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Dear Foundation Friends,

2020 is proving to be a year unlike what any of us had predicted or could have imagined.

The past few months have reminded all of us of the importance of taking care of our health, having access to exceptional health care and the relationships we have with our families, friends, neighbors and community. Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital has always been a part of the community known for delivering exceptional care in a loving way that supports patients and their families. The love and support we share with each other has been even more important than ever before the past few months.

Our precious hospital was made possible because of the generosity from the Menomonee Falls community and the dedicated volunteers who believed in making health care available to the greater Menomonee Falls area in the 1960s. Now 56 years later, our community continues to show dedication to one another. Individual donors, corporate partners and other foundations have stepped forward to support our beloved hospital and those who deliver exceptional care at a time that has been uncertain and unpredictable. We are eternally grateful for your support and for the belief you have in the missions of our hospital and foundation.

Your generosity since March has allowed the hospital to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and provide care to our patients and support our wonderful frontline health care workers.

As we determine our “new normal” during these unprecedented times, we are certain of this: the kindness you have shown to each other and to us has been heartwarming. We know there is goodness in the world even during these uneasy months and we thank you for your words of encouragement and your trust in the foundation.

This year was proving to be busy even before the pandemic. On January 1, 2020 the name of the foundation changed to Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation to ensure our efforts are directly aligned with Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. Our names have changed, but our mission remains the same. As we have been doing for over 30 years, all funds raised by Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation will directly benefit our hospital in Menomonee Falls.

Delivering our signature events in a safe and responsible manner would be difficult at this time. We are adjusting our plans and efforts to ensure that we continue to raise money to support the hospital even if we can't host events. The following pages of this newsletter will offer more information on how to support the hospital in a variety of ways through the events you might have otherwise attended.

Thank you again for the many ways in which you express your love and generosity for the care delivered at the hospital and the encouragement you offer all of our staff. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy summer. Please take care of each other and be safe.



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.



DONORS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT HOSPITAL DURING PANDEMIC RESPONSE

As the coronavirus spread across the globe and the pandemic interrupted life worldwide, donors quickly responded and asked how they could help during this unprecedented time.



Restaurants, retailers and stores donated food, gift cards and other items to the hospital during the height of the pandemic. The generosity from our local community was overwhelming.

Smoked@225, a Menomonee Falls food truck, gave nearly 1,700 vouchers for a complimentary BBQ lunch to staff at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. The thoughtful donation impressed employees.

"Smoked@225 was AWESOME! I spoke with Jonas, the owner, and he shared his story about his wife's surgery at Froedtert and when they were in the room before she went in, one of the staff said, 'Come on. We've got to get her well so we don't miss out on that BBQ!' He said they all laughed and he will never forget how great Froedtert treated his family."
-Douglas Reynolds, CNA Garden View Unit

There is still time to lend support to the Stronger Together Fund. Financial contributions provide the greatest flexibility to respond to the needs of the hospital.

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In March the Stronger Together Fund was established to provide immediate relief toward the significant financial investments needed to support the evolving, day-to-day needs of those caring for patients affected by this virus. More than \$87,000 has been raised for the Stronger Together Fund.

Funds raised went toward free daily shift meals for health care workers, complimentary local lodging for any staff and providers who felt they needed it for safety reasons while caring for patients and other costs related to the outbreak.

"Our community has rallied around the hospital many times over its 56-year history and this pandemic once again proved that when faced with a challenge our donors respond without hesitation," said Teri Lux, president of Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital and Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation. "Our health care workers know this community stands behind them each and every day."



GOLF CLASSIC SUPPORT

When the annual golf event was canceled for 2020, Golf Classic presenting sponsor Weas Development offered to match all donations made to the foundation by golf patrons up to \$30,000. Thanks to this generous offer the foundation raised \$61,000 for the Birth Center, Stronger Together Fund and Greatest Need. The foundation extends a very special thank you to Doug Weas.

We look forward to the 22nd annual event on June 14, 2021 at North Hills Country Club.

CARING STAFF CREATES MEMORABLE HOSPITAL VISIT

Madeline Fischer didn't feel well on Sunday, March 15. Her chest hurt but she didn't want to go to the hospital.

