

# Spirit of GIVING

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Warren Rose and Sister Mary Lou Stubbs, Foundation Liaison and Board Member, cut the ribbon to open the Joan & Sheldon Rose Walking Path. Also pictured are Warren's daughter Frances (to his left), and hospital and community leaders.

## Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation joins *Spirit of Giving*

Welcome to the fall 2022 issue of the *Spirit of Giving* newsletter. We have updated our look and are happy to announce that we have added **Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation** to the publication, which has been covering the news of both Ascension Providence Foundation and Ascension St. John Foundation. This provides Ascension donors who give to our hospitals and programs in southeast Michigan with the opportunity to see the full scope of philanthropic impact across all of our Ascension Southeast Michigan Foundations.

Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation manages fundraising for Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital, which joined Ascension in 2015. The hospital and foundation are part of Ascension Michigan’s Metro West Region.

The Metro West Region also includes **Ascension Providence Foundation**, which manages fundraising for:

- Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery
- Ascension Eastwood Recovery Center
- Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi and Southfield

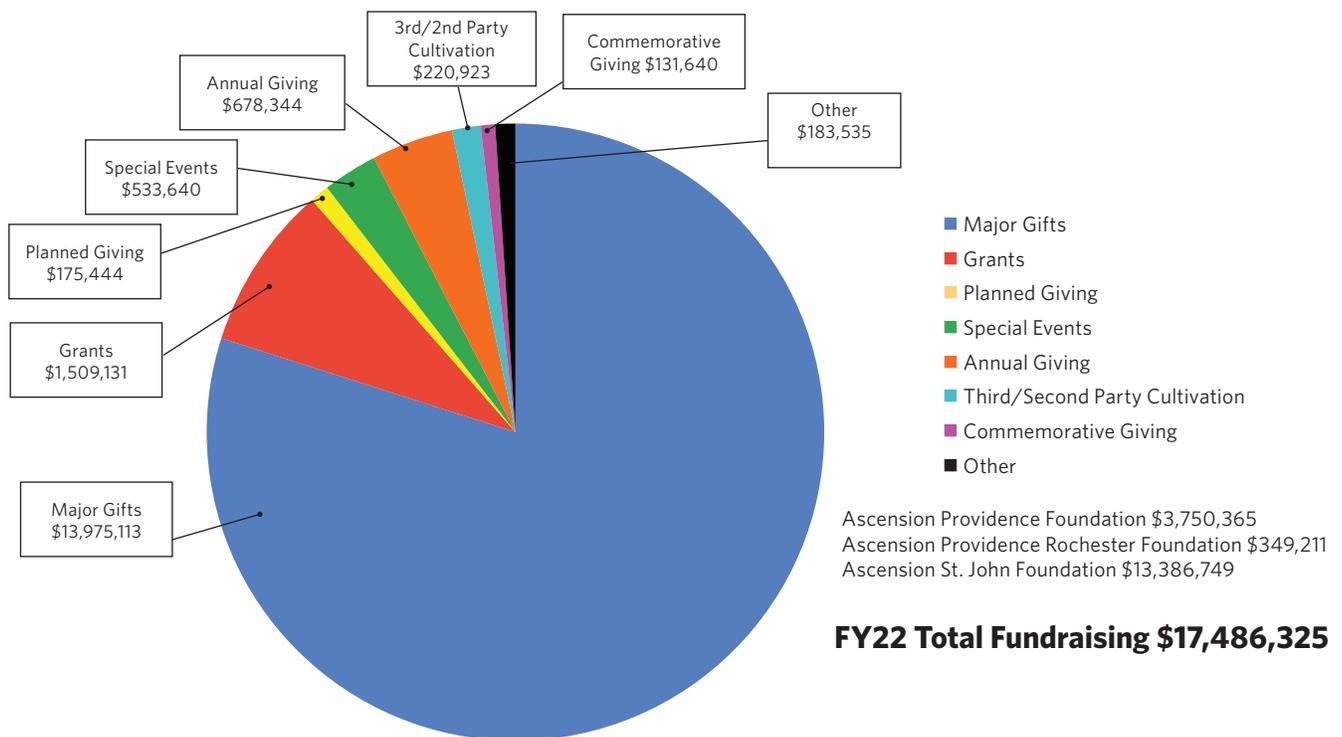
Ascension Michigan’s Metro East Region includes **Ascension St. John Foundation**, which manages fundraising for:

- Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Madison Heights and Warren
- Ascension River District Hospital
- Ascension St. John Hospital

We hope you enjoy learning about all of the great ways that you — our generous donors and friends — help us enhance care and services for our patients and communities we are privileged to serve in southeast Michigan. Thank you for your support!

### Ascension St. John, Providence and Providence Rochester Foundations

#### Fiscal year 2022 consolidated fundraising activity



Thank you to our generous donors for helping us raise more than \$17.4 million last year to enhance patient and community programs and services, acquire new technology, and expand and renovate our healthcare facilities.



Walkers enjoy the Joan & Rose Sheldon Walking Path at the Pink Out the Path event.

## Rose Walking Path creates more opportunities for healthy living in Novi

One of the best activities people can do for their physical and emotional well-being is walking. Numerous studies associate walking with significant health advantages — it can help counter weight gain, ease joint pain, boost the immune system, decrease anxiety and more.

Better yet, the benefits of walking multiply when having a relaxing stroll through a beautiful natural setting.

So when Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi, wanted to take advantage of its lovely grounds by creating a walking path, the plan made perfect sense. Leaders from **Rose Senior Living** and the **WellBridge Group** — businesses located on the hospital's campus — also saw great potential for the plan and gave their generous support to complete the Joan & Sheldon Rose Walking Path. **Pulte Homes** also made a charitable gift to help complete the path's walkways.

The kind generosity of these donors results in a wonderful community resource for the hospital grounds that will promote healthy living for many years.

The path features four loops ranging in length from a half mile to just over two miles, and it will connect with the city of Novi's trail system. The path winds through a park-like setting that includes a greensward, wetlands and easily navigable entryways. Its peaceful, natural scenery makes it ideal for promoting walking for health, respite and rejuvenation.



Warren and Carol Ann Rose

**Warren and Carol Ann Rose** made the lead gift for the path. Warren is Chief Executive Officer of Edward Rose & Sons, a real estate development and management company based in Bloomfield Hills. Rose Senior Living is a division of Edward Rose & Sons.

For many years, Warren and Carol Ann have supported important healthcare initiatives across metro Detroit. Among them are significant gifts to Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi, such as support for the Rose Family Senior Assessment for Independent Living Center, and the expansion of orthopedic care and services.

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## Rose Walking Path creates more opportunities for healthy living in Novi

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Donors and guests are welcomed to the event.

