

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

# I stand with WISHARD

*Growing up in Cincinnati and graduating from Xavier University with a degree in social work, Mary Caito always has had a desire to help others. Mary moved to Indianapolis with her husband, Fred, after college and pursued a career in respiratory therapy to further develop her passion to care for those in need.*

Given her desire to help others, Mary joined St. Margaret's Hospital Guild, a volunteer organization committed to raising funds for the services and programs of Wishard.

"Before joining St. Margaret's eight years ago, I knew Wishard was the county hospital and that it cared for those who did not have health insurance," Mary explains. "What I didn't realize was all the great services Wishard provides – such as its Level I trauma center, women's services and nationally-known burn unit."

Mary has been very impressed with Wishard's enthusiastic staff and the various services that are available to its patients.

"I believe everyone should have the opportunity for outstanding medical care and Wishard provides this for a large percentage of the population who otherwise would not receive the care they need," she says.

For the past 46 years, St. Margaret's Hospital Guild has sponsored the Decorators' Show House and Garden Walk as its major fundraising project.

Through the years, St. Margaret's has helped to raise funds for the mobile mammography van; Independence Square, a real-life training community for patients recovering from a traumatic injury, heart attack or stroke; and a new program called EMBRACE, a support network for women battling cancer. Recently, in support of the Wishard Foundation, a portion of the proceeds generated from the Decorators' Show House and Garden Walk were dedicated to the Wishard Foundation's *Our Kids, Our Community* campaign, an endowment for pediatric services at Wishard. ●

MARY CAITO  
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## INSIDE WISHARD

Wishard is the largest safety net hospital system in Indiana. With over 1.2 million outpatient visits annually, Wishard provides care to 65 percent of the uninsured in Indianapolis and is, in fact, one of the largest safety net providers of outpatient care in the United States.