the 5-year-old from Trinidad had become fast friends with Kinnaman, the Greenfield doctor who helped coordinate a life-saving surgery for Megan and, last week, celebrated its success with members of the local Rotary Club that helped fund the operation.

Kinnaman leads Indiana's Gift of Life program, which since 1998 has sent teams of doctors to developing countries and brought children to the United States for heart surgeries they desperately need. Up to five children a year can travel to Riley Hospital for Children through Gift of Life, she said.

Megan is the latest patient to come to Indiana through the program, which Kinnaman has chaired since 2011.

Everything happened fast for the little

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ROTARY

The Greenfield Rotary Club supports Gift of Life International with fundraisers and volunteers. Here's a look at how the organizations have helped children with heart defects since the beginning.

1998: The first patient, a child from St. Petersburg, Russia, flies to Indianapolis for a heart surgery at Riley Hospital for Children.

306 surgeries have been performed by Gift of Life teams.

67 children have been brought to Riley since, from Iraq, the Philippines, Trinidad and other countries without heart specialists. Gift of Life also sends teams of doctors to perform surgeries on site in locations like Amman, Jordan.

The surgeries are made possible with a more than **\$238,000** grant, which local Rotarians supported.

An August trip to Jordan broke records, with doctors performing **15** surgeries in a week.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

J.B. Stephens Principal Matt Davis prepares a cot to sleep on the school's roof, fulfilling a promise he made to students for reaching a fundraising goal.

Raising the (principal to the) roof

J.B. Stephens Elementary School beats \$1,000 literacy fundraising goal

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GREENFIELD — He came armed with a cot, a sleeping bag and a fan crickets.

J.B. Stephens Elementary School principal Matt Davis had

everything he needed to sleep under the stars.

This week, he spent the night atop the school's roof — a promise he had made to students if they raised \$1,000 for a local literacy cause.

When \$1,064 rolled in, Davis gathered his supplies.

During the Imagination

Library Giving Week earlier this month, students at J.B. Stephens helped collect just more than \$1,000 for the program that puts books in the hands of Hancock County's youngest residents. Altogether, the Greenfield-Central School Corp. raised

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GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE

Lending 'an extra hand'

Lilly Elanco employees take part in volunteer day

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GREENFIELD — Days like Thursday are some of Caryn Thompson's favorite work days.

Surrounded by her Elanco colleagues, a baseball cap on her head and paint covering her fingers, Thompson stepped away from her desk for an afternoon, picking up a paintbrush instead of her research material and spending a day giving back to the community she calls home.

Thursday marked Eli Lilly and Co.'s 10th annual Global Day of Service.

Every autumn, more than 24,000 Eli Lilly employees worldwide — including hundreds from Greenfield-based Elanco — participate in the volunteer day, when employees in 65 countries exchange their daily duties for service projects within the communities where they work.

Employees participated in more than 40 projects across Central Indiana, including about a dozen in Hancock County.

Thompson and other employees from Greenfield's Elanco headquarters visited some of the county's most prominent nonprofit organizations to lend a hand.

They swung hammers at the construction site of Greenfield's second Habitat for Humanity house, and they organized shelves at the local food pantry. They packed some 15,000 meals to feed the hungry, in partnership with Million Meal Movement, and they helped paint a mural at the local chapter of the Indiana Canine Assistants Network, according to a press release.

Global Day of Service is just one reason Thompson keeps working as a researcher for Elanco, even when other opportunities might arise, she said. She loves being able to work for a company so dedicated to community service and giving back.

In some way, each project addressed Elanco's core company mission of enriching lives with safe and healthy food and companionship, said Thompson, who volunteered Thursday at the Hancock County Humane Society.

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HEART

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girl and her family. In nine months, they went from not knowing Megan had a heart defect that stood to shorten her life to traveling to the United States from their home in Trinidad for a procedure to repair it at no cost to the family. Now that the weight has been lifted, family members are easing Megan back into the life of a normal 5-year-old as she returns to the island off the coast of Venezuela with her family.

Megan represents the 67th patient brought to Riley for a heart surgery through Gift of Life, while a traveling team of surgeons and doctors just completed its 306th surgery in Amman, Jordan, Kinnaman said.

More than 90 percent of children with congenital heart defects are born in countries without adequate health care options, said Gift of Life International CEO Rob Raylman in February at the Gift of Life Auction, which



Clockwise from left: From left, Patrick Ramroop, daughter Megan, son Adam, and wife Sara Sampath. The family recently attended a Greenfield Rotary Club luncheon before heading home to Trinidad. Megan has recovered fully from surgery at Riley Hospital for Children after her family learned she had a heart defect. The Gift of Life, supported by the Rotary Foundation, made it possible for her and her family to travel to Indianapolis for Megan's surgery. **Tom Russo | DAILY REPORTER**



ACROSS THE GLOBE

Gift of Life brings children to Riley Hospital for Children for heart surgeries, but the program also enables doctors to travel to countries lacking the specialists necessary to treat heart defects. The teams perform as many procedures as possible while they're there and teach local physicians how to perform them as well. Gift of Life doctors have made four trips this year, treating Syrian refugees and other displaced families in Jordan with the help of a more than \$236,000 grant from Rotary International, supported in part by the Greenfield club's annual Gift of Life Auction. Another trip is planned for November.

raised more than \$50,000. Gift of Life bridges that gap, bringing children to the U.S. to receive care and sending teams out to developing countries to help train their doctors and nurses as well, he said.

