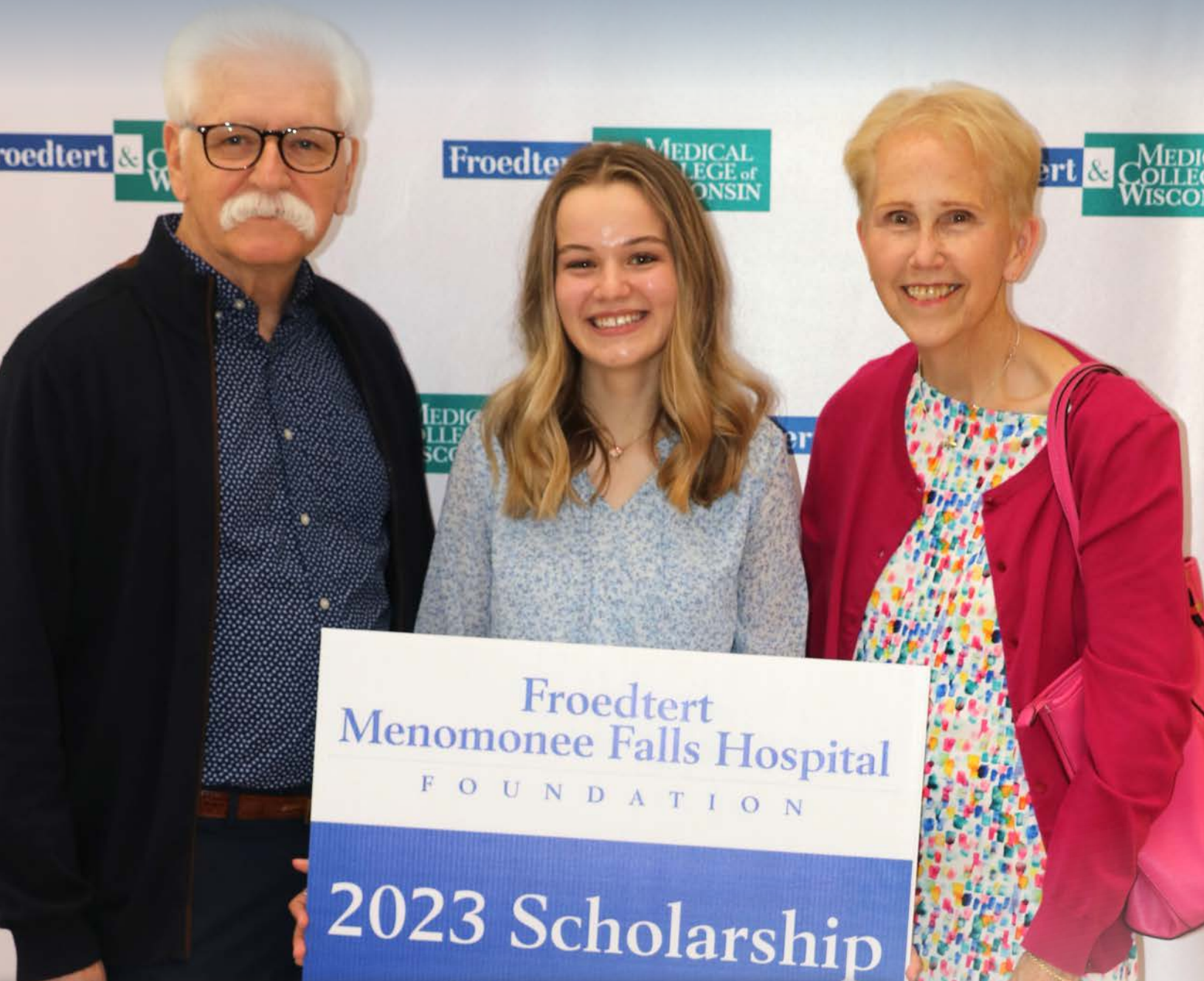


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Dear Foundation Friends,

It has been a busy year so far for Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation!

