Dear Foundation Friends,

For over 58 years, Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital has stood ready to be your health care partner no matter what health care issue you and your family are facing. Every single day healing care is delivered by health care heroes who inspire hope to patients at some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. When our health care professionals are asked about their heroes, they often respond with the story of a patient who reminded them why they pursued a vocation in health care. It is these stories, these moments and these shared experiences that unite the human spirit.

As we continue to adapt to a post-pandemic world that has changed all of us in one way or another, we are continuously reminded of the importance of being connected to others through shared values, experiences and the desire to make a difference in the world. The work of the foundation would not be possible without the people who are connected to our beloved hospital because of the care they have received, the care received by a loved one or because supporting the hospital in our community is “just the right thing to do.”

As 2022 comes to an end, we are very grateful for the generosity we have received from our donors. This year donors continued to support the greatest needs of the hospital and the Community Outreach Health Clinic, established new scholarships for students pursuing degrees in health care and designated donations to be used for the renovation and expansion of the Cancer Center Infusion Room.

Our greatest achievements in 2022 include:

1. Cancer Speaker Video Series which brought attention to the Healing, Heroes & Hope made possible by the Cancer Center at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. This four-part series helped support efforts to raise money that will be used in the Cancer Center.
2. 25th Wheeling & Heeling for Cancer raised $70,000. Over 400 participants chose their own path to ride, run or walk and then came together for a Parking Lot Party to celebrate loved ones whose lives have been touched by cancer.
3. $300,000 of support provided to the Community Outreach Health Clinic where patients who are uninsured or underinsured receive care by compassionate medical professionals and volunteers.
4. Resuming in-person events that included the Scholarship Awards Reception, Golf Classic, Wheeling & Heeling for Cancer Parking Lot Party and the Donor Reception. These events are all traditions that bring together people from across the community.
5. Awarding $81,000 in scholarships to 33 students pursuing health care and health science degrees.

Thank you for being part of our mission this year! We look forward to the work ahead of us in 2023. I wish you a new year full of blessings and good health.

Your partner in health,

Jessica Mulligan
Executive Director

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**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.
Mom's Commitment to Hospital Inspires Couple to Give

Rita Johnson worked at then-Community Memorial Hospital in the 1970s when her sons were in school and she was looking for a meaningful job. She started in Admitting before shifting to the Cancer Care Center which opened in the early 1990s.

Her patients and her colleagues brought joy to her life, and she continued working when she was diagnosed with and battled lung cancer. She was treated in the facility where she worked helping other patients. She passed away in 2004 at the age of 73.

Honoring Rita's commitment to the hospital is one reason her son and daughter-in-law Tom and Katie Johnson support Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation each year.

Tom's mom was an inspiration in how she lived and her views on philanthropy. Even when his mom had little, Tom says she always kept charitable donations at the top of the list.

“I've tried to make giving a habit and budget for it so I don't let time pass without giving,” said Tom, who was raised in Menomonee Falls and returned to the area after college in Platteville. “It seems natural to help out others. It would be selfish not to. Donating to the hospital, to a cause my mom was dedicated to, is one of the ways we continue to remember and honor her.”

The Johnsons’ connection to our community hospital in Menomonee Falls is strong: the births of their four children and three grandchildren. There have also been visits for injuries and minor surgeries.

“We have always felt that our hospital is big enough to meet our needs while also maintaining personalized experiences. We’ve always had positive experiences, especially during our worst health-related issues,” says Tom. “And the convenience of having a full-service hospital nearby should not be underrated.”

Tom and Katie have lived in Sussex for over 30 years. Their retired life has introduced them to pickleball, playing on a regular basis with a new group of friends. Spending time with their local grandkids, hiking, reading, golf, and a fair amount of travel are also major activities that fill their days.
SPRING ONLINE FUNDRAISER
Presented by Ryan Companies US, Inc.
More than $100,000 raised for the Cancer Center at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital through sponsorships, an online auction, raffles and general donations.

CANCER SPEAKER SERIES
A four-part video series spotlighting patients, family members, physicians, nurses and Cancer Center staff sharing stories of Healing, Heroes & Hope. Watch the videos at www.froedtert.com/cancer-speaker-series

GOLF CLASSIC
Presented by Weas Development
The 23rd annual event brought together golfers and supporters who safely gathered at North Hills Country Club in Menomonee Falls to raise more than $82,000 for the Cancer Center.