"The walking path is a great amenity for the community," Warren said. "The path is really an escape within the city. The COVID pandemic created a lot of stress for many people. A resource like the walking path presents an opportunity to get outside again for fresh air and exercise in a natural setting.

"It's very important to give charitably to institutions that serve the community. Nonprofit hospital systems rely on philanthropy for projects like the walking path that wouldn't otherwise be completed. Promoting mental well-being is critical for achieving long-term health. It was an easy decision to make this gift for the walking path, which truly enhances the overall campus experience."

Warren chose to name the path in honor of his parents. Sheldon, his late father, was the son of Edward Rose, who began building single-family homes across metro Detroit in the early 20th century and founded the family business in 1921.

"My dad passed away two years ago at age of 93; my mom passed away in 2008," Warren said. "Dad was an avid athlete who loved walking. Later in his life, he took advantage of every opportunity to go on a walk. I think my parents would be proud and pleased to see such a wonderful amenity in place for our residents, staff, guests and people visiting the hospital."

The WellBridge Group provides inpatient short-term skilled nursing and rehabilitation services following surgery or illness. WellBridge has eight Michigan locations, including one adjacent to Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi. The partnership group within WellBridge that made gifts to support the walking path includes the **Eisenberg Family Foundation, Frank Wronski, James Branscum, the Sangster Family Foundation and Mike Perry.**

"Our company philosophy is to support physical, spiritual and emotional wellness," said Mike Perry, WellBridge Company Chief Executive Officer. "Many of our patients come from Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi, and we greatly value that relationship. So supporting the walking path was a natural fit. The path impacts patients, staff members and the entire Novi community. We love to see people exercising outdoors, which is incredibly important. We're thrilled to have played a role in creating the path for everyone to enjoy."

The Joan & Sheldon Rose Walking Path celebrated its grand opening on Oct. 1 with a "Pink Out the Path" event, which marked the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Event proceeds will support the Elliott Breast Care Center, which provides breast screenings and mammograms at Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi.

If you're in the Novi area or have a little time while visiting the campus of Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi, bring a pair of comfortable shoes and enjoy the Joan & Sheldon Rose Walking Path. You'll be pleasantly surprised by the benefits that accompany light exercise and connecting with nature.



Gary Druskovich, MD, MBA, President and CEO, Ascension Metro West Region, is pictured with Frances Rose and Warren Rose.

## Pink Out the Path event

This event held on Oct. 1 kicked off Breast Cancer Awareness Month and celebrated the grand opening of the Joan & Sheldon Rose Walking Path at Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi Campus. More than \$50,000 was raised for the Elliott Breast Care Center. Guests enjoyed walking the path, ordering from food trucks and signing the Novi Police Department's pink car supporting breast cancer awareness.



New signage welcomes walkers to the path.

## Pediatric expansion and renovation begins

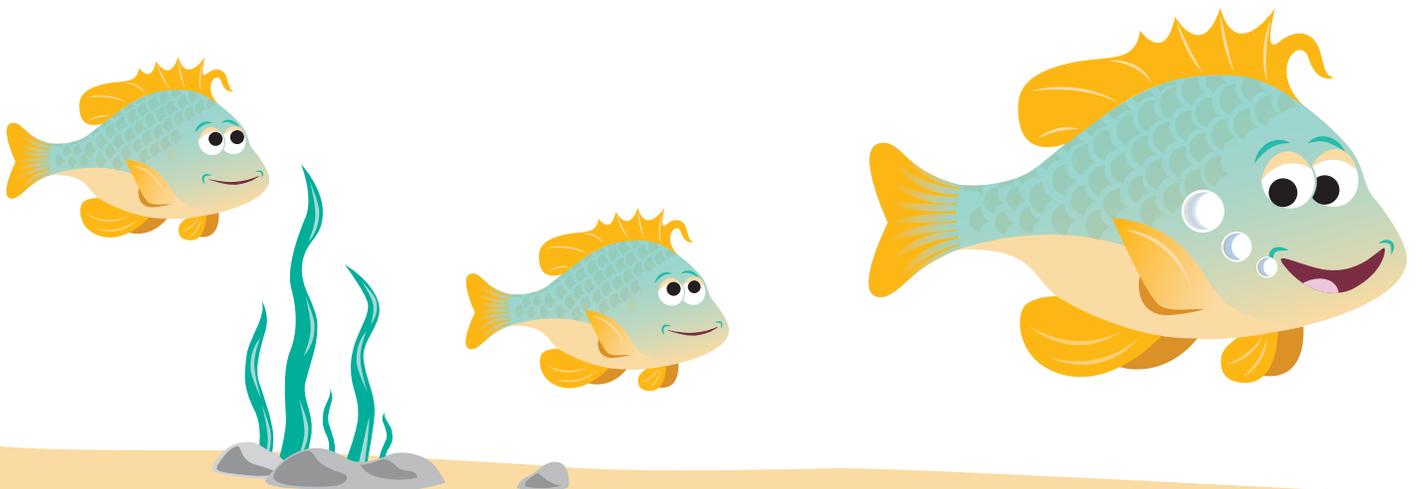
Thanks to generous gifts to the **Your Child, We Care** campaign and capital support from Ascension, the expansion and renovation of Pediatric Services at Ascension St. John Children's Hospital is becoming a reality.

Ground is scheduled to be broken soon for phase 1 of the project — the Shery L. Cotton Pediatric Emergency Department. A celebration for philanthropic supporters will take place before the end of the year.

The Pediatric Emergency Department will be separate from the current Emergency Center and have its own waiting room, to offer greater privacy, comfort and convenience for our youngest patients and their families.

Phase 2 of the construction project will include the addition of the new Van Elslander Women's and Children's Entrance. Later, the Mary Ann Van Elslander Pediatric Unit and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit will be renovated to provide an enhanced environment for patients and families.

While the minimum goal of \$18 million for the **Your Child, We Care** campaign has been reached, fundraising continues for technology and program needs. Other celebration events will be held later to highlight the Ascension St. John Children's Hospital expansion and renovation and to raise additional funds. For more information, please contact Lisa Pinkowski at 313-343-7480.



## Generous gift enhances behavioral health patient care areas



Jane and Raymond Cracchiolo

Serving those who are most vulnerable — including patients with behavioral health conditions — is at the heart of Ascension’s Mission. In Michigan, an estimated 1.3 million residents have behavioral health conditions, according to research by the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

As the largest provider of behavioral health services in Michigan, Ascension offers dedicated treatment programs for adults, adolescents and children, including care at Ascension St. John Hospital where there is an inpatient Behavioral Health Unit and an Emergency Center Annex. Yet the need exists for additional accommodations in an appropriate environment.

