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A DIFFERENCE
EVERY DAY



Your Generosity Inspires Us Every Day

Thousands of our friends, families and neighbors depend on Beacon Health System every day. Beacon provides the highest quality, most compassionate care for patients during times of trauma and during times of joy, and everywhere in between. Philanthropy plays a vital role in enabling us to offer the best medical care, programs and services possible for our patients and their families when they need it most.

Thank you.

Beacon's B.A.B.E Store

Changing Lives, Inspiring Hope

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Tashiana Leeks is a single mother of two children who not only finds supplies at the Beds And Britches Etc. (B.A.B.E) Store, but also finds hope.

The B.A.B.E. program helps mothers like Tashiana earn coupons to get essential items for their children by going to appointments or classes offered at more than 40 agencies throughout our community. She says the classes have helped her understand how to breastfeed and cook healthy foods for her family. Tashiana, who is pre-diabetic, also learned how to become healthier without relying on medications.

"Without B.A.B.E., I wouldn't know half of the things I know about mothering," she says.

She also loves the classes. "I'm not from South Bend. I'm from Chicago, they didn't have these programs. Here I'm starting to meet new moms and build relationships."

"Beacon's B.A.B.E. program isn't just about collecting coupons in exchange for items. Our bigger goal is to promote healthy pregnancies and lower the infant mortality rate.

But on the day-to-day we just want to help make parenting easier. So whether you are in need of diapers, a coat, or a hug, you can find it at a B.A.B.E. Store," says Kathleen Kraner, Program Coordinator, and second mother figure to many.

B.A.B.E. is funded through your generous gifts to Beacon Health Foundation and Beacon Health System. Your support helps more than 2,000 families to be healthier, happier and safer every year.

B.A.B.E. Stores are located at:

- 325 North Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN
- 1400 Hudson St., Elkhart, IN
- And in Marshall County, B.A.B.E. pop-up shops are being planned throughout the community.



B.A.B.E. Drive

BHF

For Valentine's Day, Beacon Associates and our community showed some love for B.A.B.E by holding a donation drive. The response was overwhelming. A huge thank-you to all who donated to help families in need in our community.

282

DIAPERS

984

DIAPER WIPES

78

BURP CLOTHS &
SOFT BLANKETS

71

ONESIES & OUTFITS

257

BABY FEEDING SUPPLIES

66

ESSENTIAL BABY CARE ITEMS

HUNDREDS OF USED
CLOTHING ITEMS

CASH!



Your support made a pediatric neurosurgery program possible.

The new home for Beacon Children's Hospital is bringing new specialists and programs to help more kids, right here at home.



Meet Dr. Daniel Fulkerson

*Pediatric Neurosurgeon,
Beacon Children's Hospital*

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Dr. Daniel Fulkerson came to Beacon Children's Hospital for a simple reason. He came to help kids.

"I get a lot more emotionally invested in kids," says Fulkerson, one of four pediatric neurosurgeons in the state of Indiana and the only one outside Indianapolis.



Fulkerson grew up in Warsaw and graduated from the University of Notre Dame's engineering program before going to the Indiana University School of Medicine. While there, he became fascinated with neurology. "The brain is just a lot more interesting than the colon," he says.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and had a practice in Indianapolis, but came to South Bend to pioneer a needed program. When children get sick, they need care that is close and available. "The need is here," he says.

Beacon Children's Hospital excels at trauma and we are expanding our work in pediatric trauma.

Because of you, we are able handle most pediatric neurosurgery needs, but building the capacity takes time and effort. This means training, recruiting, education and philanthropy are the keys to the continued growth of this program.

Bud Smith

*Smallest Neurosurgery Patient
at Beacon Children's Hospital*

BCH

Bud Smith was born prematurely in a Michigan City hospital. With bleeding in his brain, a risk when babies are born so early, Bud was transported to Beacon Children's Hospital.

Beacon's NICU team determined he needed surgery. In the past, Bud and his family would have been transferred to a far away hospital for such a procedure.

Bud would be Dr. Daniel Fulkerson's first patient, and Beacon's smallest neurosurgery patient ever.

Bud was brittle at 29 weeks gestation and he weighed less than two pounds. Before surgery, Dr. Fulkerson held meetings with clinicians to discuss the operation. It would require special surgical instruments and other adjustments and changes.

Today Bud is healthy and happy.

"He's done great since the surgery," said Dr. Fulkerson. "Time often matters in these cases, so handling a case four hours sooner rather than taking an additional helicopter ride is a big deal."

Laura Smith, Bud's mom, is thankful Dr. Fulkerson could perform the surgery at Beacon. "The nurses became my family after a while, and they took such great care of Bud," she said.

