

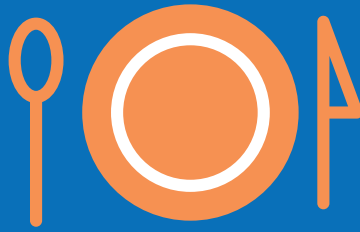


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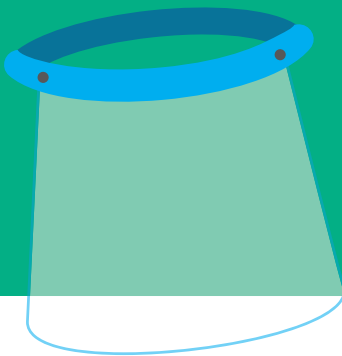


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Perspectives From the Frontline: Caregivers and COVID



"When I first started nursing school, I never imagined we would be looking at a pandemic face to face in our hometown.

At first it seemed far away and exotic, but the reality of the virus quickly became apparent. Before it reached South Bend, our hospital asked for volunteers to staff the new COVID units. I, along with many others, signed up.

For the first few weeks, our patients arrived scared and shocked that they had contracted the virus. They worried for themselves and the people they love. Even us nurses felt anxious over the first confirmed COVID patients. I obsessively cleaned my equipment and working area. I washed my hands until they cracked and bled. It was very scary and I had many sleepless nights in those first weeks.

Some of the biggest changes in my life have occurred outside of work. I have to assume I am carrying the virus.

It has been hard staying away from my parents, siblings and their children. I avoid going to the grocery store and try to pass my time on house projects or going for a hike at local parks. My fiancé and I were supposed to have a wedding in June, but our plans had to change.

I know it will not last forever, but I am looking forward to the day when I can hug my parents again. In the meantime, I will continue in my new COVID nurse role and take things one day at a time."

- Asa Wood, RN, Memorial Hospital



"The Coronavirus pandemic has brought with it many challenges, fear and uncertainty. But, alongside the challenges, fear and uncertainty, it has also brought love.

I see love in the Beacon associates who selflessly volunteered to work on the COVID units, from nurses, to therapists, physicians, aides, respiratory therapists,

environmental services, nutrition services, pharmacists, technicians, and many more.

I see love in the nurses, nursing supervisors, case managers and chaplains who work tirelessly to connect our patients with their loved ones using iPads, during a time when visitors are not allowed in the hospital.

I see love in the team of environmental services associates who work diligently to keep our hospitals clean and our patients and associates safe.

I see love from our Beacon associates who provide drive-up COVID testing, no matter the weather.

I see love from our community who stands by our side, calls us heroes, and provides us with donations, meals and signs to show their gratitude for our work during this pandemic.

I see love in our procurement specialists who make sure Beacon associates have all the PPE needed to keep them safe, and ensure our patients have all the necessary medications to help them heal and recover.

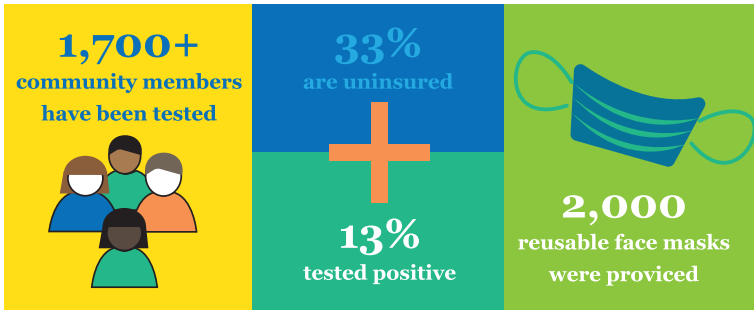
I see love in the way a pandemic crisis can bring a health system like Beacon together to provide the strength and direction needed to see us through an unprecedented time. These last several months have stretched us all and have put our health system to the test.

It is easy to focus on the challenges, and only see this as a coronavirus pandemic, but instead, I choose to also see love."

- Maria Behr, Executive Director of Operations, Elkhart General Hospital

THANK YOU for giving to the COVID-19 Response Fund at Beacon Health Foundation.

Your generosity has nourished and supported caregivers and provided critical testing to the underserved throughout the pandemic.



