



# IMPACT

YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE | FALL 2022

# You Are Our Priority

Every community deserves access to great healthcare.

With your help, and the help of countless local partners, that's exactly what we're doing – ensuring great care remains close to home. For anyone in our community who needs it.

Whether sharing your story, making financial contributions or hosting drives and events, you are helping advance critical health priorities important to our region. And you are making a tangible difference!

You remain our inspiration. And a vital partner. Together, we can continue supporting Nursing Education, Beacon Children's Hospital, Community Impact services, Mental Health services, Trauma, Cardiac and Cancer Care, and beyond.

Because you—and our community—deserve the very best.

## A Personal Journal Gives Answers Jim Hahn Memorial Gifts Support Nursing Education

**A notebook, an inner conviction, and the support of a community.**

In the fresh moments of grief, it's hard to think clearly about how best to carry on a legacy.

In March of 2021, following treatment for colon cancer the year before, Jim Hahn returned to Elkhart General Hospital (EGH) with COVID-induced pneumonia. For more than a month, Jim's wife, Cindy, and their family sat outside Jim's isolation room.

There, with the support of Jim's nurses, Cindy would unpack her emotions, fears and confusion. These nurses were like family. Cindy leaned on all of them, especially Ashley, affectionately referred to as "Awesome Ashley," who was on duty the day Jim passed.

Soon after Jim passed, Cindy found a notebook Jim kept which included names and reminders about the people who surrounded him with care every day at EGH.

By early 2022, Cindy knew how best to carry on Jim's legacy.

A new Nursing Education Endowment at EGH had the right fit. Its structure removed barriers, like career stigmas and tuition costs, with an added benefit—a 1:1 match, made possible by two local anonymous families.

"We are so grateful for the support of families like the Hahn's who recognize how critically important our nurses are to the care of the whole family," said Susan King, Foundation President.



"God gave me this cancer to make a difference."  
– Jim Hahn



- **17% of nurses exit the profession** in the first year.
- **By 2026**, the workforce will need **1.1 MM new nurses** to meet the national nursing shortage crisis.
- **Beacon's 2022 partnership with Ivy Tech** will help supply nurse educators to increase nursing student enrollment.
- There are more than **150 nurse vacancies** at Beacon and more than **1,000 regionally**.



# Sam Grewe Shares His Story

## Connecting the Dots



**Being able to receive chemotherapy and other treatments close to home at Beacon Children's Hospital, rather than having to drive to Riley Children's Hospital was "huge for me and family."**

Sam Grewe isn't glad he developed cancer. Even today, he struggles with how to phrase his feelings about it. "I think it boils down to my belief that I am a better person today—stronger, more mature, with a better perspective on life and more driven—because of the hardships I've overcome," said Sam.

Sam was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, an aggressive, highly malignant bone cancer at the age of 13. With only two options to remove the tumor, Sam's parents ultimately agreed to let Sam make the final decision. Not ready to give up his love of athletics, Sam chose a rare partial amputation called rotationplasty, which would allow him to continue to compete in sports.

Since finishing his treatment, Sam has gone on to become an international inspirational figure. In 2016, he competed for Team USA in the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, taking a silver medal, and in 2020 winning gold at the Paralympics in Tokyo.

In Tokyo, shortly after he arrived at the track to compete, he was handed a letter from a local Japanese man, Masaki Kando. The man wrote that his 13-year-old son, Haruki, had the same rotationplasty performed after developing the same type of cancer. "Even though I knew the details of the rotationplasty surgery, I was very anxious," the man wrote. "Meanwhile we found about you. You gave us great courage to my family. My son is watching on TV today. We are all supporting you."

Sam later shared the letter on Twitter, tweeting, "Win or lose, this is what it's all about. This makes it all worth."

The 23-year-old Middlebury native is now in his first year of medical school at the University of Michigan. He credits the care he received at Beacon for his inspiration to study medicine. Specifically mentioned, Dr. Colleen Morrison, a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist at Beacon Children's Hospital who Sam has kept in touch with for years. "She's played a big role in my pursuit of a career in medicine," he said.

### BEACON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL 5-YEAR STATISTICS

Since opening **1 year ago** our Pediatric H/O/I\* Food Pantry has had **2,100+ visits**.

In the last 3 years, we have seen **5 times more Pediatric H/O/I\* patient referrals**.

We keep **85%-90% of kids close to home** for their cancer care.

The average stay in the NICU has **decreased by 3.8 days**.

An average of **10,000 children** are treated every year.



**"You can't connect the dots looking forward, you can only connect them looking backwards." – Sam Grewe**

\*H/O/I = Hematology/Oncology/Infusion

# Project HOPE Awarded \$1 Million Grant to Fight Substance Abuse

## Marshall County Based Partners Consortium led by Beacon's Community Impact Team

**It takes a village to raise our children and a community to build a safety net of support services to protect and heal families from substance abuse.**

In August 2020, Beacon Health System was awarded a 3-year, \$1 million grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to assemble and support a collaborative coalition within Marshall County to address opioid and substance abuse, which resulted in Project HOPE.