The Oasis Room

A Space for Associates to Recharge at Elkhart General Hospital

EGH

In December, an open house was held for the Oasis Room at Elkhart General Hospital. This space, formerly known as the Courtyard, has been remodeled as a place for Associates to step away from what can often be very stressful work. Funded through a generous gift from the Elkhart General Hospital Auxiliary and friends of the late Elkhart General Hospital President, Greg Losasso, this peaceful space offers massage chairs, SADD lights to chase away the winter blues, and light reading materials among other relaxing items. This space gives Associates the ability to manage the stress of their work, decompress and recharge so that they can provide the best care for our patients and their families.



“Beyond the Stethoscope”

Healing Opportunities at Memorial Hospital

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The Memorial Regional Cancer Center is the only resource in our region with a Complementary Services Program offering “beyond the stethoscope” healing opportunities. These services include massage, yoga, acupuncture and restorative fitness, and are offered at little to no cost to cancer patients and survivors.

The Complementary Services Program is funded through the generosity of Beacon's Associate Giving Program, GEM, and generous donations from our community.

Each year, more than 650 people are diagnosed with, and treated for, cancer at Memorial.

Philanthropy helps to ensure that these services, which are not covered by insurance, are always available for every person who needs them.

This year, Memorial will open a Palliative Care Clinic which specializes in pain management and end of life care, led by Dr. Nicholas Kerr.

By 2020, the Complementary Services Program will be expanded to Elkhart General Hospital.



THE OASIS

*Made possible by the generosity
of the Elkhart General Hospital
Auxiliary, and the friends and family
who honored and celebrated
the life of Greg Losasso.*

“Flaherty Food Fights”



The University of Notre Dame's Flaherty Hall held a new signature event last month, “Flaherty Food Fights.” The event, a cooking tournament, concluded with a competition between a team from

North Dining Hall (NDH) and another from South Dining Hall (SDH), all in support of Beacon Children's Hospital.

“It's like the show ‘Chopped’ on Food Network,” Theresa Rogers, sophomore signature event commissioner, said. “Every dorm got one team, and then competed in a tournament-style cooking competition in the dining halls. So, as in ‘Chopped,’ you get a mystery ingredient, and you have to incorporate it into a cohesive dish.”

A panel of judges tasted the dishes and ranked them on creativity, presentation and taste.



The winning team got Insomnia Cookies at their dorm's next hall council and a trophy placed in the dining hall.

“It's super new, so this year we're really focusing on getting participation up,” Rogers said. “That way, in subsequent years,

we can raise more and more money for Beacon because they're a really good charity that we enjoy working with.”

Flaherty Food Fights raised \$1,800 to support Beacon Children's Hospital. We are so grateful to the students and the university for their dedication to helping kids in our community!

Upcoming Events to Benefit Beacon

April 3-5

Bald and the Beautiful @ The University of Notre Dame

April 26

Home Run for Life @ Four Winds Field

May 17

Home Run for Life @ Four Winds Field

June 1

Sunburst Races

June 3-9

Four Winds Invitational (FWI)

June 5

FWI Ladies 101 Clinic

June 6

FWI Grapes on the Green

June 7-9

LPGA Symetra Tournament

June 18

South Bend Cubs All-Star Luncheon with Ryne Sandburg

June 22

Home Run for Life @ Four Winds Field

July 12

Home Run for Life @ Four Winds Field

Aug 2

Home Run for Life @ Four Winds Field

Aug 31

Home Run for Life @ Four Winds Field

Vision is designed for Beacon Health Foundation donors, friends and community leaders. Each issue of **Vision** highlights ways in which your gifts are inspiring hope, healing and gratitude throughout our region. Your generosity helps ensure that the healthcare needs of our community are being met – both today and for generations to come.

Beacon Health Foundation works to inspire support in our community for life-changing health care provided every day close to home by exceptional teams at Community Hospital of Bremen, Elkhart General Hospital and Memorial Hospital. Beacon Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID #35-1536129. Please email us at give@beaconhealthsystem.org or call 574-524-GIVE if you wish to have your name removed from the list of persons who will receive requests for fundraising to support Beacon Health Foundation in the future. In the event you contact us with a request not to be sent fundraising communication, all reasonable efforts will be taken to ensure you will not receive any communication from us in the future.

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Welcome Community Hospital of Bremen!

Last year, we excitedly welcomed the Community Hospital of Bremen to the Beacon family. This 24-bed hospital serves Bremen and the surrounding communities with exceptional and compassionate healthcare.

"This really was a natural fit for us, and absolutely the best option for patients," said David Bailey, President of Community Hospital of Bremen. "As part of Beacon Health System, our community will have even greater access to convenient, high-quality healthcare."



*A special thank you to
Community Hospital of
Bremen Foundation friends.
Please know that it wouldn't
be possible to have come this
far without your kindness and
generosity. We look forward
to getting to know you and
working together over the
coming years to support
the healthcare needs of the
communities Beacon serves.*