



PARKVIEW FOUNDATION

Cathy Harris: A Legacy Remembered Through Generosity

Donations to New Scholarship Benefit Students Enrolled in Parkview's Flight and Trauma Program



During her 24-year tenure with Parkview, Cathy Harris played a major role in the development of the health system's Flight and Trauma program. Under her leadership, the program expanded from one aircraft to a Mobile Intensive Care Unit, two Samaritan helicopters, and a Critical Care Transport Truck.

When Cathy retired in 2013, her family sought a way to honor her and continue her legacy through Parkview. Drawing upon her love for and dedication to the Samaritan program, they decided upon a scholarship program for emergency responders. At the Samaritan's 25th anniversary celebration in October 2015, Cathy's friends and family announced the establishment of the Cathy E. Harris Good Samaritan Scholarship.

Made possible through donations to the Parkview Foundation, the scholarship provides a total of \$2,000 each year, distributed amongst three students who are enrolled in an EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic program. The dollars may be used toward tuition and/or books.

"Parkview's Flight and Trauma program was her life," said Terry Diller, Cathy's brother. "Establishing this scholarship for people coming through the program is a great way to recognize her and all she has done."

Chad Owen, the Director of Flight and EMS Services, had the pleasure of working with Cathy. "This scholarship will be able to benefit and support people in their education and that is always a great thing," said Chad.

"2015 is the first year we've done this and it is great to see it take off," said Terry. "We've already awarded our three recipients for this year."

Ashley Beam, Logan Ison, and Heather Menshy were the chosen recipients of the 2015 Cathy E. Harris Good Samaritan Scholarship. Thank you to Cathy's family and other generous donors who have made the scholarships possible.

2015 Recipient of the Cathy E. Harris Good Samaritan Scholarship, Ashley Beam (above), with Bryan Jacobi, Environmental Services Operations Manager.



2015 Recipient of the Cathy E. Harris Good Samaritan Scholarship, Heather Menshy (above), with Carla Gebert, Manager of EMS. (Recipient Logan Ison is not pictured.)

For more information, please visit Parkview.com/Scholarships or use the code below.



Former Patient Brings Generosity Full Circle

Former Parkview Patient Gave Back to Pediatric Unit During Holidays

Imagine it is your birthday and instead of celebrating with friends and family, you celebrate with doctors and nurses. Aside from birthdays, what about holidays, family events, time spent with friends?

These are just a few thoughts children face on a daily basis at Parkview Women's and Children's Hospital while undergoing treatment or care.

"My story is chronic pancreatitis. All the doctors could do was offer me pain medication and it was really depressing and lonely," said Jordyn, a former Parkview pediatric patient who spent much of her time, including birthdays and holidays, in Parkview Women's and Children's Hospital.

Jordyn shares that she can remember waking up in the hospital on Easter morning, wondering what the Easter bunny had brought her. She knows how children can feel in this situation and that was enough to call her to action.

With the hope of raising the spirits of children and their parents, she had an idea. Christmas day of 2014, Jordyn delivered her first set of homemade donated gift baskets. While delivering the gifts room to room on Christmas day with her family, her in-kind donations lit up children's faces, but it did not stop there.

Knowing what it was like to walk in their shoes really put the full idea into perspective for her. Jordyn wanted to do more and give more, only this time with Easter. She and her family made 16 more homemade baskets to give to the Pediatric Unit and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Parkview Women's & Children's Hospital.



Shown above, former patient, Jordyn Trump, creates Easter baskets as in-kind donations for pediatric patients.

Even when she felt as though there was no light at the end of the tunnel during her lengthy hospital stays, Jordyn recalls special nurses making a difference by joking and spending time with her. These are just some of the little ways patients feel cared for and loved.

Jordyn was able to give back full circle by donating to patients who are going through some of the challenges she faced. "I plan to continue this and be able to give back to other hospital wings of Parkview Health involving more friends and family," said Jordyn.

How You Provide for a Family in Need

Donors Helped Bring Premature Baby Home

Donations made to the Parkview Foundation regularly help patients who need assistance, and sometimes those needs are unexpected. Shannon Colburn-Blinn, a social worker with Catie B. Charities, was working with a family who found themselves in an unexpected situation with a simple need that was too far out of reach.

