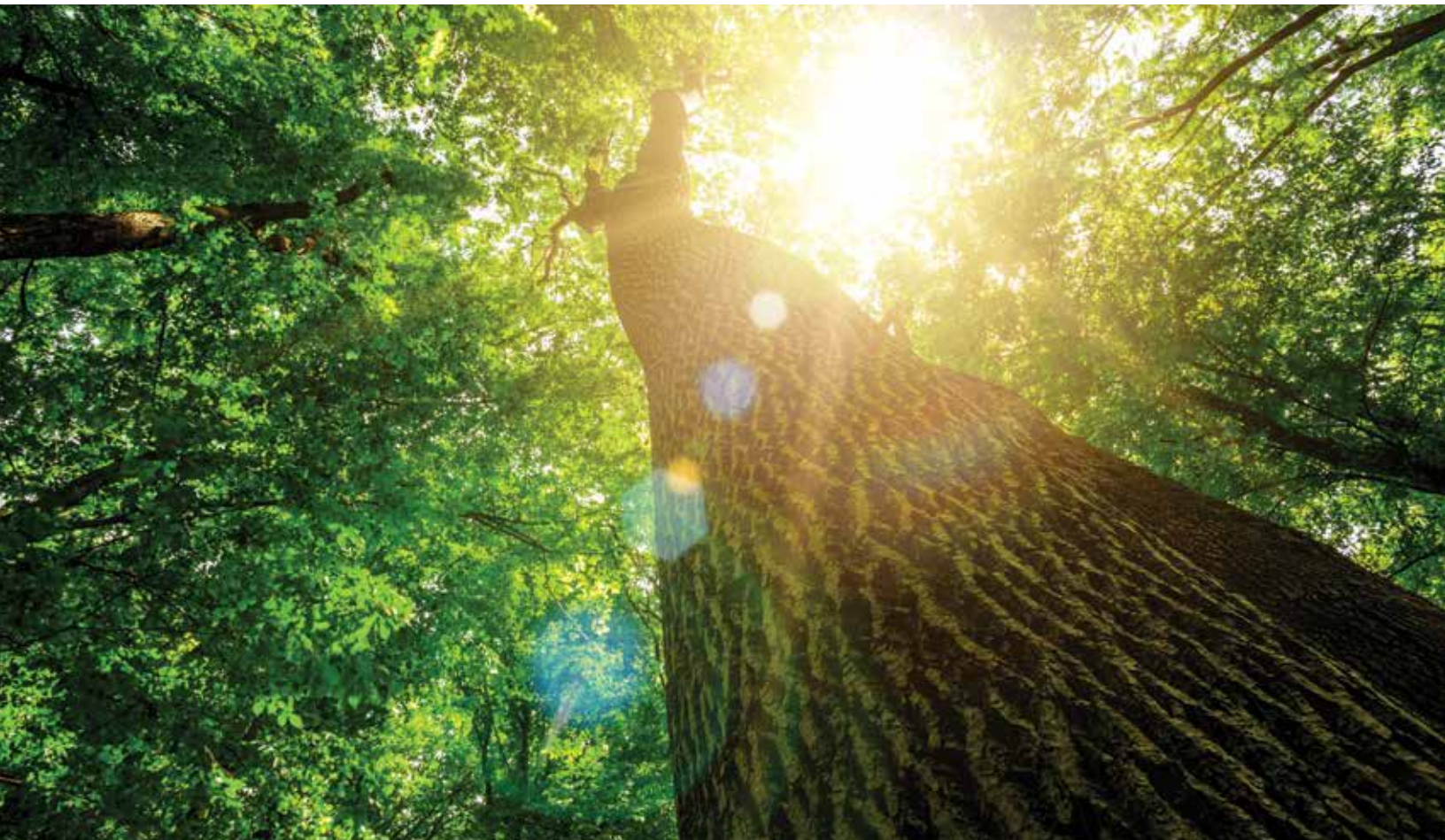


# New Ulm Medical Center Foundation



## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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NEW ULM  
MEDICAL CENTER  
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# THANK YOU!