Her daughter Heidi Mays, who's also her loving caretaker, gently convinced her that she needed care from a doctor. Madeline didn't want to go in an ambulance because she didn't want to be away from her daughter. Finally, she agreed to get in the car.

"On the drive to the hospital we sang hymns," recalled Heidi, a longtime Menomonee Falls resident.

From the moment they arrived in the Emergency Department at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital they felt at ease because, as Heidi explains, every single staff member they met was kind, helpful and compassionate.

"One of the first nurses we encountered was Kaitlyn and she was on the ball and she was amazing. She was so comforting the way she checked my mom's blood pressure and drew blood. All of these things make such a difference," Heidi said.

Madeline, 94, was transferred to the Modified Care Unit and on her second night there she suffered a mild heart attack.

She doesn't remember the heart attack but she remembers her nurse Maisy, who held her hand while she administered morphine and nitroglycerin drips.

Those interactions made an impression on Madeline, a former nurses's aide who spent 27 years working at Milwaukee County

General Hospital. She loved her career and retired when she began caring for her grandchild about 31 years ago.

Heidi points out more than three dozen employees – everyone from doctors and cardiologists and physician assistants to technicians and car valets -- whom she believes went beyond their regular job duties to make sure her mom was comfortable.

And the care extended to Heidi as well. "There was a receptionist in the ER who assisted me with my breathing when I was having a panic attack and two security officers who walked me to my car two different nights (even though it probably wasn't necessary) but made me feel it was no bother at a time I was feeling very overwhelmed of whether my mom was going to be there the next morning or not," she said.

Madeline, a mother of three, grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of five, spent a total of four nights in the hospital. She's now back home with her daughter and son-in-law, Steven.

"She has more energy than she did before her stay in the hospital," said Heidi. "She's alert and sharper than I am!"

Thinking back about the care her mom received, Heidi said, "I wanted to hug everyone who looked after my mom. Of course, I wouldn't but I wanted to."

Thank you donors whose ongoing support in a variety of ways allows our staff members to provide compassionate care to patients.



GIVING TO THE GREATEST NEEDS

Each year donors contribute to Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation's "Greatest Need" fund, trusting foundation leaders to direct money toward areas of the hospital where, simply put, the need is greatest.

Hospital leaders submit proposals for equipment, programs and projects that enhance care and comfort for thousands of patients and allow staff to perform their jobs efficiently and safely. This year the foundation Board of Directors granted \$223,000 through 11 requests to 10 departments and service lines, including Interventional Radiology, Medical Imaging, Intensive Care Unit, Behavioral Health, Emergency Department, Physical Medicine and Food and Nutrition Services.

AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **\$65,000** for cutting-edge disinfection equipment which is critical to keep patients and healthcare workers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. In less than three minutes, MoonBeam 3 UVC Disinfection Technology eliminates life-threatening pathogens across broad areas. The portable equipment delivers powerful UVC light to disinfect high-touch surfaces in patient rooms, operating rooms and bathrooms. (Photo A)
- **\$33,000** for an Angiojet Thrombectomy, which uses a catheter to break up blood clots causing partial or full obstruction of blood flow in an artery. The AngioJet catheter is inserted into an artery in the groin and advances to the artery containing the blood clot. The pump of the AngioJet is activated, delivering a saline solution under high pressure through the pump jets, into the artery and directly at the blood clot. These saline jets create a powerful vacuum within the artery, breaking up the clot and removing clot pieces. The thrombectomy is often used prior to angioplasty (which widens narrowed or obstructed arteries or veins to restore blood flow) and makes angioplasty safer and more effective. (Photo B)
- **\$8,000** for two infusion chairs in the Cancer Care Center. Patients fighting cancer spend hours each week receiving intravenous medication. The reclining chairs provide comfort during treatments. (Photo C)
- **\$26,000** for cardiopulmonary rehabilitation exercise equipment including recumbent cross trainers (Photo D), an elliptical and treadmill. The new equipment replaces decades-old pieces and is housed nearby in the Occupational Medicine Clinic at North Hills Health Center.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL'S GREATEST NEED?

