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A Journey of Mission and Grace: Celebrating Lives Transformed in 2025

Dear [Salutation],

As the sacred season of Advent draws near and we reflect on the blessings of the past year, one moment stands out as a profound testament to the power of faith, formation, and your generosity: the priestly ordination of Fr. Mateusz Garstecki, OMI.

On September 13, 2025, the sanctuary of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in San Antonio overflowed with reverence and joy as family, friends, and fellow Missionary Oblates gathered to witness this sacred milestone. Presided over by Bishop Michael D. Pflieger, OMI, the ordination marked the culmination of years of spiritual formation, academic study, and pastoral service.

Father Mateusz's journey—from his early discernment in high school to his studies in Rome and ministry in Illinois—was shaped by the support of the Oblate community and the generosity of donors like you. His story is a living example of how your gifts help nurture vocations, sustain formation, and bring hope to communities near and far.

The day after his ordination, Fr. Mateusz celebrated his first Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and Tepeyac de San Antonio, surrounded by those who had walked with him in prayer and support. His homily reflected the depth of his formation and the sincerity of his mission—a mission rooted in love, sacrifice, and the Oblate charism of serving the poor and abandoned.

Thank you for all of your support of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Your generosity has helped make moments like this possible, and it continues to sow seeds of faith for the future.

As we prepare to welcome a new year, we ask for your continued support. Your end-of-year gift will allow us to build on this year's successes—supporting seminarians, expanding outreach, and deepening our spiritual ministries.

Please consider making a donation today. Together, we can continue this sacred mission and ensure that the next generation of faithful leaders is empowered to serve with compassion and grace.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this shared journey of faith.

In Christ, Jesus and Mary Immaculate,
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Apreciable (Salutation),

A medida que se acerca la temporada de Adviento y el año llega a su fin, me encuentro reflexionando sobre cómo Dios ha obrado profundamente a través de cada uno de nosotros notable del grupo de Jóvenes Adultos en la Parroquia de la Santa Cruz en Buffalo, Nueva York. Oscar compartió cómo, a la edad de 17 años, encontré una comunidad acogedora y firmé amistades duraderas con seminaristas a través de los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada. En 2016, los Oblatos hicieron posible que asistiera a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Cracovia, Polonia, un viaje transformador que fortaleció su fe. Recientemente, el grupo de jóvenes Adultos asistió a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Portugal, profundizando sus lazos de amistad y fe.



Inspirado por la guía del P. Félix Nyambe, OMI y Michele Dvito en la parroquia, Oscar me inspiró a iniciar una iniciativa de ayudar a formar un grupo de Jóvenes Adultos en 2022, reconociendo el papel esencial de la juventud en la Iglesia. El compromiso del grupo con la fe se hace evidente en sus reuniones mensuales para la Adoración, el Estudio Bíblico y el servicio comunitario en la Misión de Misericordia de San Lucas. Viven el carisma de San Eugenio de Mazenod, mostrando amor y dignidad a todos, especialmente a los pobres y abandonados de Buffalo.

(continúa, por favor)

La comprensión de Oscar de las enseñanzas de San Eugenio ha alimentado su deseo de compartir la Buena Nueva con los más necesitados. En septiembre, completó su formación para convertirse en Asociado Oblato, continuando la misión de difundir el carisma de San Eugenio. A través de su participación en la Misa, el servicio comunitario y diversos eventos, este grupo sigue extendiendo alegría y bendiciones a todos los que encuentran.

Gracias por su reciente donación en apoyo a la misión y los ministerios de nuestra patrona, María Inmaculada. Su generosidad es vital para sembrar semillas de fe para la próxima generación y avanzar en nuestros esfuerzos por fomentar el crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual.

Al prepararnos para recibir el nuevo año, le pido amablemente su continuo apoyo. Su generosidad nos permitirá nutrir estos programas vitales y apoyar a nuestros jóvenes en su camino de fe. Por favor, considere hacer una donación de fin de año para ayudarnos a continuar esta misión de fe y servicio. Juntos, podemos plantar semillas de fe que florecerán y darán fruto en Buffalo y más allá.

Gracias por su consideración y compromiso con esta misión compartida. Que Dios lo bendiga por su generosidad e inspire a seguir apoyando a la próxima generación de fieles discípulos.



En Cristo Jesús y María Inmaculada,
Fr. David P. Uribe, OMI
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María, Madre de Todos

Al acercarnos al final del año, su apoyo a los Misioneros Oblatos de María Inmaculada es más crucial que nunca. Su donación ayuda a sembrar las semillas de fe para la próxima generación, continuando el legado de servicio misionero y dedicación.

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End-of-year fundraising appeal, direct-mail campaign—Spanish version

Fr. David P. Uribe, OMI
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Dear Scott,

The Missionary Oblates warmly invite you to join us for the Novena to the Immaculate Conception, a ninety-day journey of prayer and reflection beginning November 30 and concluding on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Together, we will walk with Mary, full of grace from the moment of her conception, and open our hearts to the transforming love of God. Each day of the novena will include Scripture, meditation, and prayer, guiding us toward deeper trust in God's mercy through Mary's intercession.

This novena is not only a time of personal devotion but also a way to unite with the Missionary Oblates in their mission of bringing hope, healing, and the love of Christ to those most in need. We invite you to register today and join us in prayerful preparation for this beautiful feast.

