



PARKVIEW WHITLEY FOUNDATION

The Comfort Of Generosity

New infant warmers care for Whitley County's smallest patients.

How many new generations and new lives had their start at Parkview Whitley Hospital? For many in Whitley County, the family birthing center has been the setting for first breaths and first memories of newborn children and grandchildren.

With a growing community, more babies are delivered at Parkview Whitley each year, and thanks to community support, the family birthing center continues to be well-equipped to welcome each birth with open arms and sufficient resources.

Donors to Parkview Whitley Foundation recently made possible the purchase of a new infant warmer. When multiple babies are born in a short window of time, having multiple warmers is vital in providing the appropriate care for our smallest patients.

“Every newborn born in the family birthing center uses a warmer for what could be a number of reasons,” said Stacy Frank, Parkview Whitley Family Birthing Center Manager. “With the steady increase in the number of deliveries here at Parkview Whitley Hospital, there was a clear need for additional equipment.”

The warmer counts the minutes for the required Apgar newborn assessment, provides warmth and heat to the babies, helps with the stabilization of the infant, is used for oxygen, suction, and neonatal resuscitation, and has the ability to provide phototherapy when needed.

“[Donors to] the Foundation have been a great resource for the facility,” shared Stacy. “The Foundation [and our donors] have the best interest of the patient in mind. We had the highest census in hospital history during 2014 and 2015, so there have been many days we have been very grateful for the warmer.”

Some say it takes a village to raise a child, and in this case, Parkview Whitley Foundation donors are a vital part of that village. Their gifts find their way into the rooms of new mothers and fathers, side-by-side with caregivers, making priceless memories and positive experiences possible for Whitley County families.



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EMS Cots

Donated EMS cots provide hope for both patients and paramedics.

Time works against first-responders when they face critical medical situations. For emergency medical technician (EMT) Jessica Cordes, sometimes the severity of a patient's injury can challenge her and her team members. Challenges can also come from trying to navigate the physical environment to reach an injured or ill patient.

These physical challenges can pose risks for medical teams in their attempts to reach and treat the patient on the scene. Many older cot models used in ambulances require paramedics and EMTs to lift and push both the cot and patient into the emergency vehicle, which can strain their backs and sometime cause serious injury. But, thanks to the generosity of local donors, Jessica and her team members at Parkview Whitley now have electronic cots that help them better respond to individual medical needs while keeping patients safer and more comfortable.

The new cots offer complete automatic lift, so paramedics don't have to bear the weight of both the cot and patients. Automatic loading from the cot to the truck takes the weight off Jessica's back so she doesn't risk developing injury as often. Jessica was extremely

thankful when the new Ferno EMS cots arrived. "That's the thing with medics; we have to deal with the heavy lifting and resultant injuries," she explained. "These cots help carry the weight so we don't have to do as much heavy lifting which means our career is little more prolonged."



Support from donors through Parkview Whitley Foundation helps Parkview Whitley Hospital employees continue to provide exceptional care to patients. This support can frequently be seen through the purchase of new technologies like the electronic EMS cots. And, this support has given Jessica hope for a longer career as a paramedic. She is grateful

for the safety and comfort the new cots offer her and the patients she sees. She is sure that other paramedics like her are just as appreciative.

Generosity heals at Parkview Whitley when it benefits patients, staff, and the community. Preserving the health of caregivers so they can provide safe, lifesaving care for patients is one way Parkview Whitley Foundation donors are changing communities for the better.

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Whitley Foundation Connect Events!

Sept. 7, Noon-1:00pm

Nov. 2, Noon-1:00pm

Sept. 14, 4:00-5:00pm

Nov. 9, 4:00-5:00pm

Oct. 5, Noon-1:00pm

Dec. 7, Noon-1:00pm

Oct. 12, 4:00-5:00pm

Dec. 14, 4:00-5:00pm

An RSVP to Carrie Hoffman at 248-9802 is required if you would like to attend a Parkview Whitley Foundation Connect event.