



PARKVIEW FOUNDATION



Photo: Members of Trine University's Acacia Fraternity visit with Parkview pediatric patients and Colleen Banta, a certified child life specialist, during the Acacia Claus delivery.

ACACIA CLAUS AND FRATERNITY BROTHERS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER

While most college students were cramming for finals and counting the days until the end of the semester, the members of the Acacia Fraternity colony on the campus of Trine University were adding generosity to their to-do list. For the second year, these students worked to bring “Acacia Claus” to the campus of Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Acacia Claus is an annual campaign that encourages local charity and is recognized at all Acacia chapters throughout the country. For their campaign, Trine University's colony chose to support pediatric patients at Parkview.

“Each chapter usually has their own signature they leave on [Acacia Claus], but the idea is the same at heart: to

hold a drive and help those in need during the Christmas season,” said Jameson Boblenz, member of Trine University's Acacia Fraternity colony.

This year, Boblenz and his Acacia brothers donated \$300 toward the purchase of a foosball table that will be used by Parkview's pediatric patients and their families during their hospital stay. The Acacia Claus also brought donations of toys selected from a list provided by Colleen Banta, one of Parkview's Certified Child Life Specialists.

“The donations we receive make children feel happy, more comfortable and encourage healing.”

“Children who are hospitalized are in unfamiliar surroundings and don't

always have their favorite toys or comfort items with them when the stay is an unplanned event,” Colleen explained. “The donations we receive through the generosity of the community, such as the Acacia Fraternity at Trine University, assist the Parkview pediatric staff in normalizing the hospital environment by providing opportunity for play, and activities that make children feel happy, more comfortable and encourage healing.”

Jameson explained that he and his brothers “all really wanted to be able to leave a mark and do something for someone else.”

The group of college students who shared the joy and hope of the Christmas season with our youngest patients did, indeed, leave a mark.

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HUNTINGTON GENEROSITY WILL BRIDGE MEDICATION GAP

Think of it as a MAP to better health.

Beginning in 2014, Parkview Huntington Hospital will establish a Medication Assistance Program, or MAP, for discharged patients who need short-term help with their prescriptions. The program will provide a medication “bridge” from a patient’s hospital stay to longer-term help through the Free Clinic of Huntington County.

Parkview Huntington Foundation will fund the prescription vouchers used by MAP participants. These vouchers will be processed by pharmacists at the Owen’s North supermarket in Huntington.



Ed Strubel, Parkview Huntington Hospital Pharmacy Manager, is pictured above.

“Initial funds for this program are the proceeds from the 2013 Parkview Huntington Community Gala,” explained Mike Perkins, director of Parkview Huntington Foundation. “The generosity of those who attended the Gala brought \$5,600 into the program, and the Foundation will

work to raise additional support to augment that initial funding.”

Patients will be screened for MAP eligibility before their hospital discharge. Those who qualify will be able to receive prescribed medicines at Owen’s for up to 30 days, while their continuing prescription needs are referred to the Free Clinic. The program includes computer software that helps the Free Clinic access programs operated by pharmaceutical manufacturers and others that can benefit the patients.

Ed Strubel, manager of the hospital’s pharmacy, noted that the program will help primarily with antibiotics and medications to treat chronic conditions. It will not cover prescription pain medication.

DONATIONS OFFER A SPECIAL TOUCH

Sometimes patients face additional challenges or unique circumstances during their patient experience. In those instances, your donations to the Special Touch Fund are able to help those who qualify for assistance.

For example, a member of the Inpatient Rehab unit reached out to the Foundation regarding a patient who was waiting to be discharged. As a recent double-amputee, fire codes dictated that the patient would need a ramp built onto his home. However, the patient did not have the financial resources to pay for the ramp, and a local organization that often assists with such projects would not be able to do so for another six weeks.

The Foundation was able to provide funding for a temporary ramp that would be in place until the permanent structure was installed. The patient was able to return home, thanks to the generosity of donors to Parkview Foundation.

There are no set guidelines as to how the Special Touch Fund will be used. Instead, referrals are often made by case managers, chaplains, or clinical staff.

“In trying to determine whether or not a situation is an appropriate use of Special Touch dollars, it is often a matter of ‘you know it when you see it,’” said Stephannya Smith, Director of Philanthropic Development for

Parkview Foundation.

Donors to the Special Touch fund have also enabled the Parkview Foundation to assist in several instances when the family members of patients were unable to afford to travel to their loved one’s bedsides. When a young truck driver from Oklahoma was critically injured over the summer, donor dollars helped us fly his mother from Oklahoma to Fort Wayne so that she could be by his side to say goodbye and support her son’s wife after his passing.