You made some amazing things happen this past year thanks to your generous support of the New Ulm Medical Center Foundation. You have touched our patients and the communities we care for in unique ways through care programs, state-of-the-art technology and equipment and innovative health initiatives. Although the following list doesn't fully describe the exceptional care we can provide to our community thanks to support from you, it gives us a glimpse of how the great partnership of community and medical center impacts the care we provide every day.

- New mammography equipment was installed that conducts mammographies but also has the ability to perform a stereotactic biopsy. This new equipment provides an additional level of service and comfort to our patients - **\$150,000**
- New outdoor exercise equipment was installed at Harman Park in New Ulm in recognition of the community's involvement in the Heart of New Ulm project - **\$10,000**
- A new health initiative, called the Partnership in Children's Health, engages youth in helping us understand how design and environment impact decisions that affect their health - **\$25,000**
- The Hospice TLC Fund helps patients achieve one last wish, such as helping get a loved one home to see them or basic medical supplies not covered by insurance. Ten patients received assistance for a total of **\$1,600**.
- 1** • Hospice patients received additional support, such as integrative therapies like massage and music therapy, memorial ceremonies, Veteran's Day celebrations, and bereavement support - **\$10,000**
- New AEDs for were placed in Brown County Sheriff vehicles - **\$6,400**
- 2** • The Cancer Center's Garden of Hope was completed - **\$15,000** (total Foundation investment over the two years is nearly \$100,000)
- Cancer Center's Celebration Fund was available to help celebrate our patients' birthdays, 'Done Days', anniversaries, and the Turkey Dinner - **\$1,000**
- Expanded a patient room on our inpatient unit that is available for pediatric, hospice or special patients who may need extra space or a space for a loved one to stay with them - **\$1,500** (total allocation over the years is \$26,000)

- Nursing scholarships were offered to three area residents who are seeking a LPN, RN or BSN degree - \$9,500

- 3 • 14 wheelchairs were purchased for the facility thanks to the support of the NUMC Auxiliary - \$7,000

- New artwork was placed in the clinic - \$1,500

- A blanket warmer was purchased for the Inpatient Mental Health Unit to help comfort patients - \$4,600

- 4 • Play therapy toys were purchased for the Outpatient Mental Health Unit to support children during therapy sessions - \$2,000

- Wireless Fetal Monitoring Equipment was purchased for the Birth Center so moms in labor can be monitored while walking or taking a bath - \$6,600

- Nitrous Oxide Equipment was purchased to use in the Emergency Department to support pediatric or general patients who are extremely anxious or in pain - \$6,500

- Kids Play Therapy Equipment was purchased to use in the Courage Kenny Kids area to support kids during their physical, occupational and speech therapy sessions - \$2,400

- Cable TV and a Care Channel of music and images aimed at relaxing and reducing anxiety for patients, are available to patients thanks to a donation received from the NUMC Auxiliary - \$15,000

- iPad applications were purchased for Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute patients to use during therapy - \$500

- 5 • Biodex Balance System was purchased for Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute which is equipment used to measure one's ability to balance and stabilize, especially helpful in older adults when assessing fall risk - \$13,000

- 6 • Additional support for integrative therapies was supported through the Penny George Institute for Health and Healing including funds for nursing leaders to support and train staff - \$2,500

- NuStep equipment was purchased for pulmonary rehabilitation patients, a vital piece of exercise equipment for patients during rehabilitation - \$5,200

- Four employees at NUMC received financial assistance during a very difficult time, including housing payments or gas cards to get to medical appointments. The Employee Emergency Fund is funded with donations received by NUMC employees - \$2,000

- Irrigation at the hospital garden was installed to ensure the garden's beauty welcomes patients throughout the summer thanks to a donation from the NUMC Auxiliary - \$1,500

Every year our donors make these improvements possible, which make the care at New Ulm Medical Center exceptional. Thank you for your continued support!