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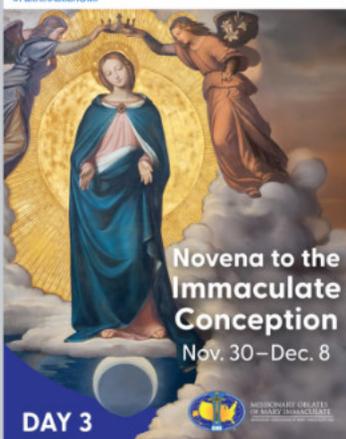
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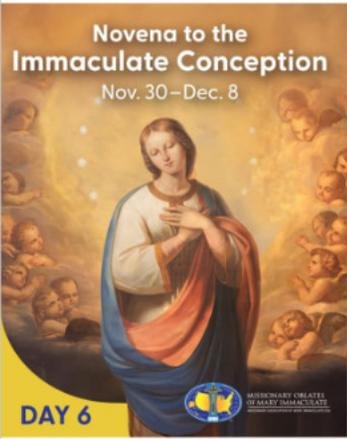
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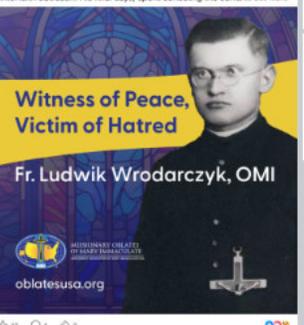
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Servant of God Fr. Ludwik Wrodczyk, OMI is remembered on December 8. He was abducted and martyred in 1943 for his unwavering witness to Christ's peace and violence and division.

Born in Poland and sent to serve in Ukraine, Fr. Ludwik's ministry was marked by deep compassion, tireless pastoral care, and courageous interfaith outreach. His final days, spent consoling the sufferer... See more



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Dear Scott,

On Epiphany, the Missionary Oblates invite you to join in the cherished Catholic tradition: blessing your home as a sign of welcome to Christ and His peace.

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May the Lord bless your home with joy, your family with love, and your heart with peace.

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Apreciado Scott,

En esta Epifanía, los Misioneros Oblatos le invitan a participar en una tradición católica muy apreciada: bendecir su hogar como signo de bienvenida a Cristo y a Su paz.

Al unirse, no solamente santifica su morada con la oración, sino que también extiende su generosidad para apoyar la misión de los Oblatos de servir a los pobres y marginados.

Al descargar su Certificado de Bendición del Hogar, se unirá a miles de fieles que están abriendo sus puertas a Cristo y sus corazones a quienes más lo necesitan.

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Que el Señor colme su hogar de alegría, su familia de amor y su corazón de paz.

En Cristo Jesús y María Inmaculada,
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Father Eleazar Manuel López, O.M.I. describes his life as one of transitions. On January 11, 2020 he made the biggest transition yet when he was ordained the newest Missionary Oblate for the United States Province.

"It has been quite a journey, but thanks be to God I am here," said Fr. Eleazar on his ordination day.

Father Eleazar was born and raised in Mexico in a family with three sisters and two brothers. As a young man, his life lacked focus, and he wasn't sure what path he would eventually take.

"As a teenager I was distant from God," said Fr. Eleazar. "I would go to church sporadically but I was never committed to my faith. I felt lost."

At the age of 20 Fr. Eleazar thought the military might be a good place for him to gain focus in his life. He joined the Mexican Army and served for four years. He was part of a Special

Forces operation focused on curtailng drug trafficking.

"Ironically, in the Army I was trained to kill people, but eventually I found my true calling in saving people through Christ," said Fr. Eleazar.

After moving to the United States, Fr. Eleazar's life changed dramatically when he stumbled across the Oblate's Santa Rosa Parish in San Fernando, California. He got involved with the youth ministry program at the

St. Eugene De Mazenod, because of the founder's focus to treat people as humans first and then to meet their spiritual needs.

When Fr. Eleazar told his family that he was interested in becoming a priest, they were at first unsupportive. He had almost no contact with them for four years. But eventually they warmed up to the idea, and began supporting his decision to serve God as a Missionary

After a year at the novitiate, Fr. Eleazar made First Vows and became a student at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He joined an Oblate seminarian community with students from around the world.

Father Eleazar's long journey to the priesthood concluded when he was ordained in January at the Oblates' Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos Parish in San Antonio. Presiding at the ordination was a brother Oblate, Fr. Michael D. Pfeifer, O.M.I.

The Faith Blooms In The Desert

Left to Right:
Fr. Jerzy Kotowski,
Fr. Rafal Chlilmonik,
Fr. Pawel Zajac,
Fr. Andrzej Maszaj

Father Andrzej and two other Oblates are the only Catholic priests working in Turkmenistan, a country of over five million people. When the Oblates celebrate Mass at their Chapel of the Lord's Transfiguration in Ashgabat, there is no other Catholic celebration within a thousand miles in all directions – truly an oasis of faith in the desert.

The population of Turkmenistan is about 90-percent Muslim along with members of the Orthodox Church and some Protestant denominations. The

government watches these religious institutions closely. Though there are no outright bans on these groups, the government does nothing to encourage them either. New churches or buildings are almost never approved for construction and even the importation of Bibles and other religious material is strictly regulated.

Father Andrzej along with Frs. Rafal Chlilmonik and Jerzy Kotowski, are officially Vatican diplomats who maintain a ministry of pastoral and missionary activity in a "low profile" style which is limited to their home and chapel.

"We have a Catholic community of about 150 persons. They attend Mass in Russian and also in English," said Fr. Andrzej. "Our community worships in a rented house. In spite of the lack of space our community maintains its enthusiasm, as the number of people coming continues to grow."

"Over time I saw a community rise before my eyes"

Pope Pius XI gave the Missionary Oblates the title of "specialists in the most difficult missions." And there may be no greater example of that difficult mission than the Oblate mission in Turkmenistan.

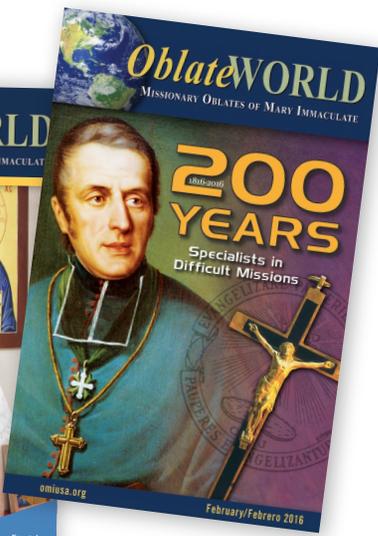
For generations, no Catholic priest was allowed to work in the country while it was part of the Soviet Union. When Communism collapsed, a small group of Catholics wrote to Pope John Paul II asking him to send priests to Turkmenistan to administer the Sacraments.

