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YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

From the President



Dear Friends,

GENEROSITY HEALS is the phrase that sums up our work. We have seen generosity of spirit in so many of our patients, staff, and community members. All of whom know generosity heals both the recipient and the giver.

Nurses who stay at a family's side long after a shift ends. . . a staff member who once stopped along the road to aid and pray for an accident victim . . . a relieved young father who thanked, by name, all twenty-five caregivers for safely bringing his wife and newborn through a difficult delivery.

Our message on these pages is both simple and deep: Thank you. Your generosity heals and means we can bring our communities the best medicine has to offer, our nurses and staff can implement innovative practices and keep their skills at their utmost, and our patients can benefit from the best in medical care. Please come along as we celebrate once more who we are and why we give – as individuals – as a health system – as a community.

Susan King
President, Beacon Health Foundation

Being the Best We Can, Because of You...



Best Maternity Hospitals 2020

Newsweek and The Leapfrog Group ranked Elkhart General Hospital among an elite group of facilities demonstrating excellence in maternity care. This award was only given to three hospitals in the State of Indiana.



Best Hospital in the State of Indiana

In U.S. News & World's report of "Best Hospitals in the U.S." Elkhart General Hospital and Memorial Hospital of South Bend tied for second place as "Best Hospital in the State of Indiana"



Beacon Children's Hospital recognized in pediatric sepsis study

Beacon Children's Hospital has been recognized as the highest performer in a key indicator of The Children's Hospital Association's Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes (IPSO) study.



Women's Choice Award

In 2019, the Community Hospital of Bremen was recognized as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience by the The Women's Choice Award for Best Hospitals.



Your Gifts at Work

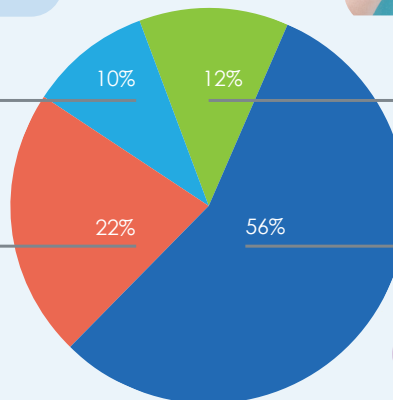


Community Education,
Outreach and Advocacy

Caring for Patients:
Beyond Medicine

Educating Caregivers

Building and Enhancing
Healing Environments



Beacon Children's Hospital: Expert Care Close to Home

One of the primary goals in building the new space for Beacon Children's Hospital was keeping kids close to home. Over the past year, some of the trends reinforce building a great Children's Hospital in our community is just what the doctor ordered!

140 new pediatric cancer patients

In Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, we are seeing more children than ever before. What is more distressing, is we've seen a dramatic increase in difficult and complicated cancer diagnoses. This year so far, we've begun treatment for 140 new patients. In fact, by mid-June we had exceeded the typical number of new patients seen in one year. That's why we're so grateful to Dr. Stacy Snyder, Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist, for joining our team. She's helping ensure the best care is available for this growing number of vulnerable patients.

39 premature infants daily

Our Level III NICU typically cares for approximately 25 of God's newest miracles every day. However, over the summer, we saw an average of 30-39 babies on several days. To this end, we added 4-5 additional nurses per shift. Furthermore, we are investing in our NICU nurses' education through scholarships and ongoing education.

167 pediatric neurosurgical procedures

Since the arrival of Dr. Daniel Fulkerson, Pediatric Neurosurgeon, 167 neurosurgical procedures have taken place right here; close to home. Procedures our patients and their families would have otherwise had to travel well outside of our region or the state for.

Spotlight: Clinical Excellence and Safety

Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes

The Children's Hospital Association recognized Beacon Children's Hospital in a recent clinical study focused on improving pediatric sepsis outcomes. Out of 56 participating children's hospitals from around the nation, Beacon Children's had the fastest time to fluid bolus for pediatric patients with severe sepsis. Beacon Children's was the only participating hospital in the study to do so under 20 minutes. Beacon's size, the leadership of Dr. Kate Dutkiewicz, and excellent communication were all factors in the successful outcome of this improvement of safety and clinical excellence.

"It is exciting that our work can help others and save children's lives across the country. The goal of this study is not to say that we're the best. The goal is to improve outcomes for all children." – **Jen Tonkovich, Director of Beacon Children's Hospital**

Solutions for Patient Safety

Beacon recently joined Solutions for Patient Safety, a collaboration with other children's hospitals. The partnership aims to reduce preventable harm to all pediatric patients by eliminating hospital-acquired conditions such as pressure injuries, central line infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, and other conditions.

Philanthropy plays an essential role at Beacon Children's Hospital. Here are just a few ways your generosity has impacted the lives of our smallest patients.



9,984

hours of Child Life Services helped kids understand and cope with their illness or injury

