



Laugh Lines



Clowns on Rounds, Inc.

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The purpose of Clowns on Rounds, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, is to encourage in hospitalized patients, a positive attitude toward their illness and through humor, to help alleviate the fears, anxieties and stress experienced by patients, their families, friends and caregivers.

GO FOR THE GOLD 2008 CLOWNS ON ROUNDS ANNUAL FUN RAISER

The 2008 Clowns on Rounds annual FUN Raiser will feature our wonderful joke-telling competition by our guests as they compete this year for our new, coveted Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals. Philip Morris, CEO of Proctors Theatre in Schenectady is this



Proctors Theatre's CEO, Philip Morris

year's Honorary Chairperson. Our gracious and humorous Master of Ceremonies for the third year in a row will be Dr. Mark Fruiterman, a wonderful friend to Clowns on Rounds. This year's esteemed judges will be three Clowns of America International Clowns of the Year, Dr. Funnybones (1999), Dr. Gigglebriitches (2001) and Nurse Non Cents (2004).



Dr. Mark Fruiterman

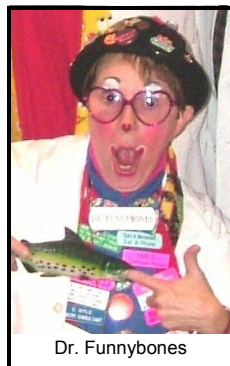


Nurse Non Cents

The event will take place on Wednesday, November 19th at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. The cocktail hour, filled with clowning around, will begin at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Then the fun really starts as the fierce competition to find the funniest joke and the loudest laughs begins.



Dr. Gigglebriitches and
CoR Board Member, Vera Propp



Dr. Funnybones

FUNDS NEEDED TO EXPAND HUMOR THERAPY PROGRAM AT ALBANY MED

Clowns on Rounds has had our program at the Albany Medical Center Pediatric Oncology Hematology Clinic and Pediatric Unit for over five years now. Funds comes from fundraising events like our annual FUN Raiser and the Capital Region Apple Festival as well as grants in recent years from Stewart Shops and our friend, Bill Malick. We currently have our clown doctors at the hospital only three times a month.



Dr. Funnybones, Zack & his Mom

On a recent visit to the clinic to visit Alexandra, a 3 year-old friend of mine battling Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL), I had an opportunity to observe many of the children coming into the clinic looking sad and scared. Dr. Funnybones spoke with each



3 Year-old Alexandra

child, one at a time. She would make each one a paper rose out of a cocktail napkin, then clowned around with them for a while. The smiles and laughter came quickly as they interacted with Dr. Funnybones. And the

parents were smiling and laughing too. These children come to the clinic, week after week for often painful treatment for cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Our "pretending physicians" help them set aside their fears and help them to just be children. We would like to see this program expand to 3 days-a-week, every single week of the year, but we need your help and support to make this happen!



Spotlight on Staff

CAROL SUE HART aka NURSE SONSHINE



My mom, age 90, had moved in with me and my family for a year and a half because she had Alzheimer's. Then she broke her hip and went to St. Clare's Hospital. Because she had pneumonia every other month, they couldn't put her in a nursing home so I was at the hospital a lot and got used to being there. After she passed away at 92, I had a lot of time and decided I wanted to go visit a nursing home (since my mother was 43 when she had me and an older mom – I have a heart for the elderly). Feeling I couldn't go as me, I decided to become a clown and ended up going to Schenectady Community College for Clown College with Snappy and also learned from Marie Beck (Dr. Funnybones) who teaches Clown Ministry. I took more classes with Marie and joined the Joyful Joey's, a Christian Clown Ministry. Then finally, after a few years I felt more confident and asked to join Clowns on Rounds. I had done several months at Our Lady of Mercy Nursing Home when an opening at St. Clare's Hospital happened. In recent years, I have been bringing smiles and laughter to the patients and staff at Ellis and Sunnyview Hospitals.

I love to go in and see the people's faces brighten as I walk in the door, saying, "You brought sunshine in!" And the joy of the one-day surgery patients as it keeps their minds off what is happening or what they have gone through. You can see the "kids inside" coming out saying, "You made my day!" I want to say it has been a blessing to me. By the way, Sunshine spelled this way is because the Joy and Laughter comes from God and my relationship with Jesus Christ. He makes me shine and for that I am so very thankful.

EXCELLENCE IN CLOWNING

In April 2008 at the International Clown Convention in Richmond, Virginia, Loretta DeAngelus aka Dr. Giggles and Marie Beck aka Dr. Funnybones were awarded the Clowns of America International (COAI) "Excellence in Clowning" award. In order to receive this award, excellence must be demonstrated in several areas: Service to Clowning, Service to the Community, Acquired Educational Background in Clowning, Evidence of Exceptional Makeup and Costume and Clown Performance Awards. Only eight clowns have ever qualified for this unique and prestigious award. We are pleased and honored to have these talented and caring ladies on the staff of Clowns on Rounds! Congratulations!

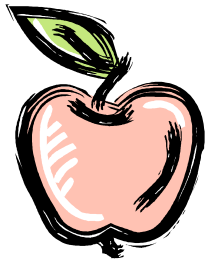
APPLE FESTIVAL EVENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR CLOWNS ON ROUNDS

* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *

Every fall, for the past 13 years, volunteers have built and operated a Haunted Fun House at the Capital Region Apple Festival at the Altamont Fairgrounds. Peggy Were, CoR board member and her partner, Boz Collen supervised the construction and operation of the attraction with all proceeds going to Clowns on Rounds.



Clowns on Rounds uses over 100 volunteers at the two-day Apple Festival for the Haunted House, Clowns, Face Painting, Helium Balloons and the Children's Pumpkin Painting Booth. This year the dates are Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th. All are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elaine Person at 861-6262.



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Our website: www.clownsonrounds.com