The Vatican began to ask religious congregations if they were interested in starting a mission in Turkmenistan. They asked 38 communities for volunteers, and got rejected by all 38. On the 39th try, the Vatican finally

got a positive response, from the Missionary Oblates.

"When I arrived 23 years ago there were only a handful of Catholic faithful. Over time I saw a community rise before my eyes," said Fr. Andrzej Maszaj, O.M.I. "Being a witness of this birth was a great grace of God, because it means having participated in a birth that was troubled but full of hope. We live the experience of the Apostolic Church, which starts from scratch and is based on the power of the Word of God."

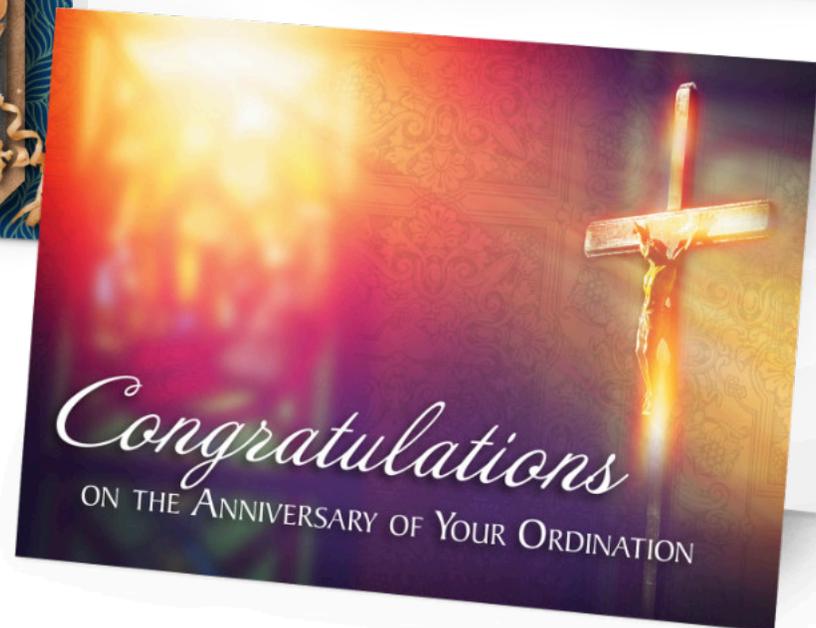
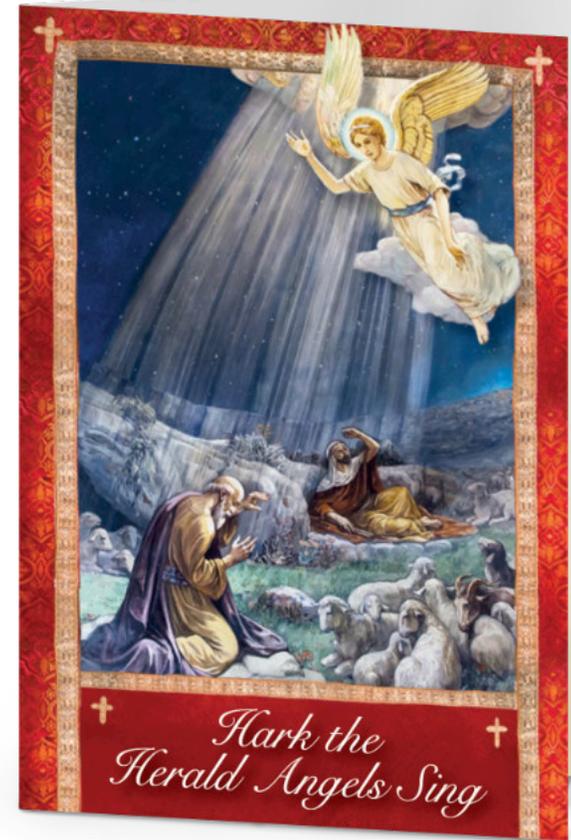
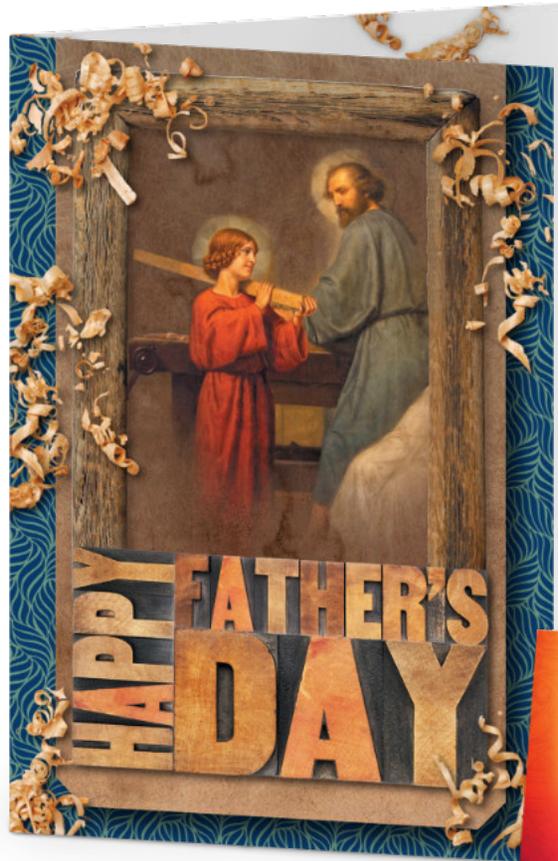
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What is a Peel?
It's a chef's tool for being inside a hot oven. We use a wood peel to get pizzas in, and a long-handled peel to get them out. We couldn't make our pizzas without the peel!

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Baking this wood burning pizza oven took a lot of training and refining our skills, since it takes only 90 seconds to bake the perfect pizza, and just a few more seconds to burn it! Pizzas don't just pop in the oven, bake and come out done. The stone is on one side of the oven, and the fire is on the other. Every pizza has to be rotated during its brief time in the interior heat to ensure even doneness. In the beginning, before we mastered the art of the wood burning pizza oven, before the delicious browning second nature, many pizzas were blackened and discarded!