WHEELING & HEELING FOR CANCER
Presented by Ixonia Bank and Michael Best
A record-breaking $70,000 was raised for the 25th annual community event to benefit the Cancer Center. Participants biked, ran and walked on their own routes and then gathered at the hospital for a Parking Lot Party with food, drinks, kids activities and games and a first-ever Fire Truck Golf Ball Drop Raffle.

REHABILITATION GYM RELOCATES TO THE HOSPITAL
A significant donation from Evergreen Society members Roger and Joanne Wetterau’s legacy gift provides funding to relocate the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Gym to the hospital from North Hills Health Center. The new gym space accommodates double the number of patients with a bigger area for the exercise equipment. With the gym back at the hospital, patients are closer to emergency services if needed.
FROEDTERT HEALTH STAFF GIVING CAMPAIGN RAISES $66,000

In a generous show of support, staff members pledge and donate money to Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital, giving to departments and service lines near and dear to their hearts. The annual campaign is an example of staff giving back to their workplace.

MORE THAN $81,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 33 STUDENTS

Students pursuing health care and health science degrees received scholarships, underscoring the foundation’s commitment to support professionals who care for patients and the community. The foundation also awarded 12 named scholarships established by donors who want to give back to the hospital by investing in the future.

DENNIS POLLARD DEDICATION CEREMONY

Dennis Pollard, former president of Community Memorial Hospital and Community Memorial Foundation, was recognized for his 30 years of service to Froedtert Health during a small, private dedication ceremony in the Community Memorial Healing Garden.

Dennis’ service is commemorated in the garden with an Emerald Spire Crabapple Tree and a granite rock with a bronze plaque honorarium.

Dennis was joined at the ceremony by his wife Kathy, their children and grandchildren.

DONORS SUPPORT COMMUNITY OUTREACH HEALTH CLINIC WITH $300,000 IN FUNDING

The clinic provided nearly 1,000 visits from patients who are uninsured or underinsured and in need of medical care. Nurse practitioners and nurses along with enthusiastic and reliable volunteers, treated the many patients with primary care concerns, chronic conditions and mental health issues. The clinic operates on donated services and donor contributions from public and private grants, corporate sponsors and individual supporters.
25TH ANNUAL EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER SUPPORTERS WHO RALLY FOR CANCER PATIENTS

A milestone event for Wheeling & Heeling for Cancer also brought a record-breaking year for fundraising with sponsors, supporters, participants and peer-to-peer fundraising bringing in more than $70,000 for the Cancer Center in Menomonee Falls.

Walkers and bikers chose their own routes and then joined together at the hospital for a Parking Lot Party.

In addition to food, drinks and custard there were games and activities, a kid’s race, live music and the first-ever Fire Truck Golf Ball Drop Raffle with the winner receiving $250.

Funds raised during Wheeling & Heeling will support a special project for the renovation and expansion of the infusion room, where patients receive medications for chemotherapy and other intravenous treatments.
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023
26TH ANNUAL
WHEELING & HEELING FOR CANCER
For as long as he can remember Joseph Bovi, MD, has wanted to help heal people who are sick. He was reminded of that recently when his mom showed him a project he completed in second grade that showed his dream job was to be a doctor.

“That pathway was always on my mind. I had good experiences with doctors and my mom’s primary doctor was my primary doctor. He embodied medicine and took the sacred art of healing onto a new level,” Dr. Bovi says.

A radiation oncologist at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital, Froedtert Hospital and Froedtert West Bend Hospital, Dr. Bovi’s drive to research targeted treatments and therapies benefits his patients who describe him as a smart, dedicated and tireless physician who is also a good friend. His personable demeanor and ability to make patients feel at ease impress family members as they take loved ones to appointments.

“I appreciated the fact that he took the time to get to know me and not just my cancer. He listened to all of my sometimes crazy questions and really helped me to understand everything about radiation,” says Kate Sterling, a patient of Dr. Bovi’s for three years. “He and his staff made me feel comfortable and well cared for.”

Raised in Rockford, Illinois, Dr. Bovi attended Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. He completed residency in radiation oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2007. In addition to his clinical practice, he’s also a MCW professor in the departments of neurosurgery and radiation oncology.

Dr. Bovi leads the neuro-oncology research team for the Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin clinical trials which offers brain tumor patients more resources for treatment and therapies. Under his leadership, the team has opened numerous clinical trial opportunities for patients with cancerous and non-cancerous brain tumors.

“What makes my job amazing is the way we interact with patients. The pandemic certainly impacted what we do on a daily basis: when you can’t hold someone’s hand or when you have to talk through a mask or even worse a computer screen. Those personal connections are the aspects of medicine we love and we mourned those losses,” he says. “I’m so glad we are back to being more personal with our patients.”

