**LOVE LIGHTS—Remembering others through the holidays**

For over 30 years, Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital and Affinity Visiting Nurses-Hospice have partnered to provide a unique and meaningful way to celebrate loved ones throughout the holiday season while raising funds to impact quality of life for so many.

This special program benefits the St. Elizabeth Hospital Volunteer Pledge Fund and Affinity Visiting Nurses-Hospice (now Ascension at Home). Through this fund we can provide comfort and care items, making a tangible impact on the lives of patients and their families through a difficult journey.

Donors like you provide items such as...

- Everyday care/comfort items such as newspapers, crossword puzzles, playing cards, pads/pencils, kids coloring books, and more
- Haircuts for homebound patients, cab-ulanace rides to and from doctor appointments and other locations
- Supplies to create veteran quilts, ties and door hangers used for Veteran Honors visits
- Massage therapy for pain reduction, fleece pillow cases, memory bears, Dinner for Two

Lighting the Tree of Love is a treasured annual tradition at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital falling on the first Monday after Thanksgiving. On November 26, over 120 family members and caregivers joined in the festivities as we lit the tree with over 400 ornaments in honor or in memory of loved ones. Each twinkling light represents the light and warmth that our loved ones hold in our hearts.

We are so grateful to each of our volunteers, donors and caregivers, for their commitment to this heart-warming event. We thank you for your gifts and for honoring others and their memory and allowing that light to shine and give others hope.
Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital recently celebrated their journey of patient experience, and the hard working, dedicated associates that care for patients, by hosting Marcus Engel, author and co-founder of the I’m Here Movement.

The I’M HERE MOVEMENT is changing the culture of care through the use of two little words. It is a global effort to help health care professionals embrace the power they have to comfort patients by simply being present.

Patients are vulnerable, scared, worried and sicker than ever. Sometimes, the only thing (and the best thing) a health care pro can do is simply reassure the patient with the words “I’m here,” telling the patient that he or she is not alone.

Over the past year, what started as a quick read for the hospital’s Patient Experience Team, Marcus Engel’s book I’m Here spread across campus and was read by members of every department. Through this book, he shares his personal experience of being a patient and his insights into what constitutes compassionate care to inspire others to give the best care possible.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation was able to fund two speaking events in November, hosting over 200 attendees. The feedback from those who attended the events was overwhelmingly positive, and there has been a palpable excitement around Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital in the weeks since.

One nurse shared, “Thank you so much! I cannot wait to go work tomorrow. I love what I do!”

CALUMET CORNER

Donors like you assist the caring staff at Ascension Calumet Hospital to better provide services to our growing community in Calumet County. Recent renovations helped to ensure access to high-quality, personalized health care for generations to come - for your family members and friends. Your donations also supported our local caregivers with the education and resources they need to provide the highest level of care in your community hospital - a facility that is better for our patients. Thank you.

Currently, the foundation is working with generous donors and community leaders to provide a new piece of equipment for your newly renovated surgical suites - a Neptune 3 surgical suction device that is used in almost every surgical procedure.

Dr. Janu, Chief of Surgery at Ascension Calumet Hospital, says “The Neptune 3 surgical suction device is a cutting-edge piece of equipment used for almost all of our surgeries, and is a significant upgrade from what we are currently using. It will allow us to continue to provide our patients with the quality, up to date care they expect and deserve at Calumet Hospital.”

This device will make an immediate impact in Calumet - helping family members, friends and strangers alike - in their time of need. We are well on our way to our goal of $14,000, but we need your help in hitting the mark.

We are so grateful to you for supporting our committed team of caregivers. Thanks to you, they have touched the lives of thousands - whether they faced an urgent need, a devastating disease or sought to improve their quality of life.