With a strong desire to help provide an enhanced care setting for patients with behavioral health needs, **Raymond and Jane Cracchiolo** generously donated \$4.5 million to Ascension St. John Hospital.

Raymond expressed that he made his gift to start breaking down the stigma around mental illness in his community. He understands this is a big problem and believes people don’t invest in behavioral health because of this stigma. Raymond hopes his gift will encourage others to give and ultimately lead to better treatment options for people struggling with mental illness.

“We are incredibly grateful for this tremendous gift from Raymond and Jane,” said Kevin Grady, MD, Regional President and Chief Executive Officer, Ascension Metro East Region. “I commend their courage and dedication to support behavioral health. This gift will allow us to continue living out

our Mission to serve the most vulnerable among us in an enhanced environment suitable to their specialized needs.”

A portion of the Cracchiolos’ gift will be used to refurbish the inpatient Behavioral Health Unit, which has been helping adults suffering from acute behavioral health conditions for over 30 years. Nearly 600 patients are admitted to the unit annually, with most patients staying for an extended period of time.

The renovation will revitalize 16 patient rooms which accommodate 27 patients, a dayroom, a meditation room, two group rooms, and an activity therapy room — and completely remodel the clinical team work station. Design and decor enhancements will make the unit more aesthetically pleasing, while upgrades to doors, fixtures and furnishings, and a new panic alarm system will provide the highest level of safety and comfort for patients and staff.

The Cracchiolos’ gift will also enable the hospital to construct space in the existing Emergency Center Annex to accommodate the specialized needs of children and teens who come to the Emergency Center with behavioral health issues.

With 18,900 adult behavioral health patients and more than 1,000 child/adolescent behavioral health patients visiting the Emergency Center annually, there is a need for additional appropriate space — especially for children. The Emergency Center Annex is where patients can receive care from a specialized staff of behavioral health technicians, nurses, social workers and psychiatrists in a more calming, suitable environment.

The child/adolescent area will complement the current space in the Emergency Center Annex which accommodates 15 adult patients. The new area will host medically cleared behavioral health patients ages 4 to 18 who have been discharged from the Emergency Center and are awaiting placement in an inpatient behavioral health setting. The children’s section of the Emergency Center Annex will be separated from the adult area by a locked door and have its own private, secured exit for ambulance discharges to prevent interactions between adult and pediatric patients.

Five child/adolescent patient rooms will be available plus an activity room that can be converted into a patient room as needed. Features may include dimmable LED lighting, a calm color palette and kid-friendly artwork. The activity room will be equipped with age-appropriate activities to engage

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children and teens in diversional/recreational play. In addition, the center will have ligature risk furnishings and equipment, and a state-of-the-art monitoring system to promote patient and staff safety.

In gratitude for the Cracchiolos' tremendous gift, Ascension St. John Hospital will name the renovated areas in their honor. The **Raymond and Jane Cracchiolo Wellness Recovery Unit** for adults and the **Raymond and Jane Cracchiolo Emergency Wellness Recovery Center** for adults,

children and adolescents will significantly enhance the overall patient care experience. Both recovery areas will provide at-risk patients with a comfortable, therapeutic healing environment focused on safety and person-centered care, while helping them maintain a sense of dignity and worth during their wellness journey.

To find out how you can help increase access and improve care for behavioral health patients, call Sherry Augustine at 313-343-7481.

## Your COVID-19 relief donations helped patients and associates when needed the most – thank you!

Dear dedicated donors:

There are not enough words to describe the impact your gifts have made in support of our patients and associates in southeast Michigan! Your gifts helped save patients' lives and ease the stress of our frontline caregivers during this (hopefully) once-in-a-lifetime pandemic.

I personally thank each and every one of you who supported the COVID-19 Relief Funds. Your outpouring of support is truly remarkable. As a foundation, we want you to be informed about how your donations made a difference. Just some of the ways are listed below:

- N95 masks when supplies were critically low
- Freezer to store COVID-19 vaccines
- iPads, cases and chargers for patients who could not have visitors
- Six CAPR (Controlled Air Purifying Respirator) helmets
- Mobile shower trailer and laundry bags (so staff could shower and return home safely)
- Tent for COVID-19 testing
- Cleaning supplies desperately needed
- Relief meals for frontline caregivers who did not have much time for breaks
- Lodging for visiting nurses
- Infrared temperature scanners
- And so much more!



Again, thank you for being here for our patients, associates and community during this desperate time in our lives — **you made a difference!**

Sincerely,

Patrick Kelly

Ascension Michigan Foundation, Market Leader

## Childhood lessons guide Wortmens' generosity toward Ascension Southeast Michigan hospitals



Joe and Rosie Wortman

When you grow up in a large family, as did **Joe and Rosie Wortman**, you quickly learn to share resources and extend kindness to others.

"My wife and I were middle children in families that each had seven kids," Joe said. "We consider ourselves lucky to have been raised in that environment. We had good sets of parents who raised us to care about family and neighbors and share as necessary with others."

Those lessons stayed with the Wortmans, who have extended their kind generosity through gifts supporting cardiology care at Ascension St. John Hospital and digestive health services at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield.

As residents of Detroit and now Grosse Pointe Farms, the Wortmans often relied on Ascension St. John for their medical needs. As a businessman, Joe initially viewed the hospital as a service provider. Later, his view changed.

"Our three sons and our 10 grandchildren were all born at St. John," said Joe, who founded Detroit Radiant Products, a manufacturer of infrared radiant heaters for commercial and industrial use. "Years later, when my wife and I began having health issues, I began to see the hospital from a different perspective. Rosie and I have received wonderful care and treatment from their doctors, which left a big impression upon us."

In 2015, Rosie received treatment at Ascension St. John Hospital for coronary issues. Soon afterward, she had back surgery there. That same year, Joe had open heart surgery at Ascension St. John at the same time as his daughter-in-law Laura received treatment there for breast cancer. Sadly, she passed away from the disease at age 41.

"Laura's passing really hit me," Joe said. "I realized St. John is more than just a service provider. They have excellent doctors and staff who care deeply about their patients."

The Wortmans continue receiving care from Ascension St. John-affiliated cardiologists. In gratitude, the Wortmans made a philanthropic gift in 2015 to support cardiology services at Ascension St. John.

This past spring, they made a very generous gift to support the purchase of state-of-the-art cardiac ultrasound equipment for use at the hospital. The new ultrasound machine will enhance noninvasive cardiology capabilities, helping to improve patient care and increase workflow efficiency for staff.

Joe experienced other health issues in 2017 when he received a colon cancer diagnosis. While other physicians said they could schedule an initial consultation in six weeks, Ernesto Drelichman, MD, a colorectal surgeon at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield, said he could meet with Joe that day.