Trinidad faces challenges in treating heart defects, Kinnaman said. There's no pediatric heart specialist on the island, and only one technician who can perform echocardiography, or sonograms of the heart. Long wait

times to see the technician cause delays in being seen — and diagnosed, she said.

When Megan's parents in December took her to the doctor with a fever and a cough that wouldn't go away, they were shocked to learn Megan had an atrial septal defect, a hole in the wall between the heart's upper chambers, and no doctors on the island could fix it. Within two months, Megan's doctors told them about how Gift of Life could help them, and armed with that knowledge, the family planned a trip to Indiana for Megan to undergo surgery.

"It was a relief," Megan's mother said. "It was a bit scary to learn about her defect, initially."

The family — dad Patrick Ramroop; mom Sara Sampath; Megan and her little brother, Adam, 3 — arrived in Indiana on Sept. 2. Just four days later, Dr. Mark Turrentine, a heart surgeon at Riley, performed open-heart surgery to patch the hole between the two upper chambers of her heart. And after just three weeks of recovery at the Ronald McDonald House, Megan and her family got the go-ahead to schedule a flight home.

Though the repair for an atrial septal defect is a simple surgery — as far as heart operations

go — the doctors at Riley were still impressed with Megan's quick recovery, Kinnaman said, noting most open-heart surgery patients take four to six weeks to recover.

Rotary members were there every step of the way. They drove the family to doctor's appointments, brought them food and cheered them on during a meeting when the little patient came to visit. The help must have felt a little like being pampered to Megan, who despite some nervousness in the hospital told Kinnaman she was enjoying her "vacation."

Upon returning home, Sampath planned to take things slowly, she said. She decided to give Megan a month at home before sending her to school in November, because Megan has some post-surgery restrictions. "She loves to rough-house," her mother laughed.

Though their stay in Indiana was shorter than expected, Megan and her family still grew close to the Rotary members who spent time with them. Not only did they take the family to tourist destinations like the zoo, members of the local club sat with family members, comforting them, during Megan's surgery.

Sampath is grateful for

the care Megan and their family received during her stay at Riley hospital and the support of local Rotarians — whom she calls family — as well as their family back in Trinidad, she said.

"I'm so thankful for the people praying for us," she said. "Megan is a blessed child." Barbara Anders was one who volunteered to spend time with family members during Megan's procedure, keeping them company during the three-hour procedure. As soon as she walked into the waiting room, Sara and Patrick were hugging her, thanking her for her support. She felt a connection with them quickly, she said.

They chatted some of the time, but sometimes, no words felt necessary. Anders' quiet show of support, the reassuring glances or pats on the shoulder, spoke volumes.

It was a comfort the family appreciated, Sampath said.

For Rotarians like president Jeannine Gray, saying goodbye to the family during a recent Rotary meeting was an emotional moment. It doesn't take long for the visiting families to become a part of Rotarians' lives, she said.

Social media helps shorten the distance between the families and those involved in Gift of Life, Kinnaman said. She's watched Gift of Life recipients flourish after receiving those critical surgeries, going on to attend school — which isn't always possible for youths needing heart surgeries — and become normal kids. "They always have a special place in all of our hearts," Kinnaman said.

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Back in Time

By Joe Skvarenina



Charlie Glidwell writes, I really enjoy your articles. My book "Beyond the Badge" has some interesting information on Greenfield that I would like to share with your readers. (He writes to correct some information in my earlier article.)

The City of Greenfield was incorporated as a town in 1850 and incorporated as a City in 1876. I don't believe the Police Department was established until 1926 and the first Police Chief was John Francis Mulvihill who served as Police Chief from 1926 to 1928. Prior to 1926 Law Enforcement in Greenfield was a Town Marshall system with the first elected Town Marshall being N.P. Howard. The town Marshall was either elected or appointed. Up through the 1960s the Greenfield Police Department was indeed responsible for animal control and carried snares in the Police cars. The animal shelter was an old barn located on the hill just west of where the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge now sets. The Police Department has had four (4) Police Stations, the first being in the North West Corner of the

County Court House, the second was in the newly constructed City Hall located at 110 South State Street, and had offices in the North east corner of City Hall, the third was at 23 West South Street, the fourth was when in 1977 the current Police Station was built at 116 South State Street where the Department is currently located.

With regards to the Greenfield Power and Light it was indeed located in a old brick house on South Riley Ave., after the Power and light Department moved out of the house it became the first home of the Hancock County Fraternal Order of Police where the F.O.P. remained until moving to its present location on 100 South.

Thank you for allowing me to share this information with you.

Charlie served for many years as Greenfield Police Chief. Enough, I told you everything that I know and some things I don't. Talk to me c/o skvarenina@hotmail.com or at the Daily Reporter.

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