

Borgess Hospital Foundation

# BEACON Voice

*Every gift has a story*

BEHIND EVERY STORY IS A VOICE.

BEHIND EVERY VOICE IS A GIFT THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE.

Fall 2025

**How your generous support improves local lives**



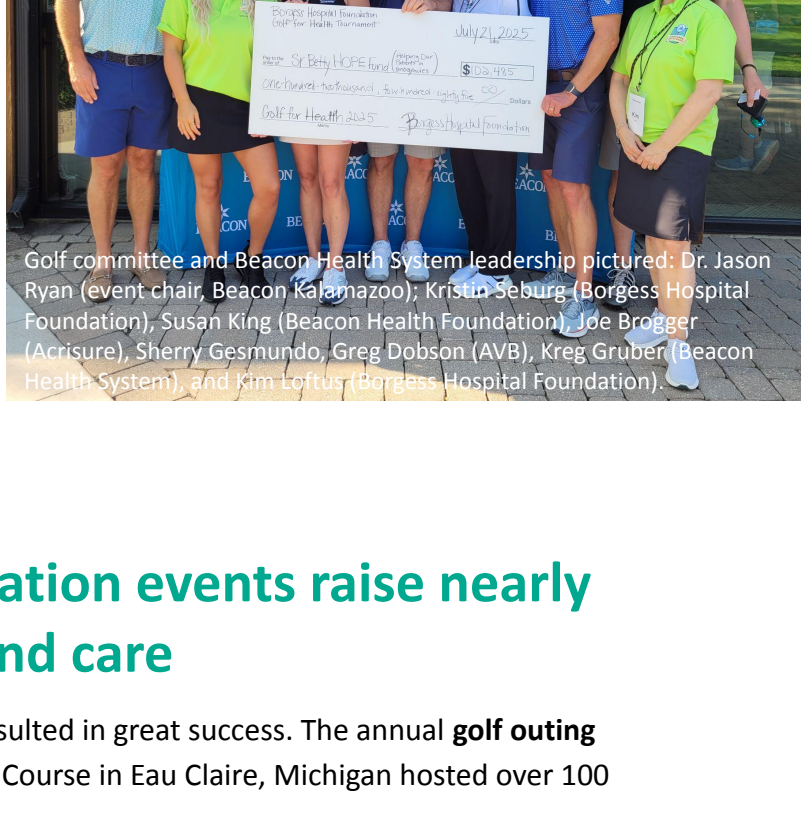
## 2025 events raise money for Southwest Michigan patients

### Golfers in Kalamazoo raise \$100,000 for patients in need

On July 21, 124 golfers gathered for the 34th annual Golf for Health tournament, spending the afternoon on the course in support of patients at Beacon Kalamazoo Hospital. The day brought perfect weather, a great cause, and even a hole in one. Congratulations to Julian Chavolla from the Rozalado Services team for his hole in one!

Thanks to our generous participants, donors, and Title Sponsors—Lillibridge and the James R. Ryan Family Foundation—the event reached its \$100,000 fundraising goal.

**Proceeds benefit the HOPE Fund (Helping Our Patients in Emergencies), which helps patients in need safely transition home to heal with essentials like medical equipment, transportation assistance, and some medicines.**



Golf committee and Beacon Health System leadership pictured: Dr. Jason Ryan (event chair, Beacon Kalamazoo); Kristin Seburg (Borgess Hospital Foundation); Susan King (Beacon Health Foundation); Jole Brögger (Acrisure); Sherry Gesmundo; Greg Dobson (AVB); Kreg Gruber (Beacon Health System); and Kim Loftus (Borgess Hospital Foundation).

### Borgess-Lee Hospital Foundation events raise nearly \$85,000 for patient safety and care

Borgess-Lee Hospital Foundation summer events resulted in great success. The annual **golf outing** which took place on July 10 at Indian Lake Hills Golf Course in Eau Claire, Michigan hosted over 100 golfers for a great day of golf and activity.

The annual **Don Blackmond Memorial Wine and Beer Tasting** event took place on Saturday, August 2 at beautiful Indian Lake in Dowagiac and sold out to 250 guests who enjoyed tastings from 12 local wineries and breweries, appetizers and spirits (new this year) from local distilleries.

**Funds raised for both events this year will be used to upgrade the Beacon Dowagiac Sterile Processing Department standards for water quality - a critical step to prevent infections, protect and extend the life of surgical and medical equipment, and ensure the safest care for every patient.**

## 2025 Impact: Local commitment, Big impact

### Message from the Chief Development Officer: Kim Loftus, CFRE

Look at all we've accomplished—*together!* It is with a full heart that I share the incredible impact your generosity has made across southwest Michigan. Every story, every milestone, every life touched is a direct result of your compassion and commitment. Through your support, vital programs and initiatives have flourished, helping ensure the health and well-being of our friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

Together, we are not only improving individual lives but also strengthening the very fabric of our community. Your belief in our mission fuels our ongoing efforts to provide compassionate, community-centered care to those who need it most. It's because of donors like you that we're able to preserve the heart of who we are—while continuing to grow, evolve, and expand our reach.

Please know how deeply grateful we are for your continued partnership. You are not just a supporter; you are a steward of this mission, and your impact is felt every single day.

