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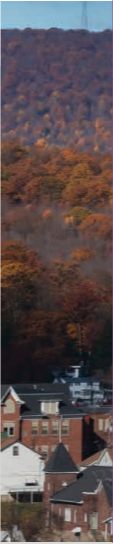
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*Inspiring
People.*

*Enriching
Communities.*

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Lives.*

2023 COMMUNITY REPORT



*Enhancing
the quality
of health care
and life in
our region*



Welcome and thank you for taking the time to review the 2023 UPMC Altoona Foundation report to the community.

Once again, the foundation has been generously supported by community members.

This past year, donor generosity fueled some \$400,000 in direct grants to the hospital, its staff, and community organizations. Additionally, the foundation was able to provide \$80,000 in sponsorships to a diverse array of community organizations encompassing the arts, emergency services, education, and many school activity programs.

We are very aware of and profoundly grateful to foundation donors who make all of this possible. We would like to mention the group of Founders Club members who generously support the foundation on an annual basis.

Please take a moment to review the included list of last year's contributors.

In closing, our deepest thanks to you, our community partners, and donor event supporters and attendees who have made it possible for the foundation to have a positive impact on many lives in our community.

Sincerely,

Bill Wallen
Chairman

Tim Balconi
President

UPMC Altoona Foundation



Mission

*To develop resources and build
partnerships in support of the
exceptional health care provided
by UPMC Altoona.*



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SUPPORT FOR Cancer Services

The foundation provided funds to assist cancer patients in programs such as Look Good Feel Better, which provides tools to maintain one's appearance during treatment.



Grant funds were given to the Bob Perks Fund for direct assistance to patients having cancer treatment at UPMC Altoona.

The foundation received a generous grant from the American Cancer Society to provide transportation assistance to patients. These funds, augmented by the foundation, helped hundreds of cancer patients travel to treatment appointments.



UPMC Altoona Cancer Survivors APPRECIATION PICNIC

The foundation hosted its annual Cancer Survivors Picnic. Fifteen hundred survivors and family members attended the free event held in September at DelGrosso's Park.

Funds were provided to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. This included educational materials advocating for breast health exams.

Several Walk-in Mammography days were held in Altoona and Ebensburg to provide access to breast health services with no appointment required, regardless of a patient's ability to pay or lack of a primary care physician.



SUPPORT FOR Emergency Services

The Emergency Center at UPMC Altoona received foundation funding for two LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) devices. They provide lifesaving cardiac massage to patients experiencing a crisis.



The Gallitzin Volunteer Fire Department received a grant for equipment to get EMS certification for an emergency response vehicle.

The Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department received a grant for rescue equipment to reach victims in a low-oxygen environment such as a grain silo collapse.



The foundation also funded Dr. Robert Wick, a nationally known speaker and author, to present at the UPMC systemwide chaplains conference at UPMC Altoona. Over 50 chaplains from around the UPMC system attended and shared best practices.

Ongoing foundation funding included:

- **The Stop the Bleed program.** Provided Stop the Bleed kits to area schools and public venues along with training to prepare for a bleeding emergency.
- **The UPMC Altoona Partnership for a Healthy Community dental practice.** Funded new dental instruments to support the clinic's efforts to treat the uninsured.
- **Food for Life.** Funded food for cooking lessons, as well as groceries for families in need. This effort is in concert with UPMC Altoona Family Physicians' diabetes control and weight-loss clinics.
- **The American Heart Association annual Heart Walk in Altoona.** Matched funds raised by participating UPMC Altoona employees.
- **The Altoona Intervention Project.** Supported patients dealing with an AIDS diagnosis.



SUPPORT FOR Birthing Center

The foundation received generous grants from the Central Pennsylvania Ronald McDonald Charities and M&T Bank to provide KangooFix Neonatal Restraint Systems to all area EMS and ambulance services.



The KangooFix device makes it possible for a newborn to be transported with skin-to-skin contact with the mother. This results in a much-improved experience for a mother and the newborn when traveling by ambulance.

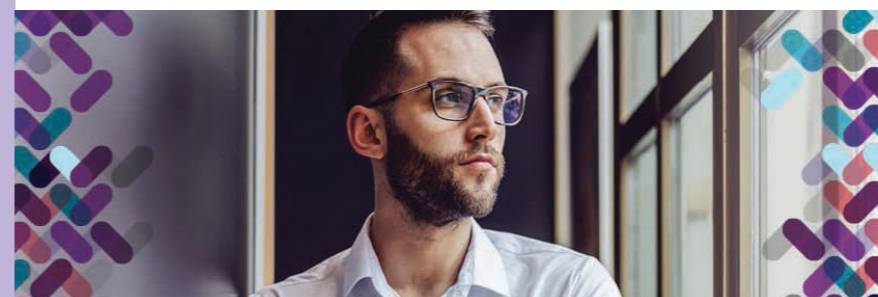
Funds were provided for freezers for breast milk so the UPMC Magee-Womens Center at UPMC Altoona could join the Mid-Atlantic Mothers Milk Bank. The breast milk is especially important for premature babies and infants with health concerns.

Pack 'n Play portable safe-sleep devices and infant car seats were provided to families unable to afford them after the birth of their child at UPMC Altoona.

A Caring Cradle was funded to support families who suffered the loss of a child at birth.



Over 300 employees were recognized through the Guardian Angel program, which allows patients to recognize staff who have gone above and beyond to care for them. The recipient receives a custom-crafted lapel pin to wear proudly.



SUPPORT FOR Behavioral Health

Substantial grants were made to support UPMC's Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies in Altoona. Funds supported patient services as well as items for patient care.

SUPPORT FOR Education

As it does ever year, the foundation's support for medical education covered the full spectrum from patient-care technicians to nurse anesthetists.



- Mount Aloysius received a grant to fund the college's participation in a student-run American Sign Language interpreting conference. Additionally, the foundation funded a mini-medical career summer camp at the college to give area high school students a glimpse of a health care career.
- The Beds to Meds Program received money to ensure patients being discharged from the hospital receive their prescription medications regardless of ability to pay. This helps avoid many preventable readmissions, saving health care dollars.
- Altoona Family Physicians received funds to be a host at the Family Medicine Education Consortium. AFP personnel recruit medical students attending the event to join the AFP family medicine program at UPMC Altoona.

Scholarships were awarded to:

- Penn State's adult second-degree nursing program
- A nurse intensivist for advanced medical education (Donna Deichert Scholarship Fund)
- Laboratory scientist students at UPMC Altoona
- UPMC Altoona nurses for advanced nursing education (Devorris Scholarship)
- A student studying cardiology technology (Dr. Vijay Janakiraman and Dr. Manickam Sankaran Cardiology Scholarship)
- A physician to become proficient in teaching parenting skills to parents of newborns
- Several Altoona Family Physician residents at their annual graduation ceremony
- Students studying at Penn Highlands Community College to be patient-care technicians

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