The blaze of the oven leaves a signature mark on many pizzas -- a charred bubble in the crust. This is not a sign of a burnt pizza (and never drive one that wasn't perfect)! It happens when a bubble rises out of the crust, gets closer to the heat and flame, and blackens. Many customers find the charred bubble to be delicious -- and fun to pop!

You may wonder how the chefs and other food preparers don't overheat working next to an open 800° wood burning pizza oven. That's because the oven is so incredibly well insulated, the heat stays inside.

The oven never stops. At night, the result of the oven is shut off with a form-fitting door to slow the burning of the wood inside. It may cool off overnight to around 350° before being fired up for the next business day.

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Menu 7-16

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Our Menu

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11" Wood Fired Pizzas
Cheese Pizza
Wood Fired Pizza
Sausage & Sausage
Sausage
Wood Fired Pizza
Sausage
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Hours
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Best gourmet pizza in this area of the world. My favorite are the chicken gorgonzola and the cream de line. Both are exceptional!

Menu 7-16

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11" Wood Fired Pizza

Farmagosto
Mozzarella, tomato, parmesan, tomato sauce, fresh oregano \$8.99

Maple Bourbon Pork
Slow roasted pork, house cured bacon, mozzarella, cheddar cheese, roma tomatoes, maple bourbon glaze \$13.99

Margherita

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For Donors

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For Nonprofits

Reaching for Financial Sustainability

Your Resource for Capacity Building

Helping You Meet Your Mission

Bridging Resources and Community Needs

What YouthBridge Community Foundation Can Do for You.

We serve as philanthropy advisors, helping individuals and businesses pursue their philanthropic visions, and as social investors, helping nonprofits become more financially sound through enhanced business practices and solutions.

YouthBridge works with its community partners to secure charitable gifts from individual and corporate donors, and then invests and distributes a portion of the returns from those funds throughout the community as grants, scholarships and social investments.

Helping Donors Make the Most of Their Giving

As philanthropy advisors, we work with individual donors and families to create custom giving strategies that provide for maximum tax advantages while benefiting their charities of choice. Our capabilities allow us to facilitate even the most complex forms of giving. Unlike many charities, we can also accommodate gifts in the form of illiquid assets — such as real estate, fine art and partial business ownership stakes — in addition to stocks, bonds and cash.

YouthBridge philanthropy advisors can help private donors:

- Define their near- and long-term philanthropic goals
- Create a custom giving strategy based on preferred charities
- Identify tax-advantaged solutions
- Set up charitable funds and identify ongoing funding opportunities
- Coordinate overall wealth management and estate planning with family advisors
- Leave a personal or family legacy

Empowering Nonprofits to Reach for Financial Sustainability

Through YouthBridge, nonprofits have access to the technical guidance and support they need to become more operationally efficient and financially sustainable. With a focus on capacity building, our goal is to help nonprofits build stronger balance sheets, create steady, more reliable revenue streams, and reduce their reliance on annual fundraising so they can focus their resources on executing their missions.

Our philanthropy advisors can help nonprofits:

- Establish an effective planned giving program
- Focus on endowment building and income diversification
- Set up and administer endowment and other charitable funds
- Lower costs and improve returns on investments
- Create a social enterprise to help support their mission
- Cultivate donor relationships and foster multi-generational giving
- Strengthen agency leadership and staff business skills

What Should You Look for in a Community Foundation?

Trusted Governance
With a heritage dating back to 1877, YouthBridge is widely regarded as a trusted, consistent steward of charitable funds. Today, YouthBridge Community Foundation is governed by a board of directors that is comprised of local leaders representing diverse backgrounds, interests and professional expertise. Our foundation staff members partner closely with nonprofit organizations, private donors, community leaders and area businesses to ensure our activities are focused on the needs of the communities we serve.

Social Investing Results
Our investments in nonprofit capacity building have resulted in more than \$1 million in grants for social enterprise start-ups and educational seminars and mentoring for hundreds of agency executives and their staff. Investments in HavenHouse St. Louis, Missouri Alliance for Children and Families, Good Shepherd School for Children and many other entities have helped to create meaningful, measurable results.

“Nearly 8,000 patients and their loved ones call HavenHouse home each year while receiving life-saving treatment in St. Louis. HavenHouse is only able to accomplish this because of the large seed grant we received from YouthBridge and the continued generosity of YouthBridge in providing its 25,000 square-foot building to shelter, feed and care for these families. HavenHouse simply would not be where it is today without the generosity and partnership of YouthBridge Community Foundation.”

— Kathy Spindel, Executive Director of HavenHouse St. Louis

Pocket folder, with interchangeable inserts and multi-page brochure, business cards, name badges and envelopes

What legacy are your clients leaving?



The value of partnership.

With a heritage dating back to 1887, YouthBridge Community Foundation works with attorneys and other family advisors to help their clients fulfill their most important philanthropic wishes as part of an overall financial and estate planning strategy.

For a personal consultation, contact us at 314-985-6778 or youthbridge.org.



Building strong, vibrant communities by bridging the resources of generous donors with the needs of worthy nonprofit organizations

YouthBridge philanthropy advisors partner with St. Louis area lawyers to:

- Strengthen client relationships through specialized services
- Identify tax-advantaged giving options
- Establish donor-advised funds
- Maximize the value of client bequests
- Time charitable giving with major liquidity events
- Execute complex charitable transactions
- Facilitate social investments in the St. Louis area
- Help individuals and families leave a lasting legacy



Sometimes the smartest decision we make is the choice to give.

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With a heritage rooted in youth causes dating back to 1887, YouthBridge Community Foundation offers private donors the expertise they need to realize their lifelong philanthropic passions. We work with individuals, families and advisors to identify tax-advantaged giving options that benefit their charities of choice — all within the context of an established financial and estate planning strategy.