The desire to provide excellent care to every patient every day is Parkview’s mission. Donors through the Parkview Foundation assist in fulfilling that mission.

HOMEMAKERS' GIFT CELEBRATES LIFE



celebrated family and life through a donation of a baby essentials basket.

“We’re all about family,” said Extension homemaker, Carla Whitlock. “It gives us a lot of joy to give a baby a good start in celebration of Indiana Extension Homemakers Association Week.”

The LaGrange County chapter of Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) celebrated IEHA week

by donating the baby essentials basket to the first baby born during the awareness and celebration week.

Photo info: Parkview LaGrange OB nurse, Melinda Forbes (left), accepted LaGrange Extension Homemakers' gift basket presented by Ann Fremion (second from left), director of the LaGrange County Extension, and Homemakers' members Eunice Gagnon, Alverna Carpenter, Lois Haarer, Marcia Cripe and Carla Whitlock (seated).

Family values can vary from culture to culture and home to home. What remains the same in the halls of Parkview's birthing centers is the thought that family is a celebration of life. LaGrange County Extension Homemakers recently

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

PARKVIEW WHITLEY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER, LAURA LEFEVER

Laura Lefever has most recently supported Parkview Whitley Hospital Foundation as a hospital board member liaison for 3 years, but her ties to the hospital reach back into her childhood before Whitley County Hospital became Parkview Whitley Hospital.

“Parkview’s support of the small community hospitals has made it possible to maintain quality healthcare within close proximity to our homes,” Laura said.

Laura’s husband was involved as a Whitley County Hospital Board Member for many years and their charitable donations to support healthcare began then. Their commitment to their community and support of quality healthcare has continued as current donors to Parkview Whitley Hospital Foundation.

“We have always believed in supporting our hospital, realizing what a great asset it is to our small community.”

As a Parkview Whitley Hospital Foundation board member, Laura has unique insight into the countless ways that lives are touched, improved, enhanced or even saved by funds distributed from gifts made to the Foundation.



“We have always believed in supporting our hospital.”

The one gift that stands out in her mind was made a few years

ago. The Foundation received a gift of a small, modest home from the estate of a long-time employee who passed away. This employee wanted to leave a legacy to the hospital that provided her employment for years. The home was sold and the assets were used to give back to the community through the hospital that she apparently loved.

Laura’s favorite initiative in Whitley County comes through gifts from the Parkview Whitley Foundation that help support the Medication Assistance Program (MAP). MAP provides vouchers for pharmacy and healthcare to those who cannot afford the medication and care that they need.

According to Laura, “Each gift makes a difference, no matter how large or small.”

Parkview Foundations Event Calendar

April 26

Parkview Foundation
Cookin' Men

May 29

Parkview Noble Golf
Classic

June 20

Pedal & Paddle for
Parkview LaGrange

June 26

Parkview Huntington
Golf Classic

July 25

Parkview Whitley Golf
Classic

August 25

Parkview Foundation
Golf Classic

October 20-24

National Estate
Planning Awareness
Week

October 25

Parkview Huntington
Community Gala

Register for these
events and more at
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GIFTS TO HOSPICE SUPPORT A FULL LIFE

Did you know that more than 1.5 million people in the United States receive care from hospice every year? During 2013, 270 of those patients and their families were cared for by the dedicated nurses, aides and volunteers of Parkview Noble and Parkview LaGrange Home Health and Hospice.

Fortunately, our region has access to services and resources that help us – and our loved ones – during times of illness and grief.

Specifically, hospice care provides pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible.

Home health and hospice care is partially supported by community generosity. Donors help ensure that every patient is supported



Above: 2013 Festival of Trees

in ways that bring comfort and dignity to their efforts of living life as fully as possible despite a life-limiting illness.

Festival of Trees, an annual, joint effort by the Parkview Noble and LaGrange Foundations, raises funds to support local hospice care. In November 2013, 400

people gathered to raise over \$40,000 for patient needs, bereavement care and volunteer program materials.

Many former hospice family members volunteer on the event committee, sponsor trees and attend the event each year. Annual attendee and sponsor Carolyn Martz shared, “Several of our family members have been treated through Parkview Hospice. You cannot imagine what the people who come to your homes mean to patients and their families. We thank the Foundation for giving us the opportunity to give back in such an enjoyable way.”

Parkview Noble and LaGrange Foundations want to say thank you to the many donors and volunteers who make the Festival of Trees possible each year.



Parkview Foundations exist to invest resources in the hospitals and programs of Parkview Health. Every dollar donated through Parkview Foundations is strategically invested to ensure that excellent care is provided to each patient every day.