"After receiving a cancer diagnosis, you want to see someone as soon as possible," Joe said. "That's another example of the outstanding care Ascension provides."

After Joe underwent a regimen of chemotherapy and radiation therapy, Dr. Drelichman surgically removed the remaining tumor. Today, Joe is cancer-free.

"Dr. Drelichman and I formed a close relationship, almost a friendship," Joe said. "He was always accessible and addressed all my concerns. He's a bright and very kind man. His staff members are also excellent."

In gratitude for his care, the Wortmans made a generous gift this spring to support the creation of a Colorectal Fellowship Program within the Digestive Health Program at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield. The program, co-led by Dr. Drelichman, is a state-of-the-art approach to digestive healthcare. It leverages the expertise of gastroenterologists, surgeons, oncologists, internists, nutritionists and other clinical staff at Ascension hospitals in southeast Michigan. The goal is to accelerate the coordination of care and simplify patient access to the full spectrum of the hospital system's world-class digestive health diagnostics and treatment.

"We're very grateful to the Wortmans for their support and friendship," Dr. Drelichman said. "Their gift has allowed us to grow our program, for which there is a strong demand.

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Colorectal cancer is the third-most common cancer and second-leading cause of cancer death. We're also seeing an increase in other conditions like inflammatory bowel disease and diverticulitis. Through the fellowship program, we're training the next generation of digestive health physicians so when patients need those services, they'll have ready access to specialists with advanced training.

"After receiving the Wortmans' gift in the spring, our first digestive health fellow began in August. We were able to do this only because of their generosity, which will allow us to provide advanced care to future patients."

Joe's kindness extends back to lessons learned from family.

"My dad was an immigrant from Germany," Joe said. "He worked hard and was the most decent person I've ever known. He taught us by example to share with fellow human beings and institutions. St. John and Providence are well-run institutions with wonderful people. Rosie and I are glad to be able to help them provide others the same outstanding care we've received."

## Fundraisers support cancer patients in need

**Scott Ruhl**, an Oncology Physician Assistant at the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) at Ascension St. John Hospital, sees how cancer takes an emotional and physical toll on patients and can also place a financial burden on them. He wanted to help in some way and decided to raise funds to support patients in need.

Scott loves biking, and he had a goal to participate in a "century," a 100-mile cycling event. He signed up for the Holland 100 and turned his participation in the Holland, MI, race on July 16 into a fundraiser for the VECC Needy Patient Fund. This fund helps relieve financial hardship of patients undergoing cancer treatment. Scott was happy to finish the event in 5 hours 41 minutes — faster than he expected — and was thrilled to raise \$4,080 from family, friends and coworkers to help cancer patients!



Scott Ruhl



Students help dodge cancer with a fundraising event.

In another effort to support patients in need, students from **Troy High School's** personal communications classes taught by Harriet Clark held a dodgeball fundraiser. The 5th annual event drew approximately 500 participants and raised \$8,000 for the VECC Needy Patient Fund!

Thank you to Scott and the students for making a difference to patients in need!

## Soave gift supports advanced surgical care and the patient/family experience at Ascension St. John Hospital



Anthony Soave

When Ascension St. John Hospital has had a critical need, **Anthony Soave** and his family have often stepped to the plate to meet it. Their generous philanthropic gifts have touched the lives of countless patients and families.

Anthony, a Grosse Pointe resident, is President and CEO of Soave Enterprises, Inc., a diversified management and investment company. Among the endeavors he and his family have supported are a mobile mammography and health screening center for the underserved, endoscopy care, Ascension St. John Hospital expansion and renovation, and the hospital's Associate Hardship Fund. In addition, Anthony regularly supports THE GUILD and Fontbonne Auxiliary events, which raise funds for hospital programs.

In another example of his philanthropic spirit, Anthony's most recent gift will ensure that Ascension St. John Hospital remains at the forefront of advanced, minimally invasive surgeries. Another portion of his gift will support expansion and renovation of the hospital's Surgical Services department.

"Mr. Soave's investment in Surgical Services is a testament to the skill and expertise of the physicians at Ascension St. John Hospital," said Peter Ahee, Ascension St. John Foundation Board Chair. "His gift will provide equipment and facilities that enhance their work and support the best patient outcomes."

Anthony's kind gift enabled the hospital to purchase its third da Vinci Xi Surgical System, an important tool that is having an immediate impact on patients and on the hospital's Surgical Residency Program.

"Robotic procedures are among the fastest growing areas within surgery," said Ahmed Meguid, MD, Chair of the Department of Surgery at Ascension St. John Hospital. "The da Vinci Xi is cutting-edge technology that gives surgeons superior visualization of patient structures and allows for precise, minimally invasive procedures. Small incisions mean less pain, quicker recovery times and enhanced patient outcomes."

"The beauty of Mr. Soave's gift is that the da Vinci robot benefits many different disciplines — urology, gynecology, general surgery and more. We currently perform about 750 robotic surgeries annually at St. John. Now, thanks to Mr. Soave's generosity, we can do an additional 500 or so."

The da Vinci Xi also includes a teaching console that allows surgical residents to learn the latest minimally invasive techniques.

"Ascension St. John Hospital has one of the highest rates of robotic surgeries per resident graduate in the nation," Dr. Meguid said. "Robotic systems like the da Vinci Xi are also a big asset for attracting new residents and recruiting highly skilled surgeons."

The other portion of Anthony's gift will impact patients undergoing surgery and their families at Ascension St. John Hospital.

In 2018, the hospital began extensive renovations on its Surgical Services department. These improvements will provide patients with seamless pre-op care and allow them to have surgery and recover on the same floor, making their experience more convenient and private. A new waiting room provides spacious comfort for families, while the Surgical Reception Area will have a large, open floor plan to welcome adult and pediatric patients for inpatient and outpatient procedures.

In addition, a redesigned Surgical Services area will feature a new inpatient and outpatient surgical waiting area and renovations to 18 operating rooms. The hospital will also expand eight additional operating rooms to accommodate new technology.

Ascension St. John celebrated a grand reopening of its surgical unit on November 10 to showcase the enhancements made possible by Anthony and other kind donors as well as capital support from Ascension.

"These renovations will significantly enhance patient care flow and allow family members to be literally steps away from their loved ones," Dr. Meguid said. "The renovated operating rooms will include the latest technology, such as lighting, monitors and computers that give us access to patient imaging and other data."

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Dr. Meguid noted that Anthony takes a personal interest in the impact his gifts will have.

“Mr. Soave has met with me and other physicians on a number of occasions,” Dr. Meguid said. “He likes to talk with hospital leadership about our needs and to learn exactly how his support will affect patients and families.