Bridging Resources and Community Needs

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Advanced Cushioning

No humans have ever been finding ways to cushion surfaces from their natural areas of contact. The materials of products contain some form of cushioning. The most common materials have been memory foam, gel, and air-filled cushions. While the use of these can offer a buffer against a hard surface, none of them can offer the level of comfort and protection SFT provides.

SFT (Shape Fitting Technology) is a system of soft, flexible air cells, or cushions, that are small, flexible, and can be used in a variety of applications. The air cells are made of a material that is soft and flexible, and can be used in a variety of applications.



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Redistributes Pressure

When any part of the body bears weight against a hard surface, skin tissue is deformed, creating a pressure point. These pressure points cut off blood flow and, over time, cause numbness, discomfort, pain, fatigue and possibly pressure sores.

Any form of cushioning can temporarily redistribute pressure. But even the highest quality foam or gel cannot evenly distribute pressure, and will eventually compress or flatten, losing its ability to provide comfort and protection.

When the body bears weight on SFT cushioning, the air gently redistributes to equalize the pressure, relieving pressure points. SFT cushions compress, it provides you back after five, ten, or twenty years after.

Eliminates Friction and Shear

SFT also eliminates friction and shear, spreading them, get and offer an ideal cushion to help to address. Friction comes from one surface rubbing against another surface, shear occurs when one tissue is distorted. The materials and engineering of the air cells allow the body to slide around, and it reduces them, reducing experiencing resistance. This is because the soft, flexible cells move with the body rather than becoming a force against it.

For example, if you press your hand into memory foam or gel, gel cushions, then move your hand slightly, you will feel resistance, which, over time will create friction. But if you press your hand into SFT cells, you can rotate your hand with very little resistance, because the cells used in your movement rather than resist them.

If you sit your entire body in these same cushioning materials, and move your arm side to side, you'll notice your arm slides to the surface and it is compressed or distorted and doesn't move with your arm. Over time, the body to shear.

But do the same thing with SFT cells, and your skin moves along with your body because the skin surface of SFT cells doesn't shift.

Absorbs Vibration

Because SFT cushions the body with air, vibration is virtually eliminated. In applications where the body is in close contact with machinery or riding in vehicles, vibration can create short term discomfort and numbness, and long term health problems. SFT takes the brunt of the vibration so the body both stays out of contact of it.



Proven in the Transportation Industry

Shape Fitting Technology provides benefits for beyond personal applications — it also absorbs vibration, making it ideal for transportation. People who drive trucks, motorcycles, boats, and farm or construction equipment experience numbness, back pain, and overall spinal compression from long hours on the road or rough terrain.

High Innovation — Extreme Quality

SFT's parent company, The ROHO Group, Inc., holds 229 patents in 42 countries. The technology has never been copied or duplicated, though many have tried. The engineering and cell design has been perfected over several decades of improvements and innovations. Most products used are formulated in-house to our precise specifications. We put our products through thousands of hours of testing to ensure they exceed all needs for strength, stability and durability.



Created for Critical Medical Applications

The ROHO Group has been the leading pioneer in Shape Fitting Technology since 1972. The technology has been used in medical applications for safety and comfort in some very unique situations, where proper cushioning is often a difference between life and death.

The technology was originally invented to assist people who are unable to sit or stand for long periods of time. It is used in a variety of medical applications, and the technology is used to create long-term care products, and other products.

In addition, the ROHO Group was designed to provide an air cell to allow a patient to sit on a car. The ROHO Group became the medical products, and the technology is used to create long-term care products, and other products.

How SFT Can Transform Your Product

ROHO has conducted extensive research on the possible uses of SFT, and we have found its applications are almost limitless. It leads to a product that requires some form of cushioning for comfort, safety, performance or health can be dramatically improved with Shape Fitting Technology.

When your product is cushioned with SFT, your customers will enjoy it more, and be able to use it longer. In control, reach day. The following examples are all possible products we found that would benefit from SFT.

Sports Equipment
Our sports, in-vehicle pads and chest protectors for motorcycle, bike, football, skating, balling can become more protective by reducing pressure with SFT.

Footwear
Hiking boots, military boots, ice or roller skates, ski boots, athletic shoes, marine shoes can become more comfortable, and reduce fatigue with SFT.

Furniture
Dental chairs, massage beds, massage tables, table chairs — any piece of furniture where the customer is better if the user is more relaxed — can benefit from the extreme comfort of SFT.

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Cover and interior spread of eight-page B2B product brochure showing how ROHO Group's Shape Fitting Technology can be used in many different types of consumer products.



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The Green Team



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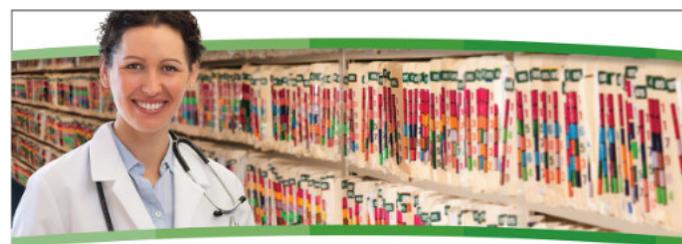


Part of our community spirit is embodied our Green Team. This is a group of First Clover Leaf Bank employees and their families, who donate their time and talents to worthwhile projects, fundraisers, charitable causes and community events throughout the year.

The Green Team sponsors an average of 25 events per year, ranging from food drives for the local food pantries to organizing teams to participate in Relay for Life. Each and every event supports the communities where we live and work.

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The quicker an identity theft is discovered, the less damage can be done and the easier it is to resolve. Secure Identity Systems Platinum is a proactive service that helps discover identity theft quickly and includes resolution services to restore your name to pre-breach status, as well as reimbursement of any out-of-pocket expenses related to restoring your identity. It is the most complete identity theft protection program available today.



What it includes:
Risk Assessment available one day of each month afterward. The Risk Assessment lets you know if you are already a victim of identity theft so that resolution services can begin immediately.

