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Continuing the Mason family legacy at OSF Sacred Heart

Donation in honor of Dr. John C. Mason Jr. will ensure continued high-quality obstetrics care

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(February 13, 2024 | Danville, Illinois) – John C. Mason Jr., MD, delivered thousands of babies over several decades in Danville, Illinois, the community he called home. Mason [passed away in 2020](#) at age 90, and now his family is continuing his legacy at OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center through a generous donation to the family birthing center. The contribution will help renovate patient rooms, among other things.

“Between our grandfather and father, there are almost 100 years of health care service to Danville and Vermilion County,” said John Mason, a son of John C. Mason Jr. “My brothers and I are grateful for the foundation that Danville provided. We always call Danville our home with enthusiasm. That gratitude and enthusiasm continue with this gift.”

John C. Mason Jr. completed coursework at the University of Illinois’ Urbana and Chicago campuses. Following military service, he returned to Danville and practiced for nearly 40 years, delivering or assisting in more than 10,000 births. Mason Jr. was also a faculty member on the UI’s Urbana campus.

The Mason family includes multiple generations of doctors and has been involved in philanthropy and community service in Danville and across Illinois. In 2004, the healing garden in front of OSF Sacred Heart (then called Provena United Samaritans Medical Center) was named in Mason Jr.’s honor.

Mason Jr.’s children recently toured OSF Sacred Heart to see quality patient care firsthand. The hospital’s family birthing center reopened in September to meet a critical need in the Vermilion County area.

“Every patient care area in the hospital is on our list to upgrade so our guests have a comfortable experience,” said Ned Hill, president of OSF Sacred Heart. “This contribution from the Mason family will go a long way toward that goal in our birthing center, a busy area of the hospital where our caregivers help mothers during their life-changing experience. We’re grateful for the Mason family’s commitment to OSF Sacred Heart and to Danville.”

Families interested in a tour of the family birthing center at OSF Sacred Heart can call (217) 443-5214. Those interested in supporting OSF Sacred Heart’s mission of serving with the greatest care and love can learn more [here](#).

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