

Saving Lives.

Inspiring  
People.

Enriching  
Communities.

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.

## 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.

*“We have partnered with the Foundation for three years to help Blair County cancer patients meet basic living expenses while fighting for their lives in treatment. Our organization has funded more than 500 applications from Blair County, and the need is growing.”*

— Norma Keller

Executive Director  
Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund

brought together more than 1,300 people touched by cancer. The Foundation-sponsored happening brings together survivors, patients in treatment, family 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.



**DEVORRIS**  
Nursing Scholarship Fund

### Scholarships for medical careers

Scholarship funds help students become nurses and encourage nurses to further their education. Foundation funding comes from the Donald and Nancy Devorris

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 scholarships were awarded during Nurses Week in May.

L to R:

Stacey-Ann Okoth, Nancy Devorris, Kaitlyn Fluke, Madison Flaugh, Kaitlyn Kieta, and Andrea Cohen.



### Support for interpreter learning

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.

*“I love coming to the Deaf Gatherings because, since I am older and retired, my interactions with the younger students brighten my life.”*

— Program attendee

### Additional help

The Foundation also provided scholarships for medical laboratory technicians, cardiology nursing, nurse residency, and graduate residents training in family medicine at UPMC Altoona Family Physicians.

*“UPMC Altoona Foundation support has helped us enhance our lab and keep it on the cutting edge.”*

— Sharon Lacue, RN

Assistant teaching professor in nursing,  
Penn State Altoona

## 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.



QuikClot Bleeding Control Kit

### ZOLL AED Plus AED Defibrillator



### AEDs for central Blair County and Bellwood-Antis

Provided to the Central Blair

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

LUCAS  
Chest Compression System

Thanks to the Foundation, Hollidaysburg 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.

*“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,  
participant

Healing Patch has offices in Hollidaysburg and Ebensburg.

*“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.

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