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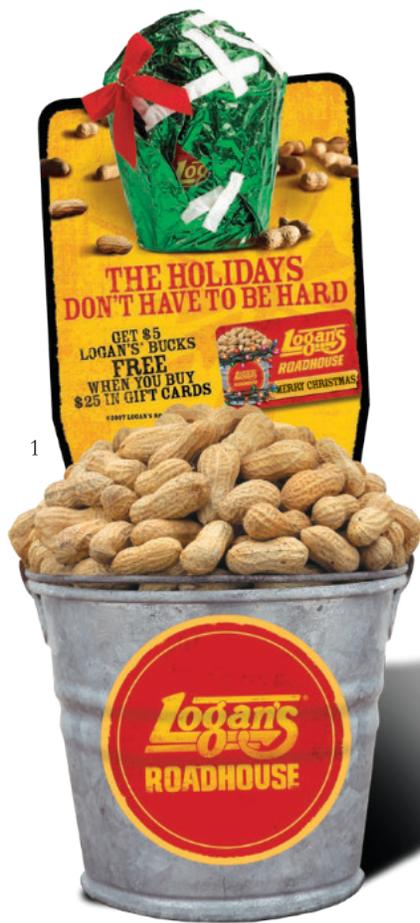
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Promotional brochures, posters and advertisements



Logan's Roadhouse
 Special promotion menu set up with imprint area on the back panel for each store location.



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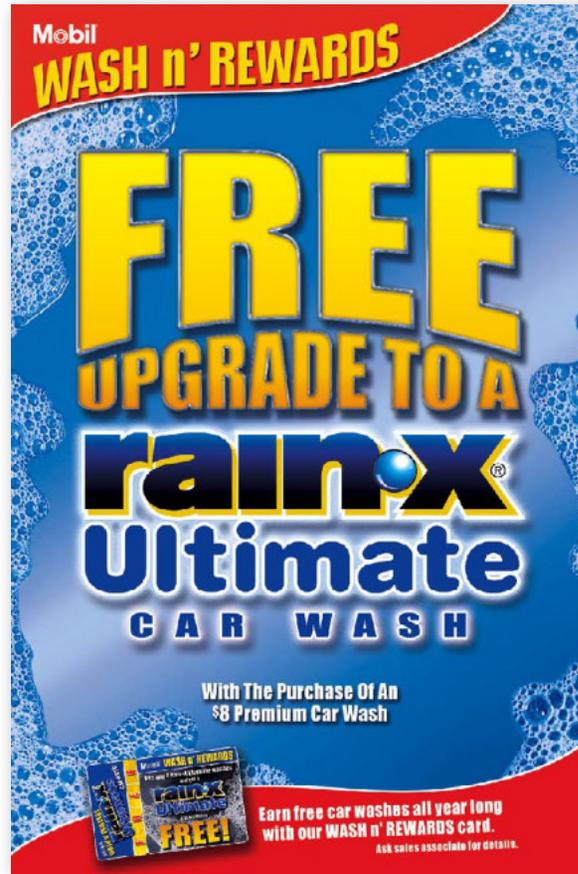


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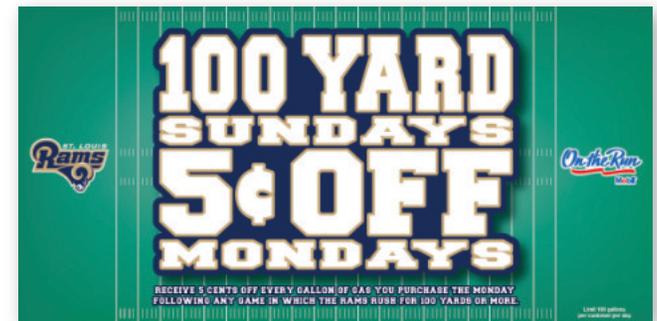
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2. Gift card
3. Billboard
4. Direct-mail postcard
5. Mobile billboard
6. E-mail advertisement used to build awareness and drive sales of gift cards in the holiday season

Posters and pump toppers for monthly and seasonal promotions at St. Louis area, Wallace Oil, Mobil On the Run convenience stores.



24"x36" Posters



27"x12" Pump toppers



Front of window cling

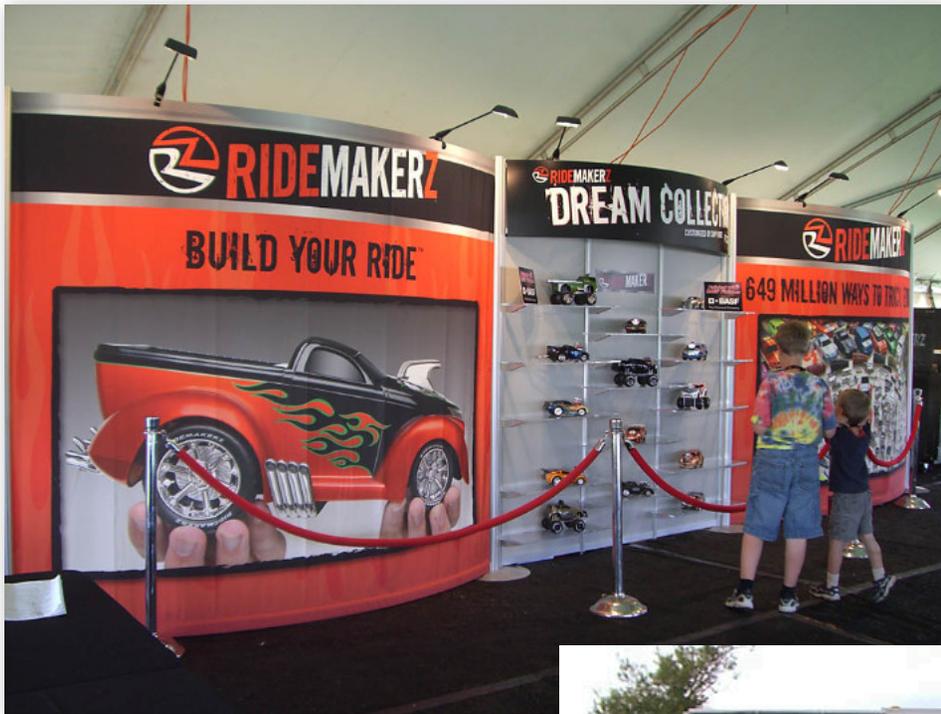
Vinyl window cling placed on vehicle windows at events. The recipients of the cling got a free car wash at their nearest Mobil On the Run store.

