

## Message from your Foundation's Chief Philanthropy Officer

You make our mission possible. It is because of you, our friends, donors and community who support the Foundation and share your generosity, time and thoughtfulness every day.



Our commitment to caring for you and our community is apparent with the 100+ year history of Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital. To commemorate this milestone, a mural was created at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital. It was brought to life and beautifully painted by local artist, Kelly Wyngaard and graciously sponsored by our special friend, volunteer and donor, Mary Beth Nienhaus.

Today, your financial investment remains vital. Your generous support of our mission-based programs and services at



Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ascension Calumet Hospital and our Ascension Medical Group clinics are greatly appreciated. Together, we are improving the health of our communities.



#### Helping our youth see their best

Helping improve the eyesight for our youth so they can see their very best is the goal! This is made possible with community support and the assistance of Ascension St. Elizabeth

Hospital Foundation.

Ascension Medical Group Eye department (Ophthalmology and Optometry) in partnership with the Appleton Area School District (AASD),



receives support from the Appleton Noon Lions Club to provide vision screenings in the schools. The Lions Club screens children, and if they are out of range, they are referred to our Ascension Eye department for a formal vision evaluation and exam. Our eye team works with parents and guardians to find the best location and time for the child to be seen. Our care team then shares the results with the school nurse to provide follow up and make sure the student is wearing the glasses.

Kelly Wagner, Manager of Physician Practice Operations and Ophthalmology/Optometry at the Ascension Medical Group clinic in Menasha, adds, "We have other Ascension resources available like our interpretive services if language assistance is needed or financial resources if they need help covering the exam. We recently received a \$5,000 grant from Ascension St. Elizabeth Foundation to use for eye glasses if a child is unable to afford the frames and glasses. We now have financial funds to help cover the cost of glasses and are excited to offer this to children in our community."

#### Financials (as of June 30, 2021)

#### Assets

Current assets	\$214,245
Outstanding Pledges	\$51,900
Restricted Assets	\$5,961,730
Investments	\$4,383,902
Long Term Assets:	\$44,964
Total assets	\$10,656,741

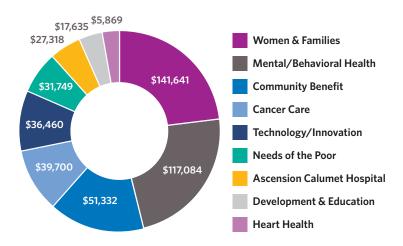
#### Liabilities and fund balance

Total Current liabilities	\$158,283
Total Fund Balance	\$10,498,458
Net Assets Unrestricted	\$4,444,308
Net Assets Restricted	\$6,058,150

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\$10,656,741

#### **Grant distribution**



Distribution includes internals grants to support Ascension St. Elizabeth and Calumet Hospitals and AMG clinics, providing funding for programs, equipment and technology to benefit our community.



Tracy Adams (left), Supervisor of Patient Care for NICU and Pediatrics and Shera Sroka (right), Social Worker, graciously received Pack 'N Plays.

# Helping babies and families in our community

It is an exciting day in the Women and Families Department when Pack 'N Plays or car seats are delivered to the Birthplace at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital. Shera Sroka, Social Worker, and Tracy Adams, Supervisor of Patient Care for NICU and Pediatrics recently received a delivery.

Tracy says, "Our Women and Families team was overjoyed to receive this donation to support families in need. A special thank you to the donors that support our department and to our special friend, Jim Cotter, who makes sure we have supplies available to help families in our community that need it most."

In total, more than 40 Pack 'N Plays have been funded by the Foundation in the past two years. Sherah said, "I recently issued one to a mom due to safety reasons. She has to move from place to place frequently and having a foldable crib makes it easier to transport and provide a safe sleep option for her baby."

Another portable crib was given to a young mother who was in an abusive relationship and had nowhere to go after she delivered her baby. She would have to go to the local domestic violence shelter without resources or local support because her family lived out of state. When we gave her a portable crib and provided her with options, the look on her face was priceless. She replied: "It's brand new!" She now has a safe place for her baby to sleep.

In 2021, 25 car seats were given to assist with transporting babies safely for those families in need or to best support the littlest babies from the NICU that are too small to fit in a standard car seat.

Our donors help make this possible for our tiniest patients, supporting the mission of the Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation and investing in the health of our community.

#### Love Lights event honors loved ones

Thank you to our donors and sponsors who participated in the Love Lights program in December. We raised \$17,720 to support the Hospice and Volunteer funds within Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation. This was made possible by the 117 donors that participated in the program with tribute gifts in honor or memory of 301 loved ones. We expanded the Love Lights Tree Village along Oneida Street, sharing the Love Lights display with the community and our associates. We hope it was enjoyed by many and lifted spirits.

This year's sponsors included Compassus and Van Ert Electric as Outdoor Village Sponsors. Black-Haak Heating & Cooling, BOLDT, Century 21 Ace Realty, The Community Blood Center, Community First Credit Union, SECURA

Insurance Companies and Wichmann Funeral Homes & Crematories were Tree Sponsors. Light Sponsors included Festival Foods and Gold Cross Ambulance. This year's inkind sponsors were Kitz &



Pfeil, the Medxcel Facilities Team and St. Francis Xavier High School's HawkSwing Choir. Thank you to all for supporting such a meaningful and successful event for your Foundation!



Thank you to the Foundation for the Pulsara grant! Improved patient throughput improves patient outcomes. Our Foundation is improving people's lives every day!

Cathy Shantz, MSN, RN - Fremont
 Manager and Hospital Coordinator,
 Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital

#### **Top 5 gratitude reflections 2021**

Because of donors like you, Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation was able to invest \$644,099\* in fiscal year 2021 to directly support the mission of Ascension St. Elizabeth and Calumet Hospitals, Ascension Medical Group clinics and your community.

- 1. The Foundation's support was vital in expanding the use of the Pulsara application in patient registration to streamline communication and make it accurately repeatable, while remaining HIPAA compliant. As a result, the communication through Pulsara has decreased interruptions to our bedside associates and has improved the ability to plan and disseminate information quickly, efficiently and accurately.
- 2. Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital began Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), which is a safe, non-invasive method of brain stimulation used to treat depression. This was made possible with donor support and a grant from Lynne Cummings Keller to raise \$95,000 to help fund the TMS equipment and create a dedicated treatment room for TMS.
- **3.** The Cardiovascular surgery team celebrated its 30th Anniversary as the first cardiovascular surgery at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital was performed in 1991. 2021 marked a milestone year for the program and two clinicians as they also celebrated their 30th anniversary Dr. Zenoun O. Abouzelam and Nan Krizenesky, RN.
- 4. Ascension Calumet Hospital's Emergency Department added an AutoPulse system. This is a resuscitation system that provides automated CPR to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. It is designed for patient movement and transport, providing high-quality CPR without interruption, keeping blood flowing to the patient's heart and brain.
- 5. Thank you for your support of Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation's Players' Choice Golf Outing and the 'Growing Forward' virtual event. Together, we raised over \$85,000 with our events in June to benefit the Cancer Center at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital and cancer care at Ascension Calumet Hospital.

#### **Foundation staff**

**Chad Hershner** Chief Philanthropy Officer **Heather Zoromski** *Major Gift Officer* 

**Nikki Knight**Development Specialist

#### Mission statement

Our mission is to live out the healing ministry of Christ with special emphasis on those in need. By generating, stewarding and distributing funds, we enhance the quality of the health system services, programs and other community health initiatives.

#### **ASCENSION ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

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\* Current February 2022

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