

ASCENSION FOUNDATIONS OF WISCONSIN

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YOU!

Last fiscal year, you helped us invest **\$8,962,011** into Ascension Wisconsin healthcare. Your support enhanced Ascension Wisconsin services and programs, making it possible for our patients to receive compassionate, personalized care close to home.

SAFE PLACE FOR NEWBORNS

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TRICIA BURKETT

Program Director of Safe Place for Newborns in Wisconsin

Safe Place for Newborns is a lifesaving program that safely allows a mother to surrender her baby and is made possible by Ascension Foundations of Wisconsin. Tricia Burkett, Program Director of Safe Place for Newborns in Wisconsin, sees the first-hand program success.

In line with Ascension’s mission and directly supported by our Foundations, the program has helped over 300 babies be safely delivered since the Safe Haven law was enacted in Wisconsin.

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Tricia provides education and resources to Safe Haven locations to ensure that they are

prepared to help new moms that are in need of a safe delivery. After Wisconsin enacted the Safe Haven Law in 2001, all moms have the option to safely surrender their baby with no questions asked at any designated location.

“Safe Place for Newborns has saved lives and I am here to walk moms through the process and educate others to increase our outreach,” Tricia said. “The Foundations have been like my army behind the scenes, financially supporting the program and looking for funding opportunities.”

Safe Place for Newborns has a 24/7 anonymous crisis line available at 1-877-440-2229. Tricia can be reached at 414-447-3030 or tricia.burkett@ascension.org.



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RECOVERY COACH PROGRAM SAVES LIVES

As part of Ascension Wisconsin's efforts to address substance use disorders, we have expanded our recovery coach program to all Ascension Wisconsin emergency departments serving the Fox Valley, Milwaukee and Racine communities. Recovery coaches provide emotional support, help individuals overcome barriers to recovery and make connections to community resources to support their recovery.

Dr. Julie Doniere is a physician with Emergency Medicine Specialists working the emergency departments at Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital — St. Joseph Campus and Ascension St. Francis Hospital. "Opioid disorder does not discriminate at all, but where discrimination does happen is how we are treating it," she said. "It's difficult to get treatment if it's not near you and you don't have the right transportation or you can't take enough time off of work. We're really trying to make a change on that and meet more patients where they are."

When Dr. Doniere noticed how many patients were struggling with addiction, she brought in recovery coaches and started one of the first



Dr. Julie Doniere

programs in a Wisconsin emergency room to provide Narcan kits to patients.

Program expansion is possible because of multiple grant funding sources including the state opioid response grant (SOR), funded through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the ED2 Recovery grant, funded through Wisconsin Voices to Recovery.

To ensure all patients have access to these services, Ascension Foundations of Wisconsin is proud to be a partner of this program, covering referral costs for those patients who do not qualify under the grant terms, such as people struggling with alcohol use disorder.

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Physician at Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital — St. Joseph Campus and Ascension St. Francis Hospital.

YOUR IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2022 – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

In Fiscal Year 2022, Ascension Foundations of Wisconsin invested \$8,962,011 into Ascension Wisconsin healthcare thanks to donors like you. Your support enhances the quality of Ascension healthcare services and programs in communities across Wisconsin. You help make it possible for every patient to receive compassionate, personalized care right at home.

A	Associate Assistance	\$ 76,929
B	Behavioral Health	\$ 243,979
C	Cancer Care	\$ 1,275,580
D	Patient Experience	\$ 1,864,429
E	Community Services/Clinics	\$ 1,960,624
F	Associate Education	\$ 192,980
G	Patient Assistance	\$ 114,187
H	Technology and Innovation	\$ 2,130,867
I	Women and Families	\$ 252,739
J	Other	\$ 849,697

TOTAL \$ 8,962,011

