UPMC Altoona Foundation

Report to the Community



We are pleased to report what we accomplished and are gratified by the Foundation's significant, positive impact on our region. Funds were awarded to save lives, inspire health care careers, enrich the quality of life in our communities, and much more.

Last calendar year, the Foundation gave more than \$800,000 in grants, sponsorships, and other funds to provide:

- Patients with state-of-the-art treatments.
- Our hospital with the most advanced technology.
- Communities with lifesaving equipment and training.
- Students and medical professionals with scholarships to begin or advance careers in health care.

This report only summarizes the Foundation's impact. Numerous other efforts include such things as sponsoring community events and health fairs, supporting other nonprofit organizations, and providing dozens of Healthy Living Club public education programs.

As a nonprofit, our achievements are a tribute to the generosity of our donors, without whom we could not exist, let alone succeed.

Thank you to them and to everyone who played a part in yet another very productive year!

Sincerely,

Jay Drenning Chair *Tim Balconi* President

Mission

To develop resources and build partnerships in support of the exceptional health care provided by UPMC Altoona. The UPMC Altoona Foundation is a public 501(c)(3) corporation. No goods or services are provided in exchange for your contributions. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Fundraising plays an instrumental role in providing for improvements and advancements at UPMC Altoona. If you do not wish to receive charitable solicitations, please contact the Foundation at 814-889-6406 and we will remove your name from future mailings.

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Saving Lives. Inspiring People. Enriching Communities.

COMMUNITY REPORT

SUPPORT FOR

Cancer Services

The Foundation provided funds for patient assistance, technology, and a community picnic.

Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund

This nonprofit provides short-term financial assistance to cancer patients unable to pay for basic necessities like rent, utilities, and food, while having treatment. Bolstered by Foundation funds, this allows patients to focus solely on treatment and recovery.

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Radiograph for

faster breast

66 We have partnered with the Foundation for three years to help Blair County cancer patients meet basic living expenses while

biopsy testing Purchased with a Foundation grant, this technology provides fast, accurate imaging of specimens in the fighting for their lives operating room rather than in treatment. Our sending them elsewhere in the hospital for analysis, organization has saving precious minutes. funded more than And its digital-quality 500 applications from images help detect the Blair County, and the smallest abnormalities.

need is growing. **99** - Norma Keller **Executive Director Bob Perks Cancer** Assistance Fund

in September at DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton brought together more than 1,300 people touched by cancer. The Foundation-sponsored happening brings together survivors, patients in treatment, family

Picnic

members of survivors or those who have passed away. and caregivers. Attendees receive free meals, discount coupons for ride passes, and door prizes.

Additional help

The Foundation also provided assistance for patient travel and education materials regarding breast cancer and mammography, and matched a grant for the local American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign.



Family and friends enjoy picnic at DelGrosso's Amusement Park

Front L to R: Chalmer Lykens, Diana Lykens, Melissa Dinges, Paige Dinges, and Bill Ambrose. Back L to R: Todd Templeton, Rhonda Inkrote, Scott Dinges, Patti Roemer, and Jeff Roemer.

SUPPORT FOR Education

The Foundation provided resources for improved and enhanced learning experiences.

Nursing education technology

The Penn State Altoona Nursing Simulation Lab is for health care practitioners and students. A grantee of the Foundation, it promotes patient safety and improved practitioner performance using simulation-based technologies and is integral for attaining technical skills prior to direct patient care.



Scholarship Fund and UPMC Altoona. Scholarships also were awarded to cardiology technician students from the Dr. Vijay Janakiraman and Dr. Manickam Sankaran family funds.

Three nursing **Cancer Survivors** scholarships Appreciation were awarded during Nurses The fourth annual picnic

Week in Mau. L to R: Stacey-Ann Okoth,

> Nancy Devorris, Kaitlyn Fluke, Madison Flaugh, Kaitlyn Kieta, and Andrea Cohen.

Support for interpreter learning

66 I love coming to the

Deaf Gatherings

because, since I am

older and retired.

Mount Aloysius College's monthly Deaf Gatherings, funded in part by the Foundation, offer American Sign Language English Interpreter students opportunities to interact with the region's Deaf community and hone their signing skills.

Additional help

The Foundation also provided scholarships for medical laboratory technicians. cardiology nursing, my interactions with nurse residency, and graduate the younger students residents training in brighten my life. 🤧 family medicine at - Program attendee UPMC Altoona Family Physicians.

66 UPMC Altoona Foundation support has helped us enhance our lab and keep it on the cutting edge. 🤧

- Sharon Lacue, RN

SUPPORT FOR

Emergency Services and Medical Equipment

The Foundation provided resources and technology for saving lives in the community.

'Stop the Bleed' kits for Schools

Thanks to Foundation funds. these kits provide important supplies and special bleeding control tools for those critical initial lifesaving minutes when someone is injured.



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AEDs for central AECPLUS and Antis

Recreation Commission and Bellwood-Antis Community Park by the Foundation, AEDs save lives. They automatically diagnose life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias and deliver an electric shock, if needed.

Lucas chest compression devices for Hollidaysburg and Duncansville

Thanks to the Foundation, Hollidavsburg and Duncansville ambulance services are equipped with easy-to-use mechanical chest compression devices for lifesaving treatment of cardiac arrest.

Heart attack technology for Cambria County

Cambria Alliance Emergency Medical Service, based in Cresson, purchased defibrillator-monitors with Foundation help. The units send critical information to a hospital so it can prepare for a heart attack patient, and will defibrillate and correct the heart's pace.

Additional help

The Foundation also provided meals for families with a loved one being treated at the Trauma Center.

•• The defibrillator-monitors are expensive technology. We may not have been able to equip all three of our ambulances if not for the Foundation. 🤧

> - Rob Craig Manager, Cambria Alliance EMS

SUPPORT FOR Grieving Children

Home Nursing Agency's Healing Patch Children's Grief Program offers peer support designed specifically for children and their families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. By sharing memories and experiences with others who have had similar losses. families discover that their feelings are normal, and hope and healing are possible.

Healing Patch has offices in Hollidaysburg and Ebensburg.

> **66** Without support for this program, many miners would have no one to provide the direction and assistance necessary for testing for black lung. 🤧

> > Renee Henry Program director UPMC Altoona Black Lung Clinic

SUPPORT FOR **Black Lung Benefits**

The Foundation applied for and received grant money to benefit the region's coal miners.

The grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to the Pennsylvania Black Lung COALition's UPMC Altoona Black Lung Clinic assures former and current coal miners throughout the region of continued medical support.

The coalition is an independent, federally funded partnership helping coal miners and others suffering from black lung disease or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease gain medical attention and compensation necessary for a better quality of life.

> Should you wish to make a gift, you may go online by visiting **UPMCAltoonaFoundation.org** and click Donate Now.

Chest Compression System

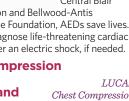
















QuikClot Bleeding Control Kit

66 You leave [Healing Patch] feeling 100 percent better. You leave feeling like everything inside of you that made you sad went away. 🤧

> — Jordan Age 17,

