



# Medina Hospital Advocate

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## Philanthropy Funds New Emergency Chest Compression Devices

Thanks to philanthropic donations, Medina Hospital's Life Support Team (LST) ambulances now are equipped with the latest battery-operated chest compression devices to help improve outcomes in cases of sudden cardiac arrest.

Funds for the new equipment – the Lucas3® model, manufactured by Physio Control Inc. – were raised last year at the hospital's BASH (Benefitting A Superior Hospital) gala. The event was held at Weymouth Country Club and raised around \$92,000.

The Lucas3® devices are designed to save lives and prevent neurological damage by administering a steady supply of oxygen to the heart and brain, explains Mark Phillips, Director of the LST.

"I'd call these devices revolutionary in the medical profession," Mr. Phillips says. "We don't need to worry any longer about first-responders wearing themselves out by administering chest compressions manually as they wait for assistance or transport to a hospital."

When the light, mobile device is wrapped around a patient, a piston-like component begins applying chest compressions. The compressions continue, evenly and steadily, at a rate of 102 a minute and a depth of 2.1 inches, in accordance with the latest scientific guidelines.

"The device can be deployed quickly, with minimal interruption to patient care," Mr. Phillips says. "Since



receiving the devices last year, we have had no problems with their operation, and they have proven very effective.

"Now, we have a new policy against administering manual chest compressions to a patient inside a moving ambulance. We let the Lucas 3 do that. It's that good."

Mr. Phillips says that he would like to thank all of those who contributed to the fund-raising effort.

"These devices are so important in serving our communities," he says. "We probably would have had to make a capital expenditure to purchase them if they had not been funded through philanthropy."

The LST has provided training not only to its own 31-member team, but also to area police and firefighters, who assist at the scene of an emergency.

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## Philanthropy

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Medina Hospital's LST is the primary 9-1-1 paramedic emergency response team for Medina, operating at three locations: Medina Fire Station 1 (Reagan Parkway), Medina Hospital, and Montville Safety Service Center in Montville Township. Responders are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

LST paramedics operate under the guidance of a Cleveland Clinic Medical Director and Cleveland Clinic Emergency Services Institute staff. Medics have direct access to Cleveland Clinic resources such as cardiology and Critical Care Transport when expedited lifesaving treatment is required.

Since 1976, the Medina Life Support Team has provided outstanding pre-hospital emergency care. It has received multiple awards for its exceptional service.

## Gifts in Honor/Memory

Linda and Diane Avery  
*In Memory of Dr. Richard and Lorraine Avery*

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*In Honor of Dr. Sandra Schneider*

## Research Program Supported

Cleveland Clinic staff from Medina Hospital, the Clinical Solutions Center and the Nursing Institute collaborated in developing an innovative software program that provides nurses with tools to help them respond quickly when a patient's condition deteriorates.

The Vital Scout™ program uses vital sign data to generate an early warning score for each patient. It then color-codes that score based on a patient's risks and updates the color in real time. This improves caregivers' awareness of important changes in a patient's condition.

Vital Scout employs timers and other visual tools to ensure higher-risk scores are acted on. It pulls key data into one shared report, which helps physicians and nurses communicate and collaborate more effectively.

Vital Scout Program outcomes include:

- A decrease in the total number of hours that patients spend with higher-risk vital signs
- A decrease in the time between a high-risk alert and reassessment of vital signs

The Vital Scout program was piloted at Medina in January 2015. Hillcrest, Euclid and Avon Hospitals went live with the program in 2016, and rollout to the rest of the Cleveland Clinic Health System is planned for this year.

The Hospital Foundation has funded the next step in the program, which is to deliver this critical information to caregivers with the touch of a finger. Touch-sensitive monitors on patient floor 2 North now display the color-coded Vital Scout scores on tiles for each room.



## Westfield Advances ED Expansion

The Westfield Insurance Foundation made a significant gift to support the expansion and improvement of Medina Hospital's Emergency Department (ED).

At present, the ED has 14 treatment beds and serves more than 25,000 patients annually. When the project is finished, there will be a total of 19 beds, and the department will be able to support 30,000 patient visits each year.

Three rooms are designed for the safe treatment of behavioral health patients or those who are under the influence of drugs. A decontamination space also will be created for patients who have sustained injuries from chemical spills or otherwise need decontamination prior to treatment.



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## Lower Your Taxes and Increase Cash Flow with a CGA

With the stock market on the rise, many are happy to see positive returns on their investments. Now they need to decide what to do about the resulting capital gain tax.

How does the capital gain tax work? If a stock has been owned for more than a year, any gain that is realized on its sale is subject to the tax. For most people, that is around 15 percent to 18 percent, but it could go as high as 23.8 percent.

An easy way to deal with this situation is to create a charitable gift annuity (CGA) with Medina Hospital.

Not only does a gift annuity offer the opportunity for a guaranteed income stream, but it does so based on the full fair-market value of your stock. Additionally, only a portion of the capital gain is taxable, and that portion is spread out over the income recipient's expected lifetime.

**Example:** Laurie, 69, owns stock worth \$50,000 that she purchased years ago for \$10,000. At her 18.8 percent capital-gain tax rate, Laurie will pay a tax of \$7,520 on her \$40,000 gain if she sells the stock.

Instead of selling, Laurie elects to fund a charitable gift annuity with her stock. The annuity will pay her \$2,500 each year for her lifetime, and she will realize a current income tax deduction of \$19,938 – saving \$6,580 in her 33% tax bracket.

Establishing a charitable gift annuity at Medina Hospital is simple and can be accomplished with as little as \$5,000 in cash or appreciated property. The income stream with a gift annuity can benefit you, your spouse and/or any person you name.

If you would like to see sample charitable gift annuity calculations and their potential tax benefits, please contact Randy Fuerst at 330.721.5940 or fuerstr@ccf.org.

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Rick Andrews, 2nd from left, and his 2016 foursome.



# Jack Vigneault Golf Outing June 12

The Jack Vigneault Golf Outing will tee off at 12:30 p.m. on June 12 at Fox Meadows Country Club. Jay Vigneault and Rick Andrews head up the volunteer committee that is organizing the outing, which commemorates Jack's life and the Vigneault family's patient experience at Medina Hospital.

A portion of 2016's outing proceeds was used to support the research project described on page 2.

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