“I have an enormous amount of gratitude for Mr. Soave’s generosity. He’s helped keep Ascension St. John Hospital at the forefront of surgical care. And the impact he’s had on the entire patient care experience is incalculable.”

## Gift benefits orthopedic nurses

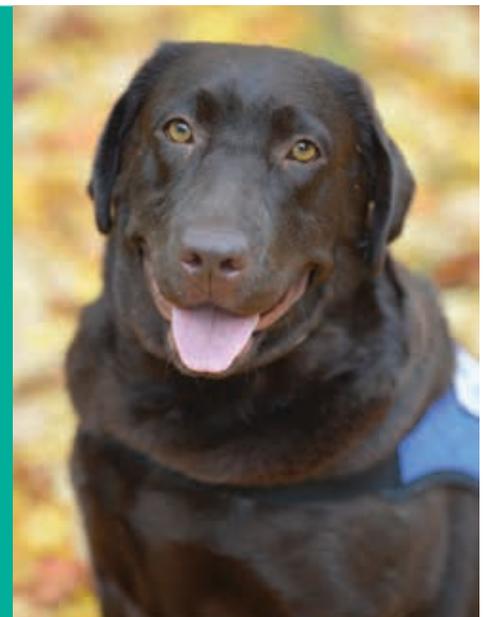


Dr. Frederick and Mrs. Jane Maibauer

As a retired Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital orthopedic surgeon and Foundation Board member, **Dr. Frederick Maibauer** has very close ties to the hospital and foundation. When thinking about his legacy, he and his wife, **Jane**, decided to give a significant gift to support the Orthopedic department, specifically to benefit the nurses. The hospital and Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation are grateful for their continued generosity and all the years of service and care Dr. Maibauer provided.

## Therapy Dog Program coming to Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital

Because of **Dr. Sheryl Wissman** and **Mr. Scott Devereaux’s** generous donation to the Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation, the hospital will soon have its own therapy dog. The new Therapy Dog Program will help increase the morale of patients, their loved ones and associates. Pet therapy is known for lifting spirits, reducing anxiety and providing a comforting source for healing. Stay tuned for updates as the program is created and launched. Thank you to Dr. Wissman, Scott and many others who have donated to the Therapy Dog Fund to support the program.



## Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation gifts help substance use disorder patients reclaim their lives



Steven Bearden and Gwen Haggerty-Bearden

For people recovering from substance use disorder, regaining the ability to regulate behavior and maintain sobriety is a formidable challenge. Thanks to the kindness of the **Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation**, more patients at the Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery will find inner peace and reclaim their lives.

The Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation, based in Howell, recently made two generous gifts to Ascension Brighton. The first supports the completion of a new halfway house on the campus. Taking its generosity a step further, the foundation made a second gift to create the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Walking Trail, also located at Ascension Brighton. The latter gift includes an endowment to ensure the path's annual upkeep in perpetuity.

Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery is the first addiction treatment center in Michigan and second-oldest in the country. It serves about 2,700 patients annually.

"Through these gifts, we hope to help more people in our community heal — for themselves and for their families," said Gwen Haggerty-Bearden, President of the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation. Jane created the foundation in 2006 after the passing of her husband. Gwen is Jane's daughter.

"Close family and friends of ours have had a relationship with Ascension Brighton," Gwen added. "My parents were always givers and helpers. I believe they would have been very pleased that we made these gifts."

Recovery from substance use disorder is not a quick process. Oftentimes, patients need extended stays at Ascension Brighton to solidify gains made in recovery before returning home. Through its halfway house program, patients focus solely on safely transitioning to independent living and lifelong recovery.

Ascension Brighton's existing halfway house had become outdated and could only accommodate up to 16 residents total. Upon learning that the program need greatly exceeded existing capacity, the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation made its gift to support the construction of the new 8,245-square-foot house. It features separate wings for male and female patients and can house up to 32 residents. Clinical addiction professionals will manage the facility and provide supervised on-site care 24/7.

"Many of our patients need a longer period of time to recover in a safe environment," said Barbara Shoup, RN-BC, BAS-N, MBA, CARN, Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery Hospital Administrator. "Our halfway house program provides added stability and helps improve outcomes. Patients can form a sense of community, obtain a sponsor and begin attending 12-step recovery program meetings in the community prior to full discharge."

Stays in the halfway house typically range from 30 to 90 days, Barbara said. Ascension Brighton has had about 150 patients annually in its halfway house program.

As an additional patient care resource, Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery is leveraging an undeveloped portion of its beautiful campus to create a serene walking trail.

The Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Walking Trail consists of two sections totaling nearly three quarters of a mile. The path winds through a tranquil natural setting filled with mature trees.

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Portions of the trail also run alongside Lake Serenity. Signage to be installed along the path will display inspirational messages modeled after the 12 steps of recovery.

“The path is an ideal setting for introspection,” Barbara said. “Being alone with yourself and nature can be very therapeutic and healing. We often see geese, swans and cranes on the lake. And the signage will equip patients with tools to help them manage anxiety and experience other ways in life to find pleasure.

“We’re immensely grateful to the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation for its gifts. Without their help, the halfway house and path would likely not have come to fruition. Having a safe place to go in an environment conducive to healing is so important. And the ability to provide that on our campus means so much to all of us.”

Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery broke ground for the new halfway house in April. At the time of publication, construction was nearing completion, with the house expected to open in December.

You can follow house construction progress by viewing a live webcam; simply scan the QR code.



## Nursing awards made possible by donations

During Hospital Week and Nurses Week in May, Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital honored nurses and nursing assistants for their contributions to patient care and presented Nurse of the Year awards. For many years, **Dr. James and Mrs. Ruth Huebner**, have helped provide cash awards for first, second and third place nurses and nursing assistants. In March this year, Dr. Huebner passed away, and Mrs. Huebner continued to fund this opportunity as the couple has always been passionate about supporting nurses. Dr. Huebner will be fondly remembered for his many contributions to the hospital and nurses. Ascension Providence Rochester is grateful for the family’s continued generosity.



Dr. James and Mrs. Ruth Huebner

## New simulators at Ascension Providence Hospital develop highly qualified surgeons

When patients enter an operating room for surgical procedures, the Ascension hospitals in southeast Michigan are committed to offering highly trained physicians who are skilled in using the most advanced surgical equipment and techniques.

Ascension continues to deliver on that promise, as shown by the recent purchase of two VirtaMed ArthroS simulators. These state-of-the-art machines provide surgical residents with diagnostic and therapeutic cases for training purposes. The simulators include anatomic model packages that look, feel and behave like real patients. The machines can be adapted to different medical specialties including general surgery, gynecology, orthopedics and urology.

Both machines are located in the Simulation and Education Center at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield.

