



Volunteers (from left) Nancy Bergen, Ruth Degner, and Bette Roeser represent over 10,000 volunteer hours with Good Shepherd Hospital and Catchpenny.

## The Barrington Catchpenny Resale Shoppe Turns 50!


**T**HE CATCHPENNY RESALE SHOPPE, sponsored by the Advocate Good Shepherd Volunteer Auxiliary, is older than the hospital it has supported for five decades!

The local community effort to bring a hospital to the area included major fundraising efforts such as Art in the Barn, as well as opening a resale store in 1970, nine years before the hospital opened its doors. The store moved to its present location at 118 E. Main Street in Barrington in 1972. And the community continues to support the resale efforts by making donations and donations-in-kind that stock the store, keep it updated in appearance and volunteer hours to receive, sort, price, stock, create window displays and sell the high-grade items that are donated.

Catchpenny proceeds are returned to the hospital through healthcare scholarships, patient comfort items, and hospital clinical enhancements and initiatives that improve patient care. Over the years, the resale shoppe has generated over \$7M for the hospital.

Catchpenny is run day-to-day by volunteers from the local area looking to give back to their community and delighting in the interaction with the public. Several volunteers are “second generation” returning to work where mom or dad previously volunteered. Clean, gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, books, and smaller houseware items are accepted. Every effort is made to make use of what is received in donations even if it cannot be sold in the shoppe: extra towels



and blankets are donated to animal rescue shelters; hangers are recycled with local cleaners; and, other charities will pick up unsold items. 

For information on hours and donating visit [catchpennyresaleshoppe.com](http://catchpennyresaleshoppe.com). For questions regarding volunteering contact the Advocate Good Shepherd Volunteer Office at 847-842-3193, or email [gshp-volunteers@aah.org](mailto:gshp-volunteers@aah.org).