



About the Kean Theatre

St. Barnabas Charities opened the Kean Theatre in 2002 as a way to bring top-notch entertainment to the North Hills of Pittsburgh while raising funds for the St. Barnabas Free Care Fund. The theatre is located in the heart of The Washington Place, on St. Barnabas Health System's Gibsonia campus.

The Charities hosts at least one show per month and new this season is a dinner theatre. Because the theatre attracts audiences of varying ages, performances range from oldies concerts and cabaret productions to big band concerts and musicals. **Some of the nationally recognized acts that have performed at the Kean include Shirley Jones, the Tamburitians of Duquesne University, Lou Christie and Jack Jones.**

The Kean Theatre is managed by Tom Madden, a veteran of the Pittsburgh theatrical scene, is a long-time director and producer for Pittsburgh-area play houses and dinner theatres. Madden has written, produced and/or directed more than 100 theatrical productions nationally.

The Kean Theatre is named for the late Edward Kean through a donation by his wife, Bethel, of Lake Worth, Fla. The Keans, former residents of Valencia, Butler County, supported St. Barnabas Health System for many decades. Although the Keans' support of St. Barnabas was traditionally kept anonymous by their request, Mrs. Kean graciously agreed to permit St. Barnabas to name the theatre in memory and honor of her generous husband, who died in 1993. Mr. Kean was an engineer who designed and built bridges.

Nicknamed the Baby Heinz Hall, audiences appreciate the Kean Theatre's elegant environment and excellent acoustics. With 350 seats, each audience member is guaranteed an intimate view of the performance. Plus, the theatre's suburban location is ideal for community members who don't enjoy the hassles of attending downtown theatres. Parking is always free.

In a unique fund-raising strategy, proceeds from ticket sales benefit the St. Barnabas Free Care Fund. Through Kean Theatre proceeds and other fund-raising endeavors, St. Barnabas Charities provided more than \$4.3 million of free care in 2008 alone to patients at St. Barnabas Nursing Home, Valencia Woods at St. Barnabas and the Arbors at St. Barnabas. Since its founding in 1900, St. Barnabas has maintained its mission of never turning away a patient because of inability to pay.