The Ascension Providence Hospital Department of Medical Education and generous philanthropic gifts enabled the purchase of the new simulators. Donors include members of the **Surgical Associates of Michigan**; the **Orthopedic Surgery faculty** of Ascension Providence Hospital; **Anthony Boutt, MD**, an Ascension-affiliated laparoscopic and robotic-



General surgery residents Brooke Mower and Megan Atkins practice a cholecystectomy on the new simulator.

assisted surgery specialist; the **Ascension Providence Foundation Board of Directors**; and the **Caduceus Society**, an Ascension Providence physician giving organization.

“The simulator contains the latest advancements in high-fidelity simulation for the training of General Surgical residents,” said William Oppat, MD, General Surgery Residency Program Director at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield, who led the effort to recruit additional physician donors. “Residents develop the skill sets necessary to provide safe and effective surgical interventions using laparoscopic and robotic techniques long before they enter the operating room to treat patients directly. We’re one of the first major institutions in southeast Michigan to provide such a well-developed simulation experience for residents.”

David Markel, MD, Orthopedic Residency Program Director, Ascension Providence Hospital, added that the simulators can also be adjusted to increase the complexity of surgical tasks as residents progress through their training.

“Residents use the simulators to develop their skills incrementally within a defined curriculum that includes testing and feedback,” Dr. Markel said. “It’s like training pilots by presenting them with varying simulated conditions and situations before they get to fly the plane. Before participating in patient care, our residents will have already gone through a very broad learning experience.”

Dr. Markel said gifts supporting basic science, resident education and scholarly research are crucial elements toward patient care.

“Donors can have a huge impact in these areas, because national grants often do not fund items like science labs and education,” he said. “We’re deeply appreciative of all who support Ascension Providence Hospital and help us accomplish our mission. Our commitment to resident education and quality patient care is above all.”

## Gift provides four nursing scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of the **Frank L. & Helen Gofrank Foundation**, four Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital nurses/associates each received a scholarship of \$2,500 to help further their educational pursuits. This donation honors Helen Gofrank, a World War II nurse, and her dedication to the nursing profession.

## Volunteers give more than time – thank you!

The volunteer leagues at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield and Novi campuses, continue to support patient programs and capital projects through donating their time and generous philanthropy.

**Our Lady of Providence League** (OLPL), the Southfield volunteer team, recently presented a check for \$50,000 to Ascension leaders to purchase a vein finder for the nursing units and to make the first installment on a \$300,000 pledge to renovate the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

In addition, the **Providence Park League** (PPL), the Novi volunteer team, presented a check for \$47,000 as an installment on the group’s \$1.2 million pledge for capital construction at the Novi campus and to purchase another vein finder.

Funds for the OLPL and PPL gifts come from volunteer donations, Gift Shop proceeds, vendor sales, raffles and an annual golf outing.



Pictured l-r: Greg Sears, Vice President, Administration; Manhal Tobia, MD, Chief Medical Officer; Gary Druskovich, MD, President/CEO, Ascension Metro West Region; Kim Tyle, Chief Development Officer, Ascension Metro West Region; and Jim Hynes, OLPL President.



Jim Rankine, PPL President, presents a check to Kim Tyle, Chief Development Officer, Ascension Metro West Region; Mike Badali, Regional Chief Operating Officer; and Greg Sears, Vice President, Administration.

## Our Foundations are on Facebook!



Ascension Providence Foundation, Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation and Ascension St. John Foundation are on Facebook! The Facebook page provides updates about fundraising campaigns and events, connects with the community and shares the amazing progress taking place at Ascension in southeast Michigan because of you — our valued donors.

To access the page, scan the QR code with your smartphone, or go to <https://www.facebook.com/AscensionSoutheastMichiganFoundations>. If you have Facebook open, you can search for the page called Ascension Southeast Michigan Foundations. Please like, follow and share the Facebook page with your friends and family.

## Fontbonne Auxiliary and THE GUILD generously support patient care

### Fontbonne update

The Fontbonne's spring fashion show, *Pediatric Patients Come in All Sizes*, was held as an "invitation to donate" mailing. Chaired by Camille Cracchiolo, the effort raised over \$18,000 for the purchase of vital equipment for the new Pediatric Emergency Department at Ascension St. John Hospital. Equipment included a bronchoscope/Glidescope for airway management, a GE Panda infant radiant warmer and an infant scale.

At a Fontbonne general membership meeting, 2022 nursing scholarships were awarded to five outstanding hospital associates (see accompanying photo). The 2020 and 2021 scholarship awardees were also honored.



Pictured are: Kim Plesco, Fontbonne Scholarship Committee member; scholarship awardees Elijah Deogracias, Cynthia Schultz, Valerie Grobbel and Navneet Bhangu (Elizabeth Nickolai not pictured); and Fontbonne Scholarship Committee members Camille DeMars, Jean Azar and Lorna Zalenski.

The Fontbonne also recently presented Ascension St. John Hospital leadership with \$197,000 (\$100,000 toward its pledge for the Your Child, We Care campaign for Ascension St. John Children's Hospital and \$97,000 for equipment for the Birthing Center and Pediatric Emergency Room). In addition, the Auxiliary donated \$10,000 to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

### GUILD update

The GUILD Dinner returned this year on June 15 in a new format at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Shores with 300 guests in attendance. Chaired by Joe Fikany Jr. and Michael Cytacki, the event raised \$80,000 to help purchase a 4D ultrasound machine for the Maternal Fetal Medicine program at Ascension St. John Hospital.

The honorees at the dinner were: Dr. Brian Mason, Physician of the Year; Dr. Ted Hadgis, Lifetime Achievement Award; and Lisa Caradonna, Sister Verence McQuade Distinguished Service Award.



The GUILD Dinner officers and honorees are pictured here at a gathering prior to the event (l-r): Andrew Cracchiolo, Mike Tindall, Dr. Brian Mason (honoree), Lisa Caradonna (honoree) and Dr. Theodore Hadgis (honoree), Brett Bean, Michael Cytacki and Greg DeMars.

The Ascension St. John Medical Staff/GUILD Golf Outing raised nearly \$50,000 to benefit the Security department at Ascension St. John Hospital to fund equipment and a new K9 unit. Chaired by Dr. Kevin Grady and Anthony Kallabat, the sold-out event was held on Sept. 12 at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Mac Bellovich, one of the winners for lowest score, takes a swing!

A recent GUILD membership meeting with 50 members in attendance was a success with six new members joining the group.

## Your Holiday Blessings gift of \$25 helps a patient!



The holidays can be a stressful time of year, but even more so when you need to be hospitalized. When it is time to be discharged, you worry because you don't have the resources or support to follow your doctor's plan for your recovery.

