

**NEWS FROM
THE GRAND CHAPTER
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**FRATERNITY RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH
ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL**

(Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), March 2016 - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the International Fraternal Association headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, announced that it is renewing its national philanthropic partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Grand Polemarch (CEO) Thomas L. Battles, Jr., and members of the Kappa leadership team recently visited the Memphis-based hospital and met with St. Jude leadership to craft the new agreement, which has now been officially executed. Said Battles, "Since taking office in August, members from all over the country have asked me to renew our partnership with St. Jude. I am excited that we are, once again, supporting this great organization. My visit to the campus reminded me of the great work St. Jude is doing and how much our support makes a difference."

From 2008-2011, Kappa served as the national volunteer partner for St. Jude Sunday of Hope™. Kappa members throughout the country partnered with churches in their communities to donate a love offering to support the children of St. Jude. During that time, the program raised over \$1.3 million. In recognition of Kappa's generous support, a wall depicting the organization's national headquarters, combined with a rendering of St. Jude hospital, is displayed near the hospital's hematology lab. Through the new agreement, Kappa has expressed an aspirational goal of exceeding its past contributions.

Richard C. Shadyac, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of ALSAC/St. Jude, has been in discussions with Grand Polemarch Battles immediately after Battles' election, putting the wheels in motion for the partnership renewal. Kappa, through its Province (regional) Coordinators and local chapter members has already begun reaching out to churches across the country to support Sunday of Hope. As the national leadership of Kappa Alpha Psi celebrates the 105th year of its founding, its members are welcoming back the partnership with St. Jude. "What a wonderful way to celebrate our 105th year by recommitting our support to helping save children's lives," concluded Grand Polemarch Battles.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is an international organization founded on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana on January 5, 1911. Since its inception, it has trained over 150,000 men, particularly undergraduates, for leadership roles in their communities and the attainment of a high degree of excellence in their academic pursuits. The International Headquarters is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other deadly diseases such as sickle cell. St. Jude has the world's best survival rates for the most aggressive childhood cancers, and treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent since St. Jude opened its doors more than 50 years ago. St. Jude freely shares the discoveries it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing and food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. Join the St. Jude mission by visiting stjude.org or following St. Jude on [facebook.com/stjude](https://www.facebook.com/stjude) and twitter.com/stjude. For more information on St. Jude Sunday of Hope™, please visit www.stjude.org/saving-all-kids.

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