To contribute to this goal and help bring new technology to your community hospital, please contact the foundation office at 920-831-1475.
TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL GIFTS

In honor of...
Ilene N. Fielkow
Sara Harmon
Richard Houfek
Felicia Lindberg
VP RANGBULLA
Donna Tesch

In memory of...
Dorothy Anderson
Ben Arbaugh
Erwin Betley
Kathleen M. Curry Wagner
Phil Frassetto
Meghan Fuller
Steve Gehrke
Bernard Goyke
Phyllis R. Gramenz
Leo Griesbach
Betty Hasse
June H. Hebeler
Richard E. Hofman
Frances Hutton
Williams Judkins
Julie Kirk
Robert P. Laemmrich
Carol LeBlanc
Donna M. Loderbauer
Charles and Cecilia Markee
Len Marko
Michelle Marks
Wally Messerschmidt
Bernie Miller
Jean Miller
Robert J. Miller
Yvonne R. Montonati
Esther Mosher
Aaron Nienstedt
Grant Richman
Richard Rokosz
Daniel L. Rorabeck
Alice Ruhlman
Mark Schnabl
Selwyn Shmitt
Joyce M. Sievert
William Thomack

Leave a Legacy
Consider a legacy gift to St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation through a planned gift by including the Foundation in your will or estate plan. If you have already designated St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation in your will or estate plan, please let us know so that we can welcome you as a member of the Heritage Society. For more information For more information please contact (920) 831-1475.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Christmas came early for our volunteers and the associates at the 1611 Madison Street Clinics. Mary Beth Nienhaus, Volunteer and Friend of the Foundation provided the funds to purchase a Motorized Wheelchair Mover.

This new equipment will provide a vital assist – helping get patients up or down the ramp that connects to the 1611 Madison Street Clinics and to their appointments. The mover can accommodate patients up to 550 lbs, better assisting more of our patients. It will make the patients transport on the ramp safer and easier on the person transporting them.

The Wheelchair Mover was put into operation last week after Welcome Desk and Patient Registration volunteers received their training. We are blessed to have volunteers who care about our patients, staff and volunteers.

CREATING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

ONE HEART AT A TIME

Each year the Annual Women’s Golf and Luncheon Benefits works with business and community donors to make a positive impact on an area of need at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital. Last year, donors like you were able to raise over $160,000 for cancer patients and their family.

This August, we will work together once again to raise funds to fight heart disease and improve heart health in the Fox Cities.

SAVE THE DATE

26th Annual Women’s Golf & Luncheon Benefit
Monday, August 5, 2019 10:00am, North Shore Golf Club
Creating the Healthy Hearts Program, empowering YOU to make a difference in your heart health.

The Healthy Hearts Program is a heart failure prevention clinic that offers patients a complete program of self-care heart health education, providing tools to better manage your health. We take a multidisciplinary team approach and work collaboratively with the patient’s cardiologist who partners with nurses, doctors, pharmacists, dieticians, palliative care specialists, home care agencies and skilled nursing facilities, as well as former patients and family members, in developing an individualized, comprehensive program of care.

With the support of donors like you, we can help families, friends and neighbors to feel better, stay out of the hospital, and live longer!

For more information on sponsorship opportunities at the golf outing or to reserve a table, please contact Heather Zoromski at (920) 738-2365 or Heather.Zoromski@ascension.org.
SHOWING KINDNESS WITH IN-KIND DONATIONS

Our compassionate donors continue to make a very real and meaningful difference in the lives of patients. Annually the SEHF receives numerous donations of gifts for our patients. We call these in-kind donations.

Donors like you are supporting our patients with comfort items meant to aid in the healing process, provide comfort during a difficult time, or simply bring a smile to the face of a patient and their family.

• Fleece blankets and pillows
• Children’s books
• New toys & stuffed animals
• Baby and patient hats
• Easter Baskets
• Personal hygiene kits

This year we had many wonderful gifts from local groups and individuals like Appleton West High School, whose students donated handmade baby hats for our newborns. Administrators shared that their students learned important lessons in generosity, gratitude and giving of themselves.

“The knowledge that the hats were being made for newborns have kept the students very excited!”

Sandra K. Keil, MSE, Disabilities Teacher, Professional School Counselor at Appleton West High School

Thank you to these students and the many others that donate their time and talents for the comfort and care of patients at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

PRESERVING THE VOICE OF NURSING

The Rae Mead Scholarship was established in 2014 to generate, mentor and support a $1,000 scholarship for Registered Nurses. These RNs must be actively employed within an Ascension NE Wisconsin organization who are committed to the advancement of professional nursing within our local community.

This scholarship was enacted also to remember and honor the continued contributions, dedicated work, and tireless effort by Rae Mead, MSN, RN to advocate for nurses to remain influential in nursing.

Congratulations to our 2018 recipient Alison Barkholtz, RN at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital. Thank you for your dedication to the achievement of professional nursing – “preserving the voice of nursing”.