This is the dire situation many patients are facing, patients like Susan. She is a single mother, raising three children, who lost her job and health insurance due to downsizing at her company. When Susan became ill with extreme back and stomach pain, she made an appointment with her doctor. He sent her directly to the emergency room where it was determined she needed emergency gallbladder surgery.

At the time of her discharge from the hospital, Susan didn't have enough money to pay for her prescription medications or even enough gas money to get to follow-up appointments.

The Helping Our Patients in Emergencies (HOPE) Fund was created for patients like Susan. When you make a gift to the HOPE Fund, you are helping a patient during their recovery and quite possibly keeping them from needing another hospital stay.

Your gift today will help with expenses that are essential for her health and healing after discharge from the hospital, such as:

- Medications
- Medical equipment
- Gas for the car to keep follow-up appointments
- Food, electricity and more

**Will you help a patient like Susan by making a gift of \$25 today? Or perhaps you can help three patients with a gift of \$75?**

Your support will provide hope for a patient in need, and you can send a holiday card in honor or memory of someone special in your life (minimum donation of \$25 per card). Please use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter to make your gift or to see instructions for securely making a donation online. Or you can contact Heidi Crisman at [heidi.crisman@ascension.org](mailto:heidi.crisman@ascension.org) or 248-465-4511.

Thank you for providing Holiday Blessings and HOPE during the holidays!

If you choose to make your Holiday Blessings gift as a tribute to someone important to you, a special card will be sent to those you designate (minimum gift of \$25). The card has a message of gratitude for the Holiday Blessings received (amount not disclosed). You will receive an acknowledgement and tax-deductible receipt. Cards will be mailed from the Ascension Michigan Foundation office by Dec. 20 (or may be returned to you for hand delivery). Gift forms received after Dec. 20 will mail through Jan. 7.



## Announcements

### New members join Ascension St. John Foundation Board of Trustees



**John Graves** is Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of PR Networks, Inc., a full-service public relations firm. With over 30 years of experience, John has managed public relations and community affairs for many special events, such as

Coca-Cola's 100th Anniversary, JL Hudson Building Implosion, Major League Baseball 2005 All-Star Fan Fest, Motor City Casino Grand Opening, Motown Records 40th Anniversary, Olympic Torch Runs and more.



**Peter DiLella** is the Director of HCV Strategy and Planning at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. His leadership and focus in strategic planning and operations management comes with a diverse background including experience in both

healthcare and automotive as well as a proven ability in process development and corporate planning.

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## Kindness Campaign launched

Mental wellness is a challenge for many people and especially within the healthcare community. To support those who may need help, the **Mental Wellness Task Force**, composed of many community stakeholders including Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital, created a Kindness Campaign with assistance from the foundation's Mental Wellness Fund. It is known that doing something good for others not only helps them but also the person performing the act of kindness. The Kindness Campaign was rolled out communitywide, and the hospital set a goal of reaching 10,000 acts of kindness by June 30. Mission accomplished! More than 10,000 acts of kindness from hospital associates were achieved before the deadline. Thank you to everyone who participated.



## Employee Unlimited Potential supports hospital, associates and community

Generous donations, mostly from Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital associates, continue to allow the **Employee Unlimited Potential (UP)** Committee to offer funding for grant requests that support the hospital, associates and community. Recently UP hosted a Patio Party with ice cream and popcorn for day-shift associates and a cookie delivery for night-shift associates. In the community, UP again funded 300 backpacks for the Neighborhood House for its Blast Off 2 School program. In the hospital, UP supported the addition of a player system for the piano in the main lobby to provide pleasant background music for patients, visitors and associates.

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### Hospital Administrator named



**Barbara Shoup, MBA, BAS-N, RN-BC, CARN**, has been named Hospital Administrator of Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery, after serving in the interim role for several months. She has nearly 30 years of experience with Ascension Brighton, working in various roles such as chief nursing officer, clinical manager, nurse manager, infection control practitioner, physician scribe and staff nurse.

### Distinguished Volunteers recognized

Congratulations to the following individuals honored as Distinguished Volunteers by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals on National Philanthropy Day.

#### Nominated by Ascension Providence Foundation



**David Imesch** is one of Ascension Providence Foundation's longest serving and loyal volunteers who steps in when immediate funding and assistance is needed. He is passionate about the Ascension Mission and uses his personal connections and time to support our associates and patients. Dave has devoted over 25 years of service to Ascension Providence by chairing golf outings, sitting on the board and nominating committee, and annually supporting the Care of the Poor Fund.

#### Nominated by Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation



**Sheryl Wissman, MD**, is a passionate clinical leader at Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital who, on top of her dedication to compassionate care, has given her time, talent and treasure to the hospital's foundation for 17 years. Her incredible generosity

and support has encouraged physician engagement and supported associates experiencing hardship. Most recently, Dr. Wissman provided support to launch a Therapy Dog Program at the hospital.



**Gerri Birg** is a strong volunteer leader who has shared her invaluable experience on the Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital Board of Trustees and in support of the hospital foundation. Her endless commitment to the community is demonstrated by her

service on the hospital's Mental Wellness Task Force and her contribution to the foundation's fund development in support of mental wellness and caregiver support.

#### Nominated by Ascension St. John Foundation



**Debbie Bellovich** is selfless and generous in all she does. As Co-chair of the renovation and expansion campaign to benefit Ascension St. John Children's Hospital, she is one of the biggest advocates for the hospital. Debbie has identified and

connected many potential donors to the foundation to secure gifts, helping lead the campaign over its \$18 million goal. She leverages her personal experience to promote awareness about the care at Ascension St. John Children's Hospital.



**Marcus DeGraw, MD**, immerses himself tirelessly into all he does. As Co-chair of the expansion and renovation campaign to benefit Ascension St. John Children's Hospital, he was integral in securing many gifts including multi-million dollar donations,

helping lead the campaign over its \$18 million goal. Dr. DeGraw meets with donors, promoting awareness and engagement at every opportunity. As Chief of Pediatrics for Ascension St. John Hospital and an Ascension St. John Foundation Board member, patients are always top of mind.



**Daniel Megler, MD**, has been an Ascension St. John Foundation Board member since 2016 and a generous donor since 1981. His passion for Ascension's Mission is contagious. He is a tireless ambassador for the foundation, helping to recruit and

cultivate countless new donors and friends. As an otolaryngologist, Dr. Megler has assisted The Holley Ear Institute, an entity of Ascension St. John Hospital, in developing programs for children with hearing disabilities.