Designed to drive more traffic to local stores, this campaign was very successful in increasing sales within all participating stores and building brand loyalty with new and existing customers.



Back of window cling

Trade show design for RideMakerz promotional area at the Woodward, Michigan Dream Cruise car show



Product display



Table banners



Additional signage



Main stage banners

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Quarterly magazine promoting Gateway Regional Medical Center's cutting-edge medical advancements and services.

The New Bone & Joint Center

A Medical "Dream Team" and an Ideal Setting for Joint Replacement Patients

If you are ever in need of hip or knee replacement surgery, you are living in the right place to get the best quality care. Gateway Regional has long been known for its top-notch orthopedic surgery and excellent patient care. But recently, the hospital administration and the surgeons from Illinois SW Orthopedics, Ltd., decided to put their minds and resources together to create the absolute best in bone and joint care.

"We looked at the number of knee and hip replacement surgeries we've been doing over the years," says Damon Brown, CEO at Gateway Regional. "And that number is growing. The population here is getting into their senior years, our seniors are more active, and hip and knee replacements are going to become more common. We wanted to make sure we're ready for them. And we want to give them the best possible care, and the best possible experience throughout the process."

The first step was to assemble an orthopedic "dream team." The foundation of the team is the six board-certified surgeons from Illinois SW Orthopedics, Ltd., who perform about 450 hip and knee replacements per year. Four of these surgeons trained at the renowned Mayo Clinic.

The Illinois SW Orthopedics, Ltd. surgeons had been working with Gateway's medical staff for years, and were very familiar with each individual's particular skills and experience. They were able to select top nurses who've had special training in orthopedics, including an orthopedic coordinator. And, they selected physical therapists to specialize in post-operative hip and knee replacement therapy.

"What's unique about this team is that we've all specialists in bone & joint replacement surgery and care. That's all we focus on. We don't have any staff members who also work in other areas, or who come over here to help out now and then," said Shelley Medina, Orthopedic Nurse Coordinator.

"It makes a huge difference when every staff member a patient encounters has a depth of experience in their particular type of post-surgical care."

Charles Connor, from Granite City, had his right knee replaced on November 3 at Gateway Regional, and found the entire experience at The Bone & Joint Center to be excellent. And he has something to compare it to – he had his left knee replaced at another hospital ten years ago.

"The care I got here was much better. I had a better experience," Connor said of his stay at The Bone & Joint Center. "From the first phone call I received to schedule the surgery, until the lady helped me out to the car, it was all excellent. Even the food was good!"

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Front L to R: Istovinda Lawrence, Paul Scherer, M.D., Charles Connor (patient), Shelley Medina, Kim Sargent, Back L to R: Pat Griffith, Geoffrey Tolbert, Robi Mahes, M.D., Carol Spence

The New Bone & Joint Center

One area of post-surgical care that The Bone & Joint Center is particularly proud of is their commitment to pain management. Pain control is absolutely key to rapid recovery. The Bone & Joint Center uses the latest equipment and pain control techniques after surgery and during recovery. The staff is diligent about monitoring the patient's comfort. A nurse or other staff member performs hourly rounding to assess each patient's pain level and tend to their personal needs.

"I had a night nurse, Donna Wiggins, who was just outstanding," Connor recalled. "She was just real kind. Checked on me often. That's something you notice. You notice the difference."

The second step Gateway Regional made toward providing the best possible care was to create an ideal setting for post-surgical recovery. Gateway Regional renovated part of the fourth floor to create The Bone & Joint Center, all completely designed for the comfort and convenience of hip and knee replacement patients. The Bone & Joint Center has six spacious private rooms, all furnished with brand new furniture. Each room is equipped with a high-tech, special orthopedic bed and a flat panel TV. And, each room has

a comfortable lounge chair that converts to a full-size single bed, so the patient's spouse or other family member can stay all night in comfort.

"Our patients and their families have really enjoyed the privacy and comfort these new rooms provide," says Shelley Medina. "And it means a lot to them that we can accommodate an overnight family member so comfortably."

Physical therapy happens in the same unit, which is very convenient for the patient. Patients can get out of bed and take a few steps to their physical therapy session, rather than having to go to another area of the hospital.

"It could've been in any room as far as I was concerned!" Connor said of his post-surgical physical therapy. "But I like that it was right next door. It was just a little walk down the hall."

The Bone & Joint Center staff developed a continuum of care, to ensure that each patient has the absolute best outcomes. "Hip and knee replacement surgeries

require a lot of planning and education for the patient," said Shelley Medina. "It's not the kind of thing where they can show up for surgery one day and go home a few days later and be done with it. For the best outcomes, we make sure our patients arrive for surgery mentally and physically prepared, and they leave knowing how to take care of themselves for the best recovery."



The arthritis pain is gone. I'm really impressed with Dr. Scherer and his staff. I have nothing but good to say about them.
Charles Connor



Physicians of Illinois SW Orthopedics: L to R: Peter Anderson M.D., Craig Bryer M.D., Paul Scherer M.D., Timothy Pean M.D., James Sale M.D., Galen Weiss M.D.