TO DONATE, VISIT FROEDTERT.COM/MENOMONEFFALLSFUNDATION OR CALL 262-257-3200.



Foundation board members and staff visited scholarship recipients at their homes and work places to present the awards.

ASPIRING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Hospital Awards \$87,100 in Scholarships to 21 Recipients

Congratulations to high school and college students and current hospital staff members awarded with scholarships as they pursue health care careers.

For more than 50 years, the hospital's scholarship program has been supporting students pursuing education in health care careers. This program is made possible by contributions from donors throughout the community, Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Medical Staff, Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation and Volunteers in Partnership.

Selected through an application process, students are evaluated for scholastic achievement, community involvement, connections to the hospital and seriousness of purpose related to becoming a health care professional.

A total of 21 outstanding scholars and hospital staff members were awarded \$87,100 to help with college and university expenses.

Awards were granted to high school seniors from the following schools: Menomonee Falls, Germantown, Sussex Hamilton, Brookfield East, New Berlin West, Arrowhead and Marquette University High School.

In addition, awards were granted to three hospital staff medical assistants pursuing degrees in nursing.

"We believe in these young men and women who are committed to the health of our community," said Chris Rechlicz, Foundation board member and Foundation Scholarship Program chairman. "As we have seen with the COVID-19 pandemic we will need health care workers ready to serve on the front lines and care for patients. We need to encourage and stand behind these individuals as they continue their education."

2021 scholarship applications will be accepted online from December 1, 2020 – March 1, 2021. Visit the foundation website for more information.

Support for the Scholarship Program is a commitment to future generations of health care workers. **Please consider a designated gift to the Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Foundation Scholarship Program.**

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WHEELING & HEELING FOR CANCER

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Saturday, August 8, 2020

I SUPPORT WHEELING & HEELING FOR CANCER BECAUSE THE CANCER CARE CENTER CHANGED MY LIFE.

In 2016 I started to feel sick and late that summer I saw Dr. Syed Mehdi for pain and symptoms of stomach discomfort, bloating and fullness. Dr. Mehdi ordered a colonoscopy and a biopsy was taken from a suspicious area on my duodenum. Dr. Mehdi then referred me to Dr. Abdel Alqwasmi and after more lab work, a CT, PET scans and a bone marrow biopsy I was diagnosed in December 2016 with Primary Duodenal Follicular Lymphoma Stage IEA Grade 2 -- more commonly known as Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. I literally got the news days before Christmas which was devastating and I was torn about keeping this news to myself or sharing with my family. I decided to tell my family and they have been there every step of the way!

I received immunotherapy weekly throughout January 2017. The IV infusions were once a week and took about eight hours per treatment. In March I had another colonoscopy to see if the cancer treatment had worked. Unfortunately, it had not and I then planned for radiation treatments. Dr. Alqwasmi referred me to Dr. Malika Siker and my daily radiation treatments started.

I had another colonoscopy in September 2017 which showed the area had shrunk although it was still there. I then saw Dr. Timothy Fenske. This type of lymphoma is slow growing. It will always be there but can be easily treated if needed. It is in an area that is too risky for surgical removal and because my symptoms had improved with treatments we decided to watch and wait to see if the cancer would grow. So technically I have been in remission since 2017.

The Cancer Care Center at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital is AWESOME! It was nice to have a patient navigator and one point of contact who was there for all my questions.

A good support network is a must. You are going to have good days and bad days. I am lucky to have an awesome family, friends and co-workers that helped me get through one of the most difficult times in my life. Talking to people that have been through similar situations is really helpful.

I am a big believer of everything happens for a reason! Bad experiences lead to better ones and we grow and learn from them. After an experience like this you learn what really matters to you. This has completely changed the way I live.

Tracy Callen
Cancer Survivor
Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital Nurse
Orthopaedic and Spine Unit

NEW THIS YEAR: VIRTUAL EVENT!

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AT WHATEVER LOCATION YOU CHOOSE

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Proceeds provide vital financial support to
the Cancer Care Center at
Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital

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► Tracy Callen, left, with friend and fellow nurse Crystal Winter at the 2019 event.



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