8,000+

Teddy bears comforted nervous children when they came to the hospital



104

Games of BINGO provided a fun distraction when kids needed it the most

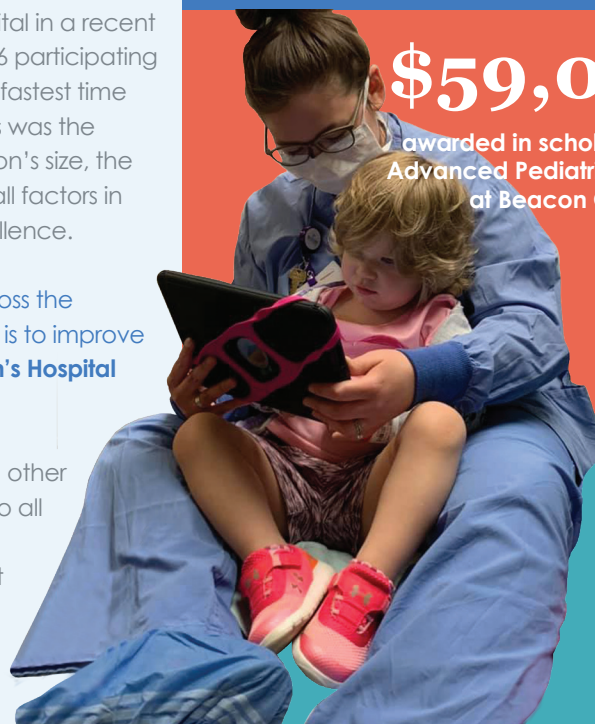
4,160

hours of Art & Music Therapy improved children's physical and emotional health through self-expression



\$59,000

awarded in scholarships to Advanced Pediatric Nursing at Beacon Children's



Scholarship Recipient is Fulfilling Her Dream



For Analiese Baumgartner, it was never a question of being a nurse – it was a matter of when... and how. "I have always wanted to heal people. I want to be there for them in their darkest hour and try to make even the slightest impact on their recovery. The Beacon nursing scholarship has made it possible for me to fulfill my lifelong dream."

As a full-time working student, Analiese has spent many long hours both at school and working at Memorial Hospital as a Patient Care Assistant. "Getting a scholarship has eased my financial burden in more ways than I can even express. Knowing that an entire semester was paid for was the single greatest thing that has ever happened to me."

The generous support of our donors is providing Analiese the opportunity to achieve her dream. "I get the chance to thrive in a career that I love. Without the opportunity to get a good education, I wouldn't be able to contribute all that I can to the community."



Building the Beacon Nurse

As we face a growing shortage of nurses and rising educational costs, scholarships through the Foundation are more critical than ever to ensure the brightest—and most compassionate—caregivers have the opportunity to pursue their passion for nursing.

Recruiting, retaining and supporting advanced education for Beacon nurses is a top priority. Just as we rely on nurses for great care, they rely on our support to help further their profession.

Over the last year, our focus has been on "building the Beacon nurse." And, we are proud to report that because of our very generous community, we were able to double the number of scholarship recipients and triple those award amounts to Beacon associates working to become nurses and those advancing their degrees.

\$221,768 was awarded for Nursing Scholarships

48 nurses had their lives and careers forever changed

To ensure these compassionate caregivers stay with Beacon for as long as possible, we adjusted our focus and made innovative and strategic changes internally.

Attracting and retaining nurses with experience



Directing scholarship dollars to Beacon associates to become nurses



Attracting and rewarding nurses who are willing to become proficient and certified in multiple areas



Rewarding top performers



Growing partnerships with local colleges like Ivy Tech, where 90% of students stay in the area upon graduation



Healthy Kids, Healthy Community

At Beacon, we believe our responsibility to our community reaches beyond what you might expect from a health care system. We invest in the health of the entire region, working with dedicated community partners to provide preventive medicine, health education, and financial assistance to those who need it most.

We do this through the Beacon Community Impact Team (BCIT), who partners with schools and non-profits to ensure that our community remains a safe and healthy place to live, work and raise a family. Over the last year and a half, through donor support, we delivered programs to safeguard the mental health of our community's next generation of leaders and parents. While these are just a few of the programs that BCIT delivers, each builds upon the next to strengthen mental resiliency.

Healthy Friendships: Be a Friend-Be a Hero

This program simply teaches kids qualities of a good friend, with support from their families and teachers. By focusing on building skills to learn if someone is caring, respectful, honest, trustworthy and loyal, we build a lifetime of healthy and fulfilling relationships.

650

Elementary students have participated and are now better friends

89%

of students were able to identify qualities of a good friend in themselves and others



Healthy Boundaries

As adults, we understand that boundaries are limits created to help us feel safe and to respect other people's feelings. Helping kids to learn this early is essential as they navigate life to become healthy adults. This program emphasizes the importance of each child building their own boundaries, based on their personal choices and who they are or want to be.

1,267

Elementary school students participated and are safer

95.8%

of students gained knowledge of healthy boundaries



Healthy Minds: QPR

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained with QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide.

Our team has been working hard to deliver QPR training to high school students, teachers, and parents throughout Elkhart and St. Joseph counties.

1,409

High school students received QPR training

60%

of students felt more equipped to identify and respond to a suicide emergency, upon completion of the program



*The impact your generosity has on the patients
and families we serve is profound.*

*Because of you, we are able to provide the best care
right here in our community.*

Thank you.



"While COVID-19 stopped most of the world, it didn't stop Emma's fight against cancer. During a recent hospital stay she was unable to visit the playroom, but Child Life kept her busy and stocked with toys. I can't thank you enough for supporting this program and all the kids just like Emma fighting cancer at Beacon Children's."
– Abby, Emma's Mommy



"I could never thank you enough for your generosity, which is providing me with a scholarship! I will graduate from Bethel in 2021 with my Master's in Nursing Education. This scholarship is a huge blessing to me and my family. My husband has ongoing medical expenses and we are raising two children.

My degree enhances my current role as a Nurse Educator and allows me to grow personally and professionally. I hope one day to achieve my ultimate goal which is a nursing leadership position at Beacon.

Thank you for investing in me and helping me to make a difference in the lives of patients, nurses, and our community."
– Mellisa Lathion, BSN, RN, IBCLC

We believe small acts have big impacts. Please help us continue to provide vital care for children and families in our region when they need it most. Visit our website to learn more:

foundation.beaconhealthsystem.org

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