For the first time since 2019, Spring Splendor took place in-person at the end of April. The 30th rendition of this tradition took place at the Brookfield Conference Center and raised funds will be directed for the renovation and expansion of the Infusion Room in the Cancer Center at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. Over 250 people came together to celebrate their shared love for the hospital while enjoying each other's company. It was an incredible evening and we're thankful to the many sponsors and donors who will make an impact and enhance patient care in the Cancer Center. Pictures and highlights of this event are found on page 6.

This spring we also celebrated the achievements of the 2023 Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation Scholarship recipients. This year 32 incredible students majoring in health care related disciplines were awarded nearly \$92,000 in scholarships. We're proud of these individuals and we're hopeful for the future as we see many dedicated students answering the call to pursue health care careers. There is more information about the scholarship program – now in its 51st year – on page 8.

Most recently the Foundation hosted the 24th Golf Classic event, a fun day for our golfers who love the game and always jump at the opportunity to support our very special hospital. A summary and pictures are found on page 11.

With many weeks of the summer still to come, I wish you good health, safety and relaxing days.



Your partner in health,

Jessica Mulligan
Executive Director

FROEDTERT MENOMONEE FALLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation promotes and enhances the health of all individuals in our community through the development and management of resources in collaboration with the mission of Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital.

Photographed on front cover: Student Ashley Livermore stands with Larry Malanowski and his wife Bobbie Sanders, who established the Robert & Lydia Charlebois Scholarship for students pursuing a career in health care. Bobbie retired from the hospital as director of surgical services and the scholarship is in honor of her grandparents.

Smaller photo captures guests Anna and Doug Thompson from Spring Splendor Gala on April 29.

DEDICATED BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE A LEGACY

THE FOUNDATION BIDS ADIEU WITH HEARTFELT THANKS TO TWO MEMBERS
WHO NEVER SHIED AWAY FROM HELPING THE HOSPITAL



MICHAEL LAUER

The extended Lauer Family has been in Menomonee Falls for generations and as a young man Mike Lauer remembers when Community Memorial Hospital was under construction in the 1960s.

He's had a decades-long affinity for the hospital. He joined the Foundation board in 2010.

"I became involved with the hospital through Paul Binzak, a former law partner, who along with his wife Audrey and son Rick were longtime stalwarts of the hospital," says Mike. "As a firm and individually we were very supportive of the Foundation fundraisers for the hospital."

Mike says he supports the Foundation and in turn the hospital because it provides superior health services and overall makes Menomonee Falls a better place to live and work.

His favorite Foundation memory is co-chairing Spring Splendor 2012 with his wife Gail. The event raised money for the Heart & Vascular Center, a cause near and dear to his heart after being diagnosed with congestive heart failure about 17 years ago.



RONALD KOMAS

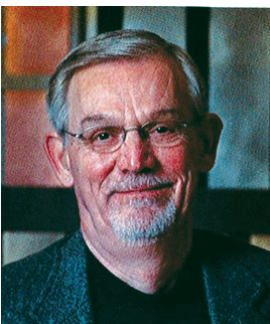
When his wife Kathy passed away from breast cancer in June 2002, Ron Komars took his grief and channeled it into a project that benefits future health care workers while honoring his family.

Ron created the Komars Family Nursing Scholarship in 2018, awarded to nursing students through Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation. He helps select the recipients, meets them, listens to their stories and shares his own. He calls nurses "true caregivers."

After raising funds and building Kathy Hospice, an eight-bed residential hospice in West Bend, he served on the boards for Froedtert West Bend Hospital and the hospital foundation. He then found his way to Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation where he's been a member since 2018.

"I'm a big believer in the entire Froedtert Health system and the Medical College of Wisconsin," says Ron.