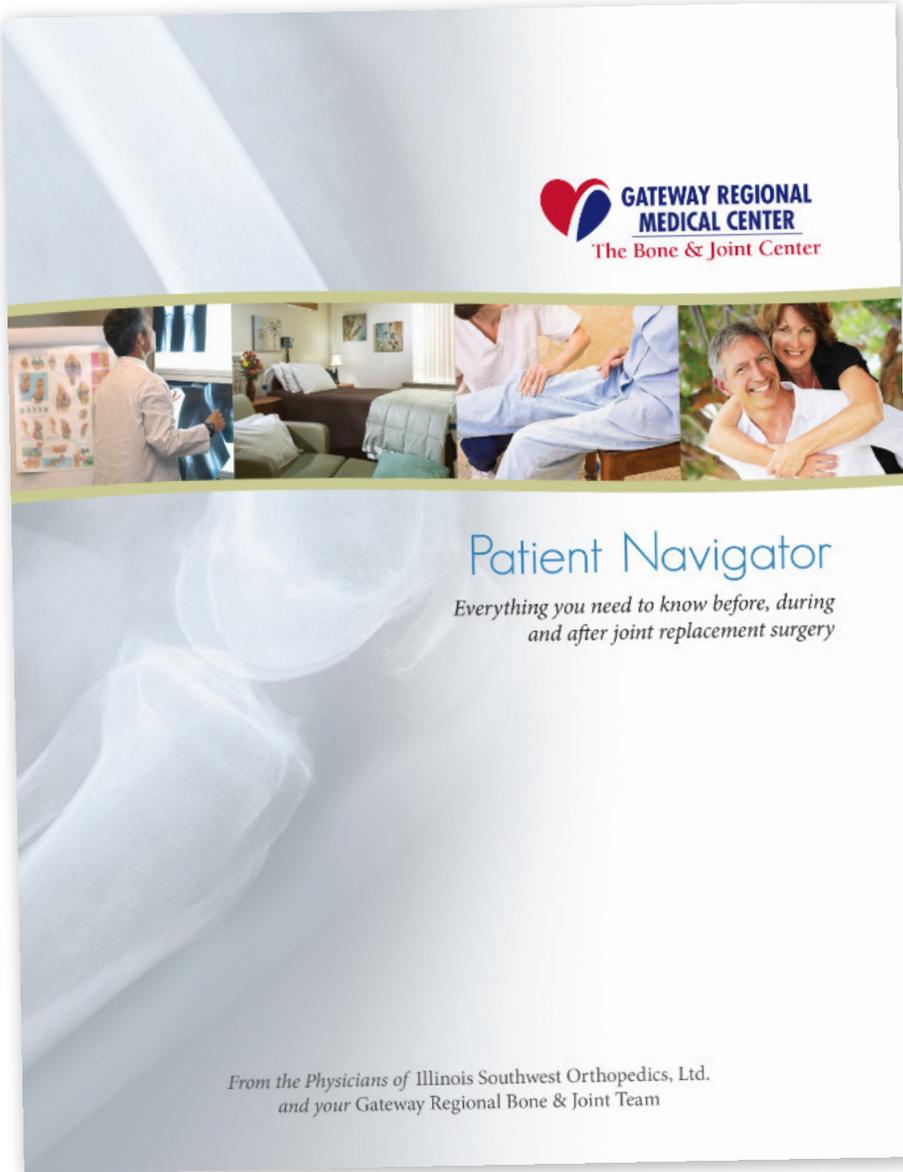
The goal of The Bone & Joint Center team is to get the patient back to normal life as soon as possible. Most patients have had debilitating arthritic pain for a long time leading up to the decision to have joint replacement surgery. "We want our patients to be able to do the things they used to do, before

their joint pain stopped them," said Medina. "We believe our facility and our dedicated team make a real difference in how quickly patients recover and get back to living healthy normal lives without pain."

Dr. Paul Scherer of Illinois SW Orthopedics performed Charles Connor's knee replacement

surgery, and his healing has been ahead of schedule. "Dr. Scherer was very, very good," Connor said. "He did an excellent job. The arthritis pain is gone. I'm really impressed with him and his staff. I have nothing but good to say about them."





Patient Navigator

Everything you need to know before, during and after joint replacement surgery

From the Physicians of Illinois Southwest Orthopedics, Ltd. and your Gateway Regional Bone & Joint Team

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Your Joint Replacement Team

Your Physical Therapist will help you regain strength and range of motion in your replaced joint. You will also have regular visits scheduled with a physical therapist at an outpatient facility after you return home, within your orthopedic surgeon's post-operative arrangements.

Your Occupational Therapist will teach you how to safely perform your normal daily activities (dressing, bathing, etc.) for when you are back home after surgery, and will teach you any adaptive equipment, if necessary.

Your Case Manager will assist with your discharge planning, which includes setting up resources such as walkers and bath/shower chairs, as well as home modifications if ordered by your orthopedic surgeon.

Nurses will assist you with your premedication, your IV medications, and IV lines (which are used to provide intravenous antibiotics (IVAB) three times a day if you have a total knee replacement). They will also take your vital signs and assist you with going to the bathroom and sitting in a chair.

Your Orthopedic Coordinator will visit you daily to monitor your care, answer your questions, and be sure that all your needs are met during your stay at The Bone & Joint Center.

Understanding Your Surgery

Why Do You Need Surgery on Your Hip or Knee?

Most often, arthritis is the primary cause for problems with hips and knees.

Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis. Symptoms usually occur after age 50 and gradually develop over time. People with obesity are at higher risk, as are those with a family history of OA, previous surgery to the joint, or previous trauma to the joint area.

Rheumatoid Arthritis is a chronic inflammatory disorder that can affect the hips, knees, shoulders, elbows, wrists, and feet—all joints that are lined with a tissue called synovium. Often the body produces antibodies that irritate the synovium, which results in the destruction of cartilage around the joint. RA may develop at any age and can leave the joint stiff, swollen or painful with a decreased range of motion.

Understanding Your Surgery

Hip Surgery 101

Total Hip Replacement Surgery

A **total hip joint** is composed of two bones: the round head of the femur (the ball) and the acetabulum (the cup) in which it sits. These are covered with smooth articular cartilage to reduce friction. This hip, using your own cartilage, is deteriorated in an arthritis hip, causing pain and decreasing range of motion due to the bone rubbing against one another.

In hip replacement surgery, an artificial joint with a metal ball component (which attaches to a stem that fits into your thigh bone) and a socket component will replace your deteriorated hip. A plastic liner may or may not be used depending on your age. This liner has a metal shell that is cemented to your pelvis. Once replaced, your artificial hip joint will work as the same as your natural hip.



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