



Medina Hospital Advocate

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Giving a Lift to Patients and Caregivers

Improving outcomes through the use of safe patient transportation techniques and modern mobility equipment is an important goal at Medina Hospital.

To achieve this, the hospital is introducing patient lifts, devices that permit caregivers to raise and transfer patients from a bed to a chair or the bathroom. Patients are placed in a sling suspended from the lift, which runs on rails from the ceiling.



The lift system will be installed in two rooms of the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Until now, caregivers have been restricted to using either a manual lift technique or a portable lift appliance with a limited weight capacity.

Mobility activities for bariatric patients are a concern in the ICU.

"We're excited to have these lifts because we know they will make a real difference in patient care," says Donielle Finding, RN, ICU Nurse Manager.

Ms. Finding has been educating hospital staff on the use of the lift system and why it benefits both patients and caregivers.

"I emphasize that we can use the lifts for any instance in which moving patients presents a challenge," she says. "Such patients include those with gastrointestinal problems, those on ventilators or those who have experienced prolonged bed rest."

Philanthropic gifts will support installation of the overhead rails and lift system in rooms 10 and 12 of the ICU as part of the \$1.4 million renovation project underway.

"We would not have been able to provide this capability without the help of philanthropic gifts through the Medina Hospital Foundation," Ms. Finding says.

Those interested in giving to Medina Hospital are asked to contact Randy Fuerst, Executive Director, Medina Hospital Foundation, at fuerstr@ccf.org.

“A” Rating

Patient safety is a top priority – and it shows! Thanks to the caregivers, Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital earned an A rating from The Leapfrog Group in its spring 2017 Patient Safety Grades. This marks the third consecutive A for Medina Hospital.



The Leapfrog Group, a national healthcare rating organization, combines data from a voluntary, self-reported survey as well as various publicly reported metrics to produce a single composite score, which is published as a letter grade.

For many consumers, these grades, as well as other public rankings, are used to make their healthcare decisions. For Medina Hospital, this progress signifies our caregivers' commitment to high reliability, which strengthens our culture of safety and supports robust process improvement.

Initiatives supported by the Medina Hospital Foundation including Healing Services, patient transportation, staff education and new equipment contribute to Medina Hospital's exceptional patient care.

Write a Will Day

As part of Nurses Week, the Medina Hospital Foundation organized its annual Write a Will Day. Local attorneys volunteered their time to draft simple wills for 12 Medina Hospital nurses.

The day is an effort by estate planners to create awareness of the importance of having a will and to encourage them to leave a bequest to their favorite nonprofit organization. The attorneys who volunteered this year were Ann Salek from Critchfield, Critchfield and Johnston, Andrew Parker, Tom Erb of Parker and Erb and Mike Ash of Ash Law.

It is vital to have a current will because it protects your most important assets – your family, friends, loved ones and the causes you hold near and dear to your heart. A will provides special instructions, such as who will inherit your property, who will handle your estate, and how your debts, expenses and taxes will be paid. Life and circumstances change over time, and your will should reflect those changes.

LST Teams With Montville PD

Recently, the Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital Life Support Team (LST) based in Montville Township was dispatched to a potential heart attack call. Dedication to new technology, regular training and equipment maintenance resulted in a remarkable success story for a local resident.

Township police officers and LST medics responded and started an EKG. Within a few minutes, cardiologists at Medina Hospital and at Cleveland Clinic's main campus confirmed a severe heart attack, prompting an automatic cardiac alert.

The alert dispatched a helicopter to Medina Hospital to transport the patient to the main campus for advanced care. During the transport time, the cardiac team

prepared for his arrival and immediate surgery. The time from the 911 call to the time the patient was treated at main campus was only 59 minutes.

Our Foundation is proud to have used proceeds from the 2016 BASH gala to purchase mechanical chest compression systems for each LST ambulance. Please consider attending the BASH at Weymouth Country Club on Oct. 21.



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Board of Directors

The April meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors saw