Project HOPE partners will use their collective strength in the prevention, treatment and recovery services for those impacted by opioid and substance abuse.

"We value and need the wisdom and experience of multiple individuals and organizations to provide the best possible outcomes for Marshall County residents and families," says Project HOPE Director Donn Yoder.

Slated services include monthly education sessions for families, caregivers, children and the public, along with providing an evidence-based prevention strategy in county schools.

Project HOPE will also focus on an integrated treatment and recovery system across the county and easier access to services with two new navigator positions. Additional emphasis will also be placed on supporting employers hiring individuals in recovery.

### Project HOPE Partners

Beacon Health System

Bowen Center

Community Hospital of Bremen

David's Courage

Michiana Behavioral Health Center-  
Plymouth

Michiana Opioid Task Force

Plymouth Community School Corporation

Plymouth Medical Center

Saint Joseph Health System

#### Marshall County:

Department of Child Services

Community Corrections

Community Foundation/United Way

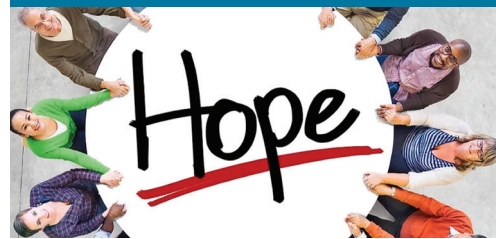
Council on Aging

Health Department

Probation

Prosecutor's Office

Purdue Extension



"Project HOPE welcomes everyone to join its efforts,"  
– Donn Yoder,  
Project HOPE Director

### US ADDICTION STATISTICS

- Drug overdose deaths have **tripled since 1990.**
- Alcohol and Drug Addiction costs the US economy over **\$600 billion every year.**
- Roughly 20 million Americans have a substance abuse disorder. **8.2 million are children.**



# Jogger Hit by Drunk Driver

## First Survival, then Recovery

Accidents happen. At any time. To any one of us. In fact, trauma-related accidents are the leading cause of death for people under age 45 in the U.S.

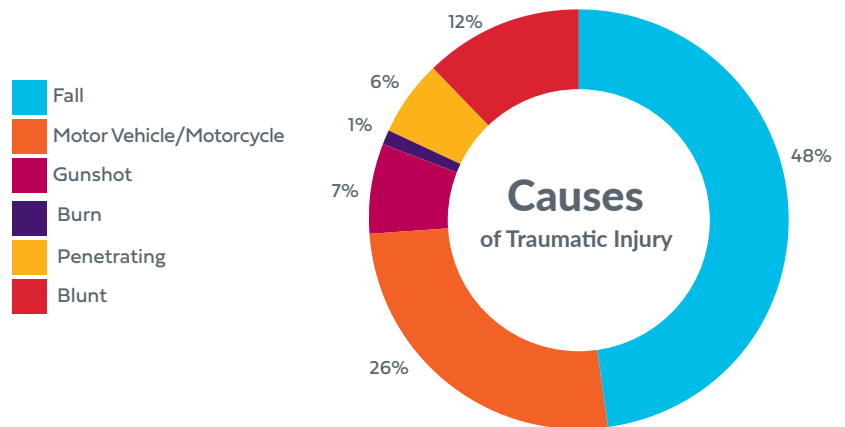
Tiffany Brantley's trauma surgeons knew she was a fighter when she came through an 11- hour surgery to stabilize her shattered body.

What should have been a standard morning jog turned into a terrifying accident. The 30-year-old had survived extensive injuries after a drunk driver veered his car into her during her morning run.

Her care team worked together seamlessly as Tiffany moved from ICU, through multiple surgeries, into rehabilitation and physical, speech and occupational therapy. "They gave me the care and place I needed to rest and recover," said Tiffany.



"I can walk today because the doctors at Beacon were ready to take care of me."  
–Tiffany Brantley



Falls and vehicle accidents cause 74% of traumatic injuries annually

- **2,500 trauma victims** are transported to Beacon each year.
- **15% are children.**
- Each year in Indiana, there are **5,000** trauma-related **deaths.**
- Preventable death rates **drop to 2%** for patients treated at a Trauma Center.
- Beacon supports the **only regional trauma centers** for a 22-county area.



Beacon's MedFlight, the only local air transport service, provides rapid transport for critically ill or injured patients. Patients are **16% more likely to survive** than those brought to us by ground ambulance.





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## JOIN US!

### Events Benefitting Beacon Children's Hospital



#### FOUR WINDS INVITATIONAL

##### Dates & Location

2023 Information Coming Soon!

Celebrating its 12th Year! Show your customers, your employees and your community that you support your region's only children's hospital. A premier event where 150 professional women golfers join us from around the world on their road to the LPGA, an Epson Tour.

#### SUNBURST RACES

##### Dates & Location

**Sunburst South Bend:** June 3, 2023

**Sunburst Granger and Elkhart:**  
Information Coming Soon

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 your care. Partner with us. Invest in kids. Reinforce your brand.

#### HOME RUN FOR LIFE

##### Dates & Location

2023 Information Coming Soon!

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)