## Your event support enhances patient care

**Providence Golf Classic:** The annual outing on June 6 raised \$102,122 for the Care of the Poor Fund and the Believe in Miracles Fund at Ascension Providence Hospital. Dave Imesch once again chaired the event, held at Indianwood Golf and Country Club, Lake Orion, where 252 golfers participated. The Old Course first place team included: Dr. Marcus DeGraw, Zach Preuss, Clint Rosen and Ray Scroggie.



The New Course first place team included (l-r): Robert Dess, Dr. Pat McLaughlin, Dr. Will Jackson and Michael Kwaizer.

**Ascension Providence Rochester Golf Classic:** The Behavioral Health Annex at Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital benefitted from \$57,847 in proceeds from the golf outing on June 28. Held at The Wyndgate Country Club in Rochester Hills, the event was chaired by Tim Crawford.



The first place team included (l-r): Dr. Matt Yousif, Jeff Orow, Mike Dyki and Bob Krause.

**Swing into Summer Golf Outing and Patio Party:** This event on June 17 raised \$12,173 for the expansion and renovation of Ascension River District Hospital. Held at St. Clair Golf Club, St. Clair, the event had 89 golfers plus extra guests for dinner. The first place men's flight included: Duane Gaedcke, Rick Gordon and Max Wiggins. The first place women's flight included: Patti Manley, Tina Livingston, JoJean Riley and Carol Jarrett.



The first place mixed flight included (l-r): Dave Abou-Ganim, Marcy Koffman, Tim Child and Brandon Clarkson.

**Lochmoor Fights Cancer Golf Outing:** The outing on Aug. 11 raised \$68,805 for the Van Elslander Cancer Center Needy Patient Fund at Ascension St. John Hospital. Katie McSkimming chaired the event, held at Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, where 100 golfers participated.



The Lochmoor Fights Cancer golfers and caddies gathered on a beautiful day.

**Jerry Williams Shootout for the Cure:** The annual golf outing on Aug. 13 raised \$23,101 for the Jerome F. Williams GI Cancer Patient Support Fund at Ascension St. John Hospital. Anne Marie Williams chaired the event held at Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, where 131 golfers participated.

**Macomb-Oakland Golf Outing:** The event on Sept. 19 raised \$49,588 to support a refresh of the Medical Oncology Unit at Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren Campus. John Siedlik once again chaired the outing, which had 148 golfers at Cherry Creek Golf Club, Shelby Township.



The first place and Caduceus Cup winners were (l-r): Dr. Jeff Falk, Dr. Michael Bousamra, Rowel Bellezo and Dr. Paul Chuba.

**Mangia Bocce:** The first annual Mangia Bocce event on Oct. 8 raised over \$80,000 for equipment and supplies for the Labor and Delivery Unit at Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital and the St. John Children’s Center at Ascension Providence Rochester. Maria and Maria Mocerì chaired the event, which was held at Palazzo di Bocce, Lake Orion, where 175 guests attended.



The first place team was from Andiamo and included (l-r): Jerry Vitale, Damian Kassab, Simon Thomas and Tom Vitale.

## Thank you to our generous event sponsors

The sponsors listed here supported one or more of the recent events with \$5,000 or more. Thank you!

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Or email [specialevents@ascension.org](mailto:specialevents@ascension.org), unless other contact details are indicated.

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### Friends' Ball

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

*Proceeds to benefit the renovation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield*

### Providence Golf Classic

**Monday, June 5, 2023**

Indianwood Golf and Country Club, Lake Orion

*Proceeds to benefit the Care of the Poor Fund and the Believe in Miracles Fund at Ascension Providence Hospital*

### Ascension Providence Rochester Golf Classic

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

The Wyndgate Country Club, Rochester Hills

*Proceeds to benefit Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital*

### Lochmoor Fights Cancer

**Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023**

Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods

*Proceeds to benefit the Van Elslander Cancer Center Needy Patient Fund*

### Macomb-Oakland Golf Outing

**Friday, Sept. 8, 2023**

Greystone Golf Club & Banquet Center, Washington, MI

*Proceeds to benefit Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital*

### Mangia Bocce

**Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023**

Location: Palazzo di Bocce, Lake Orion

*Proceeds to benefit Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital*

## Gift supports patients in need

Thank you to the **Warren Community Foundation**, an entity of the Warren Center Line Chamber of Commerce, for its \$2,000 gift to support the Helping Our Patients in Emergencies (HOPE) Fund at Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital. The foundation holds various community events to promote the welfare of the city of Warren and donates proceeds to charitable and educational organizations that serve residents.

The HOPE Fund helps patients with limited financial resources or insurance coverage, who have immediate needs after a hospital stay. A few examples include: prescriptions, medical equipment, financial support for basic living needs such as food, assistance with utility bills to ensure a safe environment, and gas cards to keep medical follow-up appointments.

"The Warren Center Line Chamber of Commerce is proud to have the opportunity to support the Ascension St. John Foundation's Hope Fund at Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital," said John Johnson, CEO, Warren Center Line Chamber of Commerce. "We appreciate having such a great healthcare facility in our community. We are especially grateful to be able to support the needy in our community through this fund."

## Grant supports wireless fetal monitors

Thank you to the **Community Foundation of Greater Rochester** for a \$24,000 grant made possible by the generosity of two Community Foundation donors. This grant will allow the purchase of three wireless fetal monitors to help mothers-to-be have a more comfortable labor experience.



Pictured at the AIMS Charity Golf Outing are: Christa Williams, Major Gift Officer, Ascension Providence Foundation; Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery associates: Olivia Bidus, Manager of Behavioral Health; Kelly Patton, Outreach Specialist; Barbara Shoup, Hospital Administrator; Frank Sanzone, Technology Specialist; and Kelly Rogers, Executive Assistant; along with Tim Belanger, President and CEO, AIMS Group.

## Company golf outing supports halfway house project

The **AIMS Group, Inc.** has generously supported Ascension in southeast Michigan for over 25 years, regularly sponsoring golf outings, galas and other events that benefit the local hospitals.

This year, in addition to the construction management company's usual support for Ascension, the AIMS Group decided to reinstate their annual golf outing as a fundraiser to support a charitable cause. According to Tim Belanger, President and CEO, the obvious choice for a beneficiary was Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery.

"We have been a partner with Ascension for years and have been involved in building the new halfway house for Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery," Tim said. "We learned a lot about its important purpose and that funds were still needed for the project. So we chose the halfway house as our beneficiary. It seemed like the right cause at the right time."

The AIMS Charity Golf Outing, held on Aug. 15 at Links of Novi, raised \$13,473 for the Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery Halfway House campaign. Thank you to AIMS Group!

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- Supports therapy dogs at Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi and Southfield, and Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery

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### Ascension Providence Rochester Foundation — Therapy Dog Program:

- Supports therapy dogs at Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital
- Giving webpage:  
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