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FOR OUR DONORS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERYDAY | **SUMMER 2021**





### 2021 NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$362,508**

**71 Nurses**

### 2020 NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$221,768**

**48 Nurses**



## “Follow Your Passion”

Six years ago, Jesse Kooistra thought he would become a paramedic. He was attracted to the adrenaline rush of helping others during an emergency situation.

Today, Jesse is a nurse in the Emergency Department and each day brings new challenges. “We dabble in cardiac and stroke care, trauma — you name it, we have probably been involved in some way or another.”

“I love my job and department,” he said. “The size of our hospital provides the care our community needs, but is small enough that team members all know each other.”

This spring, Jesse completed his Bachelor of Science in Nursing with support from his family and help from generous local donors through Beacon Health Foundation.

**“I would like to thank our donors who make it possible for us to obtain the education we need to continue doing our part in the community.”**

**– Jesse Kooistra**

**Elkhart General Hospital Nurse**



## “Don’t Underestimate What You’re Capable of Accomplishing!”

Ten years ago, at age 31, nursing school was the furthest thing on Mellisa Lathion’s mind. She was a new mom and had just started working for Beacon as a breastfeeding peer counselor at WIC. She was a WIC mom herself.

With strong encouragement from several mentors at Memorial, Mellisa considered a career in nursing. She went back to school and didn’t waste any time. This May, she completed her Master of Science in Nursing.

She takes pride in the fact that Beacon nurses are always seeking to do more for patients and their families.

Mellisa’s advice for new nurses or anyone thinking about pursuing a career in nursing? “Don’t stop asking questions — that’s what’s gotten me to where I’m at now.”



## Partner with Us!

There are so many ways you and your employer can help sick kids. Participate in one of our events, host a fundraiser, hold a teddy bear drive, volunteer, purchase items on our Amazon wish list or choose Beacon Children's Hospital as your AmazonSmile Charity.

You have the power to keep families together! Having a local children's hospital where kids can receive care and treatment is vital in supporting the whole family unit. Some of our kids come for weekly treatments. Some stay with us for weeks and even months.

Parents can visit their children daily and still care for their other children at home, go to work, and manage other responsibilities while knowing their child is receiving life-changing care.

**Amazon Wish List: <http://beacon.health/smile>**



### GET IN ON THE ACTION!

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>\$10</b>    | 1 Teddy Bear  |
| <b>\$20</b>    | 24 Cans of Play-Doh                                       |
| <b>\$35</b>    | 1 Sunburst Race Entry                                     |
| <b>\$50</b>    | 2 Lego Box Kits   |
| <b>\$100</b>   | 1 Month's Supply of Art Materials                         |
| <b>\$500</b>   | NICU Family Support Activities Monthly Sponsor            |
| <b>\$1,000</b> | Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Hospitality Monthly Sponsor |
| <b>\$1,500</b> | NICU or General Pediatric Hospitality Monthly Sponsor     |
| <b>\$2,500</b> | Team of Four at the Four Winds Invitational               |
| <b>\$3,000</b> | South Bend Cubs/Home Run for Life Game Day Sponsor        |



[Give@beaconhealthsystem.org](mailto:Give@beaconhealthsystem.org)

On average, **60%** of kids  
at Beacon Children's  
are food-insecure



When parents enter our children's hospital, they have a lot of concerns on their minds. Hunger should not be one of them.

Children spend up to eight hours with us for each treatment or infusion. Some spend days, weeks and even months in our care. Walking to the cafeteria to buy a meal is well beyond the means of our families.

Caring for our kids includes the whole family unit. In the Isaac Ray Steiner Family Resource Room, families have access to non-perishable food items that can be used for meals or snacks any time they are here with us, or to take home. Without limitations.

### FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>\$25</b>    | A day's supply of granola bars                                  |
| <b>\$50</b>    | A week's supply of soup   |
| <b>\$100</b>   | A month's supply of applesauce                                  |
| <b>\$500</b>   | A week's supply of food pantry items                            |
| <b>\$1,000</b> | A year's supply of supplemental food items for a family of four |



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## JOIN US!

### Events Benefitting Beacon Children's Hospital



#### FOUR WINDS INVITATIONAL

##### Dates & Location

Monday, August 9 through  
Sunday, August 15, 2021  
South Bend Country Club

Celebrating its 10th Year! Show your customers, your employees and your community that you support your region's only children's hospital. A premier Symetra Tour event where 150 professional women golfers join us from around the world on their road to the LPGA.



#### SUNBURST RACES

##### Dates & Location

August 8, 2021 @ Granger  
September 25, 2021 @ South Bend  
[SunburstRaces.org](http://SunburstRaces.org)

Join nearly 7,000 runners, walkers, spectators and volunteers from across the U.S. who join forces to support sick kids at one of the largest community events in Northern Indiana. Show your community you care. Partner with us. Invest in kids. Reinforce your brand.



#### HOME RUN FOR LIFE

##### Dates & Location

Fridays: May 28 | June 11 | June 25  
July 16 | August 6 | September 3  
Four Winds Field

Join the South Bend Cubs and thousands of fans this summer as we honor six special kids from Beacon Children's Hospital. Bring your family, friends, or employees. Have a hot dog and a cold drink, share your company video on the Jumbotron and invite your employees to help volunteer!

To learn more about these events, contact Ryann: [rdemoss@beaconhealthsystem.org](mailto:rdemoss@beaconhealthsystem.org)