Beacon's Mobile COVID-19 Testing Unit: Serving the Underserved Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic

More than 1,700 people in Elkhart and St. Joseph counties have been tested since the mobile COVID-19 testing unit launched in mid-April. The unit reaches out to residents in their neighborhoods, including underserved and rural areas. Beacon helps those who test positive get the care they need.

Tests are available to anyone experiencing symptoms, without an appointment or physician referral. And because of your support, tests are free for the uninsured. Mobile testing is critical to slow/stop the spread of COVID-19 and ensures everyone, regardless of life circumstance or barriers to care, has access to quality healthcare.

"Testing for this new virus is an invaluable tool as communities around the globe work to keep members healthy and safe. Access to testing helps us find those in need of treatment and flatten the curve. The Community Foundation of Elkhart County supports testing efforts throughout our county as we work together to battle this pandemic." – **Candy Yoder, Chief Program Officer**

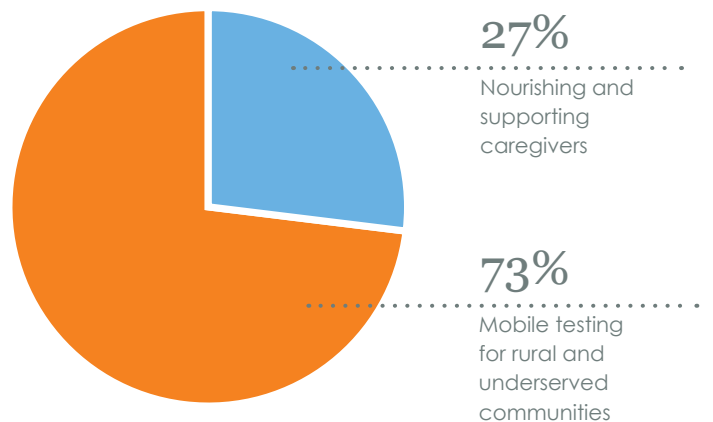
Mobile testing is possible because of philanthropy. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Tiara RV Sales, the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, Kuert Concrete, the United Way of St. Joseph County and to YOU, for generously supporting this important initiative.

COVID-19 Response Fund: Thank you!

Gifts to the COVID-19 Response Fund help Beacon continue responding to the needs of our community and healthcare providers.

Donations to the fund have already purchased equipment, provided meals and lodging for caregivers and testing for our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Your continued support will address needs such as expanded COVID-19 testing and supporting needs within our high-risk and underserved communities.



The COVID-19 pandemic is a defining moment in healthcare. As we continue dealing with the immediate impact of the outbreak, we are also beginning to plan for the future—with the understanding that our lives continue to be reshaped.

Just as our personal needs have shifted, so have the needs of our patients and community. Beacon will continue evolving to care for those who need us right now, and those who will need us in the future.

Supporting Neighbors In Need



With the generous support of Beacon associates, community members and alumni, the Family Medicine Residency Program at Memorial Hospital of South Bend team was able to support local families in need! They distributed food, hundreds of diapers, children's books, formula and baby food at their recent event. Two of the residents even noticed improperly installed car seats, and were able to get them adjusted.

Thank you to these Healthcare Heroes for going above and beyond for Beacon patients!

Thank you to all who supported this impactful initiative. Your gifts are making a tangible difference for those struggling to make ends meet.



Beacon's Community Impact Team Pivots During COVID-19: continues critical programming and remains a trusted resource for community partners

Whether it's a better appreciation for telehealth or more attention paid to healthcare inequities and the new "loneliness epidemic," there will be some good to come from this crisis. Like everyone, Beacon's Community Impact team has made some pretty big changes to the way it does business.

Like most organizations, starting in March, the majority of our programs moved from in-person to virtual. For our WIC program, this had a positive impact on appointment show rates which increased from 75% to 96%.

Many of Beacon's community partners reallocated their programming dollars to provide basic necessities to those most vulnerable to the impacts of COVID. Now, as restrictions are lifted, the Community Impact team is assisting partners with the development of programming to fit the new normal.

Kimberly Green Reeves, Director of Beacon Community Impact's team says, "Having a culture that encourages different ways of thinking, and partnering with various stakeholders from across the community, enabled us to support the new and existing needs for some of the most at-risk families we serve."



The coronavirus crisis has exposed the "loneliness epidemic" in our community, and this new era of social distancing has only made it worse. Because of generous

funding provided by Kohl's, the Community Impact team will be delivering in-person and/or digital programs and resources to kids, families and teachers during the upcoming school year to support their mental health.



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