TRIBUTE TO FOUNDING FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER JOHN WANDSCHNEIDER



Community Memorial Foundation's first board chair passed away in February 2023. John Wandschneider was a longtime Menomonee Falls resident who served on civic boards and volunteered with numerous nonprofits in the village. Many remembered Wandschneider as a visionary who believed the

Foundation was needed to enhance long-term growth and development of the hospital. He served as Foundation chairman from 1989 to 1991.

Colleagues who worked with John through the hospital and Foundation said he encouraged others to get involved with civic organizations within the community to make Menomonee Falls stronger.

**"HE WAS A MAN OF HIGH
PRINCIPLES AND MORALS,
AND WAS WELL RESPECTED
BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM,"**

said Robert Drisner, who served as hospital administrator and later president from 1969 to 2003.



Paul Megal sits in his Brookfield office under a photo of his father Rhody Megal.

THIRD-GENERATION HOSPITAL DONOR

PAUL MEGAL THANKFUL FOR THE CARE HE RECEIVED DURING LIFE-CHANGING MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Growing up in Wauwatosa in the 60s and 70s, Paul Megal knew his parents supported Community Memorial Hospital but it wasn't until years later that he understood the importance of what many consider a local treasure.

One weekday morning in January 2022 as he got ready for work Paul suffered heart and kidney failure which landed him in Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital for 12 days. He was under the care of Dr. Kiran Kashyap and Dr. Dalip Singh.

Unable to breathe on his own and unable to have visitors, Paul said he never felt alone during his time in the Intensive and Modified Care Units.

"The entire hospital staff was fantastic. I don't know how else to explain it but they went above and beyond at every turn," Paul recalls. "The nurses were unbelievable and they made it possible for me to speak to my wife on the phone."

After discharge, he spent several months in the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Gym where he worked

with exercise physiologists and nurses to strengthen his heart and lungs.

"God works in mysterious ways and honestly that program saved my life," says Paul.

Grateful for the care he received, he donated to Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation in late 2022. At the time he didn't realize he was the third generation of the Megal family to support the hospital.

His grandparents, Joseph and Belvina Megal, gave to the hospital in 1962, just as local residents were selling bonds to build then-Community Memorial Hospital. In 1967 his father Rhody Megal, on behalf of Megal Development Corporation, pledged support with a gift to the hospital.

"My grandparents were salt of the earth people and so it makes perfect sense that they believed in standing behind the institution that is right in our backyard," he said. "My parents also supported the local services that made Menomonee Falls an



Joseph Megal started Megal Development Corporation in 1946. He supported the hospital in 1962 before it opened in 1964.

incredible place to live and work.”

Paul is now president of Megal Development Corporation, a Brookfield-based general contractor and development firm established in 1946. Starting out as a real estate broker, Paul has worked in the business since graduating from Marquette University in 1989.

Paul and his wife Jenny have taken his cardiac issues to heart, so to speak, and changed their lifestyle by adding healthier foods to their diet and exercising. While Paul has been an exercise enthusiast his entire life, his approach is different. Training for triathlons may return someday but for now he’s concentrating on effective exercise, moderation and balance.

“At a different time I would have considered cardio rehab as another workout session,” says Paul. “The staff constantly reminded me that this was not about getting stronger but more about safeguarding my health and creating longevity for my life.”

Paul and Jenny, who have been married for 12 years, enjoy sporting events, traveling, and the culinary arts.

During cardio rehab the couple worked with dietitians and learned about sodium, the importance of a heart healthy diet and nutritional awareness.

“The most difficult adjustment for Paul was slowing down ...

at work, in exercise, at home and in life!” says Jenny.

Earlier this year Paul’s mom Carolyn spent time in the hospital for a medical emergency. Paul said he’s extremely thankful to be healthy so he can care for her.

“During my recovery period doctors and other medical professionals told me I was lucky because I could have died,” he recalls.

“I PUT COMPLETE TRUST IN THE MEDICAL STAFF TOP TO BOTTOM BECAUSE THEY ONLY HAVE MY HEALTH AND SAFETY IN MIND. I TRUST FROEDTERT 100 PERCENT.”