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2014  
THE YEAR  
IN NUMBERS



Outpatient Visits ..... 100,098  
 Courage Kenny Rehab. Visits ..... 15,787  
 Emergency Room Visits..... 10,634  
 Inpatient Admissions..... 2,108  
 Surgeries..... 1,880  
 Newborns Delivered..... 311  
 Ambulance Transports ..... 1,240  
 Hospice Visits ..... 6,155

Nursing Home Visits..... 1,817  
 Volunteers..... 135  
 Volunteer Hours..... 20,000  
 Physicians ..... 40  
 Employees..... 563  
 Total Raised..... \$1,047,000  
 Donations Received ..... 6,036  
 Donors ..... 1,513

# GALA PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT COURAGE KENNY AND NEW PARK



The Have a Heart Gala held on February 21st, 2015, was a great success thanks to support from our donors. With 325 guests in attendance, the event raised \$55,000 for the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute (CKRI) Campaign and an all-inclusive park in the New Ulm community. The Gala included pre-party events at individual homes, a decadent meal made by Chef Lacey Lueth at the New Ulm Event Center, silent and live auction items, and concluded with entertainment by Deuces Wild. This was truly a remarkable evening full of laughter, energy, and inspiration.

The proceeds from the Gala supported the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute (CKRI) Expansion and Renovation Project. Because of the excellent care provided at CKRI, in addition to the increasing need for rehabilitative medicine and wellness services, the department is in need of additional space and renovation. The Foundation is working towards raising \$300,000 towards this effort and is currently at \$270,000 thanks to support from many donors and the Gala event.

In addition to expanding the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute at New Ulm Medical Center, the Foundation also committed to a community project to support people with limited abilities. New Ulm Park and Recreation is renovating the playground at Hermann Heights in New Ulm and with an additional \$50,000 in support from the Foundation and our donors, the playground will include a rubber surface and adaptable equipment so that children and adults of all abilities can play together and enjoy the outdoor play space.

If you'd like to learn more about the campaign to support the Courage Kenny expansion and the playground renovation, please call Carisa at 507-217-5188.

# GARDEN OF HOPE BRINGS HEALING ENVIRONMENT FOR CANCER CENTER PATIENTS



When the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute – New Ulm opened in 2011, patients and visitors were thrilled with the outcome – bright, cheerful new infusion bay areas; large, private exam rooms; heated chairs with individual televisions and more marked the long-awaited expansion of the cancer unit and its marriage to the renowned Virginia Piper Cancer Institute.

But the new space wasn't quite complete.

“We know that healing is about more than equipment, services and people. A healing environment is important to our patients as well,” said New Ulm Medical Center (NUMC) Foundation Director Carisa Buegler. “One of the most exciting pieces of the cancer center project for many of our patients and donors was the garden.”

The Garden of Hope, situated just outside the cancer center, was completed in 2014. A total of \$100,000 was raised to complete the garden. It is a spacious 9,000 square feet and features a beautiful six-foot copper water feature that was donated anonymously and the Wall of Hope, which includes 10 original pieces of art that exemplifies the journey patients and their friends and family travel throughout their cancer experience.

The words and images on the Wall of Hope were selected by cancer center patients and brought to life by artist Bridget Gulden-Gusso. The Wall of Hope is named in honor of the New Ulm Medical Center Auxiliary for their \$50,000 donation to the expansion and garden.

The Garden of Hope was dedicated in memory of Barbara Fenske, volunteer and Cancer Center Campaign Chairperson, who succumbed to cancer in July 2011 after more than 10 years of battling the disease.

“Barb was an advocate for those who are fighting cancer in our area and led the campaign to help build a new Cancer Center at New Ulm Medical Center. We were so fortunate to have had her inspiration, her leadership and her friendship,” Buegler said. In addition to that leadership, Barb's family donated \$25,000 to the project and the Foundation also received 225 memorials totaling over \$9,000 given in her memory.