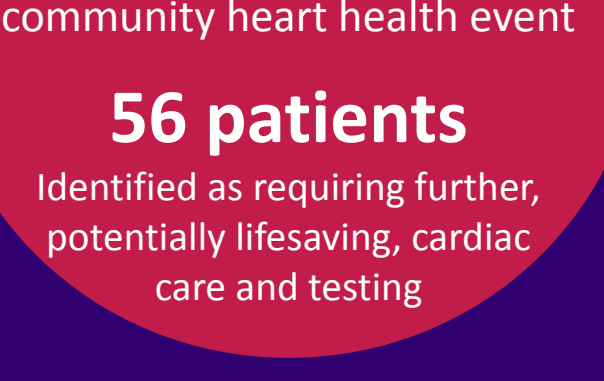
I hope you enjoy reading about the difference you've helped create—and I look forward to seeing you at one of our events this fall. We can't wait to celebrate what we've done, and dream about what's next.

**29,208**  
Pet therapy interactions with patients and staff



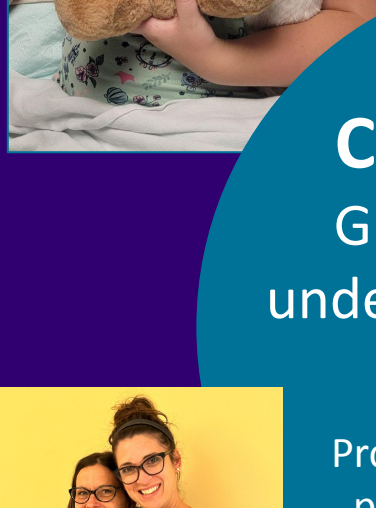
**170 patients**  
Screened at the free community heart health event

**56 patients**  
Identified as requiring further, potentially lifesaving, cardiac care and testing



**210 Cuddle Bears**  
Given to children undergoing outpatient procedures

Provides comfort when pediatric patients are unable to bring comfort items from home



**75 patients**  
Received free mammograms and breast health services

**122 Combat Cancer program sessions**  
Health, wellness, and fitness program for cancer survivors

★ 12 new patients enrolled



**\$157,600**  
In patient care through the Diabetes Uninsured/Underinsured Clinic

- ★ Provider visits and lab work
- ★ Educational programs, patient expenses, and community screenings
- ★ Fitness center memberships
- ★ Patient assistance



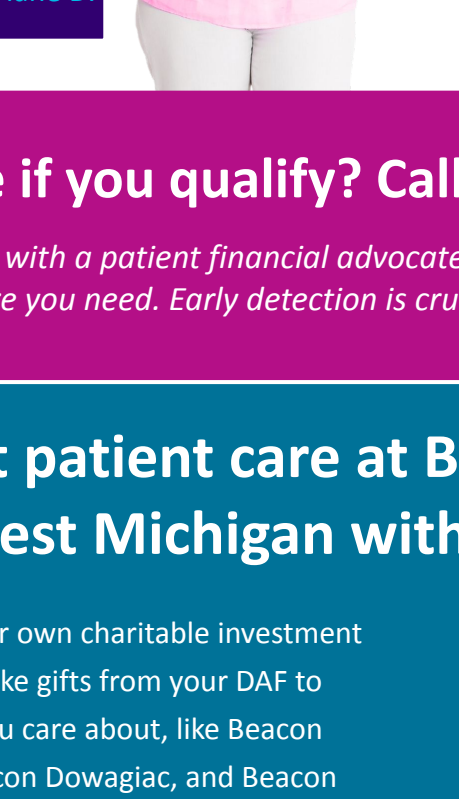
## The Impact of Your Generosity: Diane's Story and the Tree of Love

**Please join us at one of these upcoming tree-lighting events:**

**Borgess-Lee Tree of Love Tree-lighting**  
Wednesday, December 3, 2025  
5:30 pm  
420 West Dowagiac Hospital  
420 West High Street  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Borgess Tree of Love Tree-lighting**  
Thursday, December 4, 2025  
5:30 pm  
Beacon Kalamazoo Hospital  
Lawrence Education Center  
1521 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

"Please keep giving," Diane says. "It truly changes lives."  
Diane D.



Since 1985, the Tree of Love campaign has provided free or low-cost mammograms and breast health services in Southwest Michigan, ensuring cost doesn't stand in the way of early detection.

Diane's story shows the impact your support can have. At 60, she found a lump during a self-exam. Her family had no insurance and little money, so she waited. By the time she saw a doctor, the lump had grown and she was diagnosed with stage 3A breast cancer.

Thanks to Tree of Love donors, Diane got the care she needed—without the burden of cost. She is now in remission, and she's grateful for the chance she almost missed.

**"If it weren't for Tree of Love, I wouldn't have had the care I needed," Diane says. "Your help saved my life."**

Each year, Tree of Love helps hundreds of patients like Diane. Your donation ensures no one delays care because they can't afford it.

**Give today. Your gift makes early detection—and survival—possible.**

To make a gift to the Tree of Love program, scan the QR code or visit [beacon.health/treeoflove](https://beacon.health/treeoflove)



## Not sure if you qualify? Call (269) 226-7026

Call and speak with a patient financial advocate today. Don't let financial barriers stop you from getting the care you need. Early detection is crucial, and there is help available.

## Support patient care at Beacon hospitals in Southwest Michigan with a Donor Advised Fund

A DAF is like your own charitable investment account. You make gifts from your DAF to organizations you care about, like Beacon Kalamazoo, Beacon Dowagiac, and Beacon Allegan hospitals.

Your initial contribution of cash, stocks or mutual funds will get you an immediate income tax deduction. Once your DAF is established, you recommend which charities will receive grants from your fund.

You can also make a deferred gift through the DAF by designating beneficiaries to receive any remaining assets when your fund terminates.

To learn more about "tax smart" giving, call the Foundation office at (269) 226-8100 today.

**A donor-advised fund (DAF) can provide you with immediate tax benefits while making charitable giving easy for you.**