Now more than 18 months since his cardiac episode, Paul considers himself calmer and more effective when it comes to work and home.

“With all the medical events that have happened I certainly realize the fragility of my health now,” he said.



BACK IN THE SWING • OF • THINGS

SPRING SPLENDOR GALA

30TH EVENT RAISES \$187,000 FOR CANCER CENTER

An excited crowd of 250 people gathered at the Brookfield Conference Center on April 29 for the 2023 Spring Splendor Gala presented by Ryan Companies US, Inc. as donors shared their generosity and raised funds for the Cancer Center in Menomonee Falls.

After a four-year hiatus because of the pandemic, Spring Splendor was in person and certainly “back in the swing of things.” Guests enjoyed connecting with old friends and building relationships with new Foundation supporters. Lindsey Slater, WISN 12 News This Morning Meteorologist, served as emcee.

Funds raised will be directed to the expansion and renovation of the Infusion Room in the Cancer Center where patients not only receive chemotherapy to fight cancer but also receive other intravenous therapies that protect and preserve their health going forward. The expansion will improve patient privacy, generate more natural light and improve the layout for staff work spaces. The renovation will create a healing environment that is more vibrant, welcoming and inspiring to patients and staff.

As co-chairs Jim and Cathy Hazzard offered: “We can’t make cancer go away but together we can ensure that patients who face a journey with cancer can be cared for in the best environment possible at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital.”

Guests supported the event through sponsorships, raffles, silent and live auctions and other donations. They also enjoyed music from Brew City Big Band.



Foundation board chair Susan Templin, center, with board member Cedric Mays, right, and his wife Lula.



Volunteers Jeanine Dederich and Ernee Kender assisted guests throughout the night.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024
SPRING SPLENDOR GALA:
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024**



Guests from Ryan Companies US, Inc. enjoy one another's company and the event.

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Cole Braun, Jennifer Braun Ross Braun and Maggie Braun, a nursing leader at the hospital, shared laughs and good times.



Kelly and David Pollard danced to big band music.



Guests socialized during the meal and before the Live Auction.



Ron Bast, a longtime auctioneer for Spring Splendor, was back in action and excited the crowd.



2023 Scholarship Recipients

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH OPTIMISM

As students head back to class later this summer, 32 individuals studying health care and health science degrees will do so with financial support from Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital and the Foundation.

In May, the Foundation awarded nearly \$92,000 to the students.

For 53 years, the hospital and foundation have handed out scholarships to local students and hospital staff members. Some recipients are at the beginning of their studies while others are advancing their knowledge and expertise in order to better perform their jobs.

More than \$1.4 million has been awarded to about 500 recipients since 1970.



Allison Obregon, standing with her parents Aimee and Thomas Obregon, is a nursing student at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 AWARDEES!

Adriyana Armstrong
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SCHOLARSHIPS WITH SPECIAL MEANINGS

The Foundation awarded 12 named scholarships to local students and staff members. Each scholarship has a purposeful story of donors recognizing a loved one by giving back to the hospital and investing in the future.

| SCHOLARSHIP | RECIPIENT | SCHOOL |
|--|---|---|
| Robert & Lydia Charlebois Scholarship | Ashley Livermore, surgical technology | Waukesha County Technical College |
| Donald & Carol Dati Family Scholarship | Sierra Hoefs, nursing | Waukesha County Technical College |
| Rochell M. Davis Scholarship | Adriyana Armstrong, psychology Mackenzie Brandt, nursing Cordero McCall, orthopedic surgery | UW-Milwaukee MSOE Medical College of Wisconsin |
| Richard J. Freiberg Memorial Scholarship | Lauren Miller, doctorate in physical therapy | Marquette University |
| Ruth and Robert Holming Memorial Scholarship | Heidi Van Gorder, doctorate in nursing | University of Phoenix |
| Gladys Joecks Memorial Scholarship | Akhil Pidikiti, cellular & molecular biology | UW-Madison |
| Komas Family Nursing Scholarship | Ella Karll, nursing Miranda McAndrews, nursing Ava Sardina, nursing | Wisconsin Lutheran College Carroll University Xavier University |
| Jackie Irwin Scholarship | Amra Lord, master's in nursing | Grand Canyon University |
| Pamela Parker Scholarship | Crystal Winter, master's in nursing | Capella University |
| Poehl Family Scholarship | Camryn Weiss, nursing | UW-Madison |
| Dennis M. Pollard Physical Therapy Scholarship | Michael Doese, physical therapy Alicia Holzem, physical therapy & exercise science | Marantha Baptist University Carroll University |
| Marguerite Preuss Scholarship | Arielle Pratt, occupational therapy | Mount Mary University |

