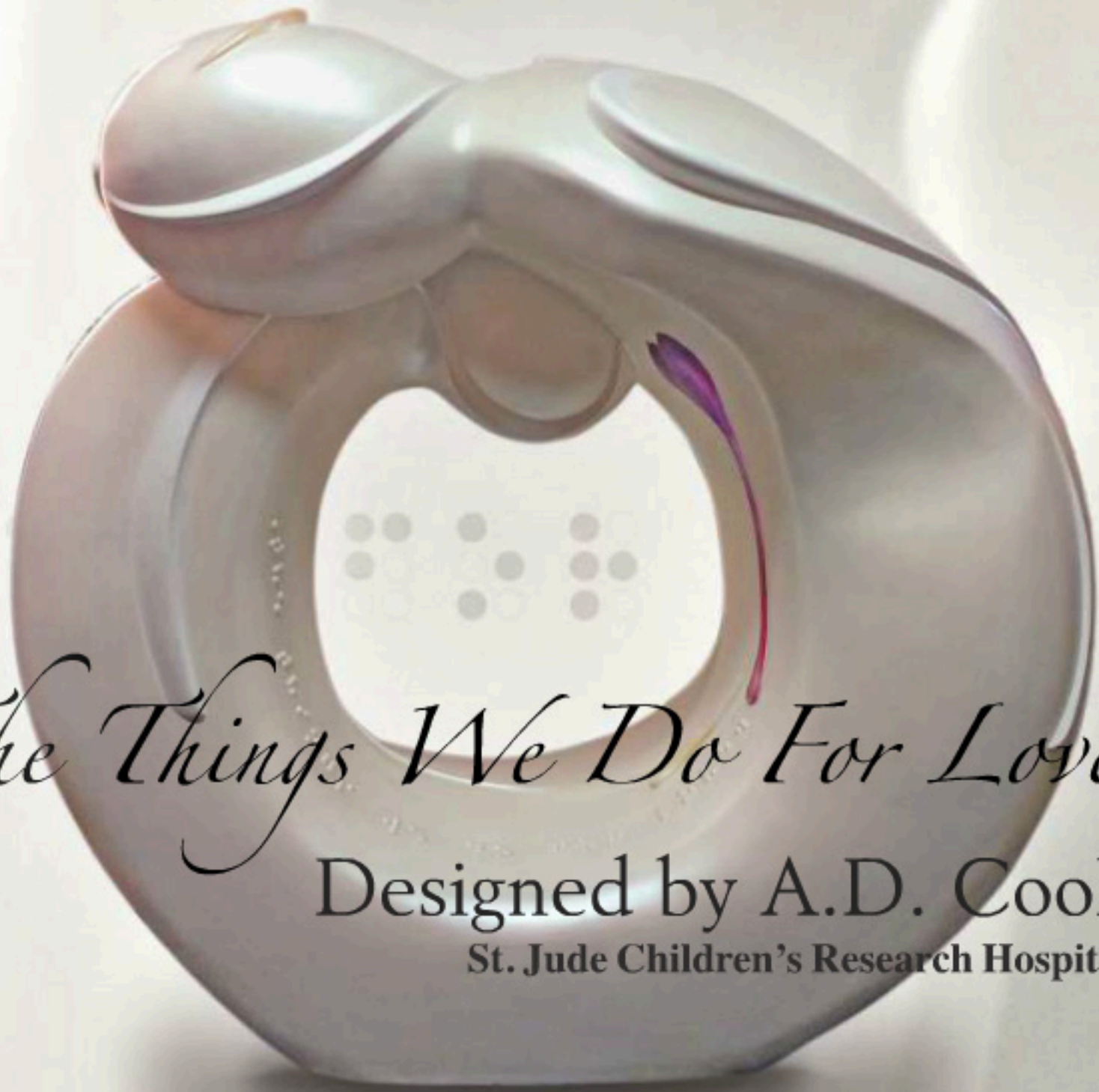


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*The Things We Do For Love.*

Designed by A.D. Cook  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital





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**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** does so much to help children in need across the world

that it would be hard to share their whole story here.

Essentially, they are all about finding cures and saving children. They help those in need for free and they freely share their research with the world. They are givers, and there is nothing more worthwhile than giving to children.



< Las Vegas artists  
A.D. Cook  
and Beti Kristof

> Artist at work...  
hand painting the  
Spanish translation  
for "The Things  
We Do For Love..."





It all started one evening when artist Beti Kristof and I were talking about the St. Jude statue project around Las Vegas, and what a great cause it is. She shared with me that her son Laszlo, was a cancer survivor as a child and what her experiences of being a young mother during that time meant to her.

She had created five previous versions of the sculptures over recent years, including one jointly with Laszlo, who is also an artist, and another statue that is on display at the Research Center in Memphis.

Each year, for the past several years, She and other prominent artists have helped to create awareness and contributions to benefit the Las Vegas chapter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by creating art sculptures for auction with all proceeds going to St. Jude. So, when I was invited to participate, as other artists have in previous years, I was both honored and excited.

After giving the project a little time to settle in, my design finally came to me. It was to be Angelic. The "blank" fiberglass sculpture that we are all provided, designed by Las Vegas artist Dorit Schwartz, is essentially a large white smooth sculpture and from there we can do pretty much anything we want with it – *so long as it is family friendly, naturally*. Most artists paint theirs. My design includes both sculpting and paint.

I saw within Dorit's sculpture a story of the mother/child relationship... a loving mother giving all she has, of both heart and soul, to her child in need - to give completely of herself. All part of the things she does for love. And these are the qualities that I see too, in my own mother.

Each element of my sculpture tells the mother's story; her wings transcend to a heart shape while her halo emphasizes her angelic qualities. There are two hearts – one on the Mother and one on the Child to represent the giving and receiving of love. The overall circle represents the circle of life.

*The Things We Do For Love* is expressed three times: one side in English, one side in Spanish ("Las cosas que hacemos por amor..."), while the inside is sculpted in braille. As an artist, I believe art should embrace love and share positivity with the world, and

my sculpture invites a sensory experience as well. For me, that's what love and art is all about. The connection – one human to another.

*A.D. Cook.com*



*Keeping fast company at Lamborghini Las Vegas.*

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