“This family’s baby was born prematurely at 25 weeks and had special needs,” remembers Shannon.

Since mom had to be in the hospital with her son for an extended period of time after the early delivery, she had been unable to return to work and her bills were overdue.

“That situation is stressful,” said Shannon. “But in this case, the family’s utilities at home were also in danger of being shut off.” No electricity would be detrimental to the newborn infant.

Nervous about her bills and worried about her child, the mom reached out to Shannon for help.

“Since the baby had special needs, he required oxygen,” said Shannon. “Without electricity, Parkview medical staff could not send him home since he would not have the medical supplies he needed.”

Donors stepped in to help this family through funds from Parkview Foundation. Shannon and Parkview Chaplains worked to get the bill paid immediately so their electricity was not shut off.

When Shannon told the mother what donors were able to do for her, she kept saying, “You don’t know how much this means to me.”

The path to healing isn’t always straight. And, in

those situations where extra help is needed, donors play an important role.

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Thank You to Our Parkview Foundation Connectors

In our community, Connectors are individuals who have invited at least ten attendees in a Parkview Foundation Connect event. Many of our Connectors go on to serve as table captains at the Foundation’s Circle of Generosity breakfast which will be occurring on May 18th, 2016 at the Mirro Center for Research and Innovation.

Madeleine Baker	Jill McAllister
Stasha Carrasquillo	Larry Rowland
Judy Dusman	Stephanny Smith
Carolyn Johnson	Jason Todd



CONNECT

Parkview Foundations 2016 Event Calendar

April 23

Parkview Huntington
Community Gala

April 30

Parkview Foundation
Cookin’ Men benefiting
Breast Cancer Registry

May 26

Parkview Noble Golf
Classic

June 23

Parkview Wabash Golf
Scramble

June 24

Pedal & Paddle for
Parkview LaGrange

July 22

Parkview Whitley
Golf Classic benefiting
Parkview Whitley Medical
Assistance Program

August 11

Parkview Huntington Golf
Classic

September 17 & 19

Parkview Foundation Golf
Classic Celebration

November 12

Parkview Wabash
Foundation Gala

November 19

Parkview Noble Hospital
& Parkview LaGrange
Hospital Festival of Trees
benefiting Parkview Noble
& Parkview LaGrange
Home Health & Hospice

Register for these events
and more at
ParkviewFoundations.org

Generous Donors Like You Make a Difference

Donations to Parkview Foundation Assist Young Mother in Recovery



When Susan* suffered a stroke and lost the ability to talk or write, she also lost the ability to provide for her young children.

Parkview Home Health Occupational Therapists often work with stroke survivors as part of their long-term treatment. Therapist Kristin Smith began working with Susan after her stroke and soon learned of all the complications and concerns this family was bearing while trying to help her to recover.

The events of the stroke and treatment had created big obstacles for her and her children. Thankfully, Susan's own mother was able to help.

Due to the fact that Susan couldn't work, her mother was trying to qualify the children for federal healthcare, but they were having trouble accessing community food programs. Even more frustrating, Susan's mother could not get her to appointments

because they also lacked money for gas.

Kristin became concerned about Susan and her family. She spoke to her manager who suggested calling the Parkview Foundation for help.

"They [Parkview Foundation donors] were able to provide gas cards and gift cards to a drug store so she could get supplies for her care," says Smith. "The whole home health care treatment team was involved. The family was so thankful and relieved to get whatever care or support they could get to reduce their financial strain."

Without the generosity of donors like you, Parkview Foundation would not be able to assist and the outcome for Susan may have been very different. Instead, donations provided the means to get her to crucial therapy appointments and purchase the necessary medication to continue her treatment.

"This was a family under extreme medical, financial, and emotional stress," said Kristin. "It's nice to know that there is someone there to turn to for backup in times of need."

Even when the needs are solved simply through gas cards and gift cards, the results always show that generosity heals.

**Susan's name has been changed to respect the patient's privacy.*

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