Dr. Bovi explains that the Cancer Center in Menomonee Falls has a “secret sauce” that sets it apart from other sites.

“You can build a shiny building but it’s the people who make it feel welcoming. How we care for our patients is always at the forefront and that’s why patients love coming here,” he says. “We’re also proud of the continuity of care where patients can see their surgeon and have treatment for radiation oncology or medical oncology all at one place. That’s absolutely critical.”

Dr. Bovi and his wife Amy, a medical bioethicist, are raising their two teenage sons in Wauwatosa. Outside of school and work the family enjoys watching sports (and teasing Dr. Bovi about his allegiance to the Chicago Bears), playing baseball and spending time with their extended family and friends.

Dr. Bovi chaired the 2022 Wheeling & Heeling for Cancer which raised $70,000 for the Cancer Center. He thanks physician donors who supported the event: Christopher Schultz, MD, Carey Ehler, MD, Monica Shukla, MD, Robert Fain, MD, and Kimberly Roller Voigt, PA-C.

Watch Dr. Bovi talk about cancer patients and treatments in the Cancer Speaker Series videos at www.froedtert.com/cancer-speaker-series
This collage of photos commemorating the 25th Wheeling & Heeling for Cancer is displayed in the Cancer Center lobby in Menomonee Falls.
PHILANTHROPISTS HONORED BY FOUNDATION

More than 100 Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation supporters and friends gathered in late September for the Donor Reception, an event where the foundation honors and thanks donors for their ongoing support. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the last Donor Reception took place in fall 2019 and guests were excited to see one another and learn about the foundation’s positive impact across the hospital during the last three years.

During the reception, community members and a charitable fund were recognized with the annual Philanthropy Awards. Established in 2011 and expanded in 2018, the awards program acknowledges and thanks special people and organizations whose generosity advances the mission of the foundation.

**Philanthropy Excellence Award:** Given to an individual or family who has demonstrated a consistent and exceptional level of generosity through volunteerism and donations. Their commitment to the hospital and foundation has improved the quality of life for people across the community and strengthens relationships between the hospital and other community partners.

**Stellar Staff Award:** Given to a hospital staff member who has demonstrated consistency in generosity through volunteerism and giving. The recipient significantly improves the quality of life for those at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital and throughout the community by motivating others to be generous.

**Outstanding Community Partner Award:** Given to an organization or community partner who significantly improves the quality of life for the patients cared for at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital as a result of consistent financial support and involvement with the foundation through events and initiatives.

For the last three decades Sharon and Jerry Ellis have shown their commitment to Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation through gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Their names will long be tied to the foundation and their unwavering support for a hospital they feel blessed to have in the community.

The longtime Menomonee Falls residents never shy away from an opportunity to spread the message about the exceptional care their family has received from dedicated and caring health care workers.


In 1990 Sharon was tapped by former hospital board member Dick Becker to join the then-Community Memorial Foundation Board of Directors. The foundation was only a year old. Sharon was excited to share with residents the impact the hospital was making in Menomonee Falls and the surrounding areas by providing access to care close to home.

“The culture of the foundation and the culture of the hospital is at its core all about the people and all about the community,” says Sharon, a business and interpersonal communications consultant.

When Jerry hears the words Menomonee Falls he immediately thinks of family and togetherness.

“You can go anywhere and people are willing to help each other,” says Jerry, who works in the plumbing wholesale business.

Sharon served in a variety of roles for the foundation – helping set policy, approving hospital equipment and programs to enhance patient care and participating in special events. During her 30 years on the board, she served as chairwoman from 2015 to 2020.

Sharon and Jerry are Evergreen Society members because including the foundation in their estate plans is a natural and logical step after supporting the hospital for decades.

Her message to the next generation of residents in Menomonee Falls and beyond is simple: “This is our community, this is our hospital. This is our foundation and so the advice I would give is to support the amazing medical care we have right here in our community.”

Jerry adds: “You reap what you sow and if you give back it will come back 10 times over.”

Peter Van Ermen from Bobbie Nick Voss Charitable Funds, Sandra Winter, RN, and Sharon and Jerry Ellis accept their awards at the Donor Reception.
Sandra Winter, RN, grew up with five siblings and her parents and grandparents on an 80-acre farm on Good Hope Road between Pilgrim and Lilly Roads. She calls her upbringing happy and full.