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DESIRE TO EXTEND A HAND TO THOSE IN NEED

After graduating high school in Indianapolis, Rochell Davis headed straight into the workforce, taking a job with Chase Bank where she spent the next 26 years. She never considered college or the idea of advancing her education.

“Looking back, my family didn’t know how to encourage college,” she recalls.

When she and her husband Mark established the Rochell M. Davis Scholarship through Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation, they were looking to help students who may experience hardships or who struggle academically.

“Not all students have access to financial resources or robust academic preparation. In some cases, others are naturally more academically gifted. I believe those students that don’t have access to these resources or are not as academically gifted should be recognized. In most cases to level the field, these students have to work even harder,” she says. “This is a fair reflection of my upbringing so it made sense to seek those who would most benefit from this scholarship.”

Rochell and Mark have awarded a total of five scholarships through the Foundation since 2022.

Mackenzie Brandt received a Davis scholarship in 2022 and again in 2023. She calls Rochell an amazing person and

“IT GIVES ME STRENGTH TO
KEEP GOING IF SHE BELIEVES
I CAN DO THIS.”

Mackenzie, a sophomore nursing student at MSOE, says one main reason she wants to be nurse is because of her mom. “Right after my dad passed away, she went back to nursing school while raising two heartbroken children. She is so strong. She helps so many people and I want to do that.”

This year the Davis scholarship was also awarded to students Adriyana Armstrong, a psychology student at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and Cordero McCall, a student at Medical College of Wisconsin focused on orthopedic surgery.

“Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital means a lot to our family,” Rochell adds. “Both my husband and I have faced serious health challenges and the hospital has been amazing at how it helped us along the way. From the schedulers



to the doctors, everyone has been pleasant, patient, and professional. Illness is difficult but encouragement from hospital staff goes a long way to help you through.”

Rochell and Mark, parents to three adult children and three grandchildren, moved to Menomonee Falls in 2007. They explain that philanthropy is important to them because they’ve been abundantly blessed and recognize how important it is to pay it forward.

“Helping others has been a big part of my life so it makes sense to support students who are pursuing careers based on helping others,” says Rochell.



Above: From Left: Cordero McCall and Mackenzie Brandt stand with donors Rochell and Mark Davis.

Right: Adriyana Armstrong with Rochell Davis at the Scholarship Reception in May.



From Left: Debbie Wick, Jayne Becker, Beth Hampton and Susan Templin rest after a successful day on the course.

GOLFING *FORE* A CAUSE

Golfers descended upon the links at North Hills Country Club on June 19 for the annual Golf Classic that raised more than \$83,000 for the Cancer Center at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. The money is designated for

the expansion and renovation of the Infusion Room.

Longtime Golf Classic presenting sponsor and loyal supporter Weas Development once again helped make the day special for golfers.

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Above: Sharing laughs and good times is Golf Classic Presenting Sponsor Weas Development from left Connor Weas, Steve Looft, Nichole Miezin, Doug Weas and Josh Gimbel.

Below: Representing the hospitalist team from left Dr. Anish Shah, Michael Piatek, Dr. Michael Addison Piatek and Dr. Neil Reisinger.



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GOLF CLASSIC
MON, JUNE 17, 2024**



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