The vision for the garden was to create a beautiful distraction for our patients as they sit in their treatment chairs, sometimes for hours at a time. Dozens of flowers and plants as well as bird feeders dot the landscape, meeting that mission for our patients throughout the spring, summer and fall months.

# STEREOTACTIC MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT OFFERS PATIENTS REDUCED ANXIETY, ELIMINATES NEED FOR TRAVEL



“We are so pleased that our patients don’t have to travel for this service...” This could be the headline for so many of the services offered at New Ulm Medical Center (NUMC). Living in an outstate community no longer means that, when you need specialized care, you have to travel (sometimes hours) to get to a larger community and a larger hospital to receive that care.

At NUMC, we’ve seen this transition take place often in recent years with the introduction of various service lines, updated equipment and new specialists. In 2014, NUMC added another service to that list: stereotactic mammography.

The new stereotactic mammography unit was purchased with the help of \$150,000 in funds donated through the NUMC Foundation. The Foundation paid for half the purchase cost of the equipment.

For most women, an annual mammogram is just a routine part of their check-up. The anxiety that occurs when an abnormality is found, however, can be magnified by the need to travel to an unfamiliar facility to have a biopsy, which may take days to schedule and days to get the results back.

The new stereotactic mammography unit at NUMC gives the on-site radiologist, Nate Groebner, MD, the ability to perform a biopsy of the abnormal tissue within a few days.

Prior to the purchase of the new unit, patients who needed a stereotactic biopsy had to travel to Mankato, Rochester or the Twin Cities to have the procedure. For patients who did not want to or could not travel, a much more invasive surgical procedure could be conducted at NUMC to extract the abnormal tissue.

“The good news is that most biopsies end up being benign (non-cancerous),” Groebner said. There are two types of benign breast conditions: fibrosis and/or cysts, and benign breast tumors. “This new equipment allows us to get answers to patients much more quickly.”

Groebner explained that a stereotactic breast biopsy is done with the same equipment that is used for a regular screening mammogram – the stereotactic unit is an attachment to the machine. The patient does not need anesthesia and is able to go home immediately after the procedure.

The patient either sits or lies on their side for the procedure, which takes less than an hour. The unit captures two images from different angles so it can pinpoint and guide the needle exactly where it needs to go to retrieve samples of the abnormal tissue. Several samples are taken, Groebner said, but the needle is only put in once.



# A NIGHT FOR COURAGE



## EMPLOYEE & PHYSICIAN GIVING CAMPAIGN

During the Employee & Physician Giving Campaign, our staff demonstrated once again their generosity and commitment to care. Together, our physicians and employees gave \$97,000 to the NUMC Foundation last year, an impressive and admirable commitment to our patients and the communities we serve.

The New Ulm Medical Center Foundation hosted “A Night for Courage” on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at The Pantry in New Ulm. This event was a fundraiser for the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute (CKRI) New Ulm Expansion and Renovation Project. The night included music by the amazingly talented Little Prairie Pickers, appetizer buffet, wine bar, and celebrated CKRI patients who exemplify courage on a daily basis. Guests were treated to “toe tapping” music and were able to showcase their support by sharing their own definition or stories of courage.

# HONOR ROLL OF LIFETIME CONTRIBUTORS

The individuals, foundations and corporations listed below have achieved a lifetime giving level of \$5,000 or more as of Dec. 31, 2014. We offer our deep gratitude to these donors who play a particularly meaningful role in supporting excellent care for life's journey. Gifts to New Ulm Medical Center Foundation support more than 40 funds of the Foundation to provide a wide range of programs and services to support patients and families with exceptional medical care.

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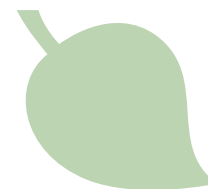
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