After attending Waukesha County Technical College where she trained as a nursing assistant, her mom suggested that she get a job at the hospital “down the street” on Town Hall Road. On Sept. 7, 1971 she was hired at then-Community Memorial Hospital by Pamela Parker, who at the time was director of nursing.

“My parents influenced me to help and give to others in need. Pam was one of the main people who encouraged me to continue in my career and taught me the importance of giving back,” recalls Sandy. “My favorite thing about our hospital is the feeling of family. The people make the hospital a unique place to work.”

Sandy says that from the time she was a child she remembers wanting to take care of people. Over the decades she’s treated countless numbers of patients with a steady voice, a kind heart and a soft touch.

“Sandy has a calming, reassuring presence and you can truly see the care in her eyes,” says Stefanie Parker, manager of Home Today Surgery and the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit where Sandy works. “The recognition Sandy receives for her generosity and kindness is probably unexpected to her because it’s just part of who she is.”

Sandy steps up quickly to help the foundation by attending events and participating in the annual Staff Giving Campaign. She supports a variety of departments across the hospital and the Community Memorial Healing Garden is near and dear to her heart.

“The garden is important to me because it’s a place of beauty and peace, and I have many memorials of my family and friends who have passed on,” Sandy says. “It reminds me of my dad who grew 10,000 gladiolas and loved to garden.”

She encourages everyone to give to the hospital which is a community treasure.

“You or your family may need the care of the hospital someday and it will make you feel great that you have helped with the growth, services and support of the hospital,” she says. “It’s always better to give than to receive.”

Since 2008, Bobbie Nick Voss Charitable Funds have financially supported patients from the Community Outreach Health Clinic with colorectal cancer screenings. During the last 14 years, hundreds of underinsured and uninsured patients have received colonoscopies thanks to the charitable funds whose mission is to eradicate colon cancer.

New this year, Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network mailed about 10,000 fecal immunochemical test (FIT) kits directly to the homes of patients identified as average risk for colorectal cancer and overdue for a screening.

The easy-to-use screening kits allow patients to complete the process in the comfort and privacy of their home.

A small sample of stool is placed in a collection tube and returned to a laboratory for testing. If blood is detected in the stool it may indicate the presence of cancerous or precancerous growths in the colon. There is continued diagnostic testing and follow-up for all patients with positive results.

Grants from the charitable funds supports the mailing of each kit. Bobbie Nick Voss of Brookfield passed away from cancer when she was 51. As she battled the disease she shared with family and friends the importance of understanding colon cancer risk factors and encouraged colon cancer screenings.

“Bobbie would be so proud of where we’ve come over the last 18 years and the difference that we’re making in lives,” said Marsha Mather, president of the charitable funds board. “Bobbie was probably one of the most special individuals I’ve ever met in my life. She was dynamic and she was charismatic. She was sensitive and she was caring and she was loving and she was everything that you would want to experience in a good friend.”

After her passing, the charity fund was established. Within a few years patients from the health clinic were being offered colonoscopies.

“Bobbie never ever wanted to give up. She was going to beat this thing. She was diagnosed Stage 4 so if it had been Stage 1, I’m sure that today she would still be alive,” Marsha says.
Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation is advised by a 19-member Board of Directors who create policies, approve grants back to the hospital, advocate for the hospital and lead by example with philanthropic support.

In this issue we introduce you to the executive committee and the newest board members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUSAN TEMPLIN

Currently serving as board chairwoman, Susan joined the board in 2007 and, as she explains, money raised by the foundation impacts nearly every department and every patient who walks through the doors.

"From pretty humble beginnings, our hospital has grown into a first-class, industry-leading health care facility that still has the heart of a little community hospital. From the president to the environmental services staff, the hospital is run by people who are passionate about patient care," says Susan, who lives in Germantown. “They care for their community, they care for each other and show up every day to make a difference in the lives of others. When they say ‘Patients First’ it’s not just words ... it’s actions!”

Professionally, Susan is a documentary filmmaker and works with nonprofits on filmmaking and other ways to better amplify their messages. Giving back to the community falls in line with her work for the foundation.

BRYAN BECKER

Bryan’s ties to the hospital stretch back decades thanks to his parents Dick and Jayne Becker who were early supporters of the hospital and remain engaged today.

“My earliest involvement with the foundation was as a child. My parents volunteered with the foundation and participated in countless fundraisers to benefit the hospital and foundation. I learned the benefits of giving back to our community by watching them and wanted to do the same,” said Bryan, a board member since 2016 and current vice chairman.

The 6th generation of the Becker Family to call Menomonee Falls home, Bryan, a senior wealth advisor with Richardson Financial Group, Inc. in Menomonee Falls, volunteers with the foundation to ensure the hospital continues its excellent level of care decades into the future.

“I’ve benefited from our wonderful hospital and I want my family, friends and neighbors to do the same,” he says.

GREGORY VAN WINKLE, MD

Dr. Van Winkle is a retired orthopedic surgeon and now oversees patient safety and utilization management with Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital.

He’s also an emeritus member of the Medical Staff and a medical director.

A board member since 2007 and currently the secretary, Dr. Van Winkle says giving back to the hospital is simply the right thing to do.

“We have a world-class facility with top notch staff in a community hospital setting. That combination is truly unique,” he says.

Among Dr. Van Winkle’s favorite foundation memories was chairing the 2013 Spring Splendor Gala at Miller Park which benefitted the Emergency Department expansion.

Rooted in core values of always wanting to make our world a better place, Dr. Van Winkle leads by example and is the first to lend a hand when needed.

JANINE PULVERMACHER

A longtime Menomonee Falls resident, Janine was looking for ways to give back to her community when former foundation board member Sharon Ellis suggested the foundation.

Janine joined the board in 2018 and now serves as the member at large.

“Our work directly benefits the hospital and the people who live, work and receive their health care here. It’s so rewarding to see contributions go directly to the hospital because they make such a meaningful difference for so many in our community,” she says.

Janine is director of global human resources at Fisher Barton, which is headquartered in Watertown and manufactures high wear and cutting components.

Growing up in a small northern Wisconsin town with limited medical services close to home, Janine and her family settled in Menomonee Falls, in part, because of the hospital.

“I feel it’s so important to have high-quality health care close by for those times you need it,” she says.
**NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS**

**UMESH BABUSUKUMAR, MD**

The medical director of the hospitalists who specialize in providing hospital care and managing daily care, Dr. Babusukumar has been with the hospital since 2014. He explains that the hospital makes it humanly possible for him to approach all of his patients as if they are family.

“Patients come here in times of their greatest need and they are treated with dignity and respect,” says Dr. Babusukumar, appointed to the board in July 2022. “Our community hospital offers services and resources for a wide array of health issues but we are small enough that everyone knows each other by name and you see friendly faces every day.”

**DAVID DORAN**

Dave was born at the hospital just a few years after it opened and his three adult children were also born at hospital in the late 90s. He’s a graduate of Menomonee Falls High School.

Now a Germantown resident, Dave was appointed to the board in July 2022. He looks forward to supporting the hospital that has served his family so well over the years.

“Our foundation provides valuable resources for the hospital and our community through educational scholarships and relief for families who are uninsured or underinsured and in need of medical care,” said Dave, a senior vice president and relationship manager of commercial banking for BMO Harris Bank. “I understand the importance of the hospital to this community and I want to ensure the hospital has the necessary resources to serve the community and remain here for years to come.”

**JOHN FINERTY, JR.**

John’s support of the foundation is an opportunity to repay health care workers who have treated him and his family over the years. “I had a hip replacement in December 2016 from a great orthopedic team. After the procedure, the occupational and physical therapy staff had me walking within hours. My care plan was detailed and highly successful. My rehabilitation was complete when I was skiing in Colorado a mere eight weeks later.”

John’s favorite foundation events include Spring Splendor Gala and Wheeling & Healing for Cancer where he biked 35 miles in 2018.

An attorney in the Greater Milwaukee area for 30 years, John is chairman of Banking and Financial Services Industry Group for Michael Best & Friedrich LLP. He lives in Brookfield and was appointed to the Foundation board in July 2022.

“Our hospital means quality health care and peace of mind. I know that whatever the occasion brings me to the hospital, I will be met with caring and attentive doctors, nurses and hospital staff, while receiving the best health care possible,” he says. “This brings peace of mind knowing that such an important resource is part of my community.”
Golfers enthusiastically greeted each other on the links at North Hills Country Club excited to take part in the annual Golf Classic that raised more than $82,000 for the Cancer Center at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. The popular event was not held in 2020 because of COVID protocols, and in 2021, the event was rained out. A most gracious thank you to Golf Classic presenting sponsor and loyal supporter Weas Development.

**THANK YOU GOLF CLASSIC SPONSORS**

**BELOW:** Representing von Briesen & Roper, S.C. from left is Jeff Mark, Susan Lovern & Paul Marquardt.

**Above:** Enjoying a day of golf from left is Ken Pulvermacher, Mike Yanke, Jeff Schwalbach & Carl Holzem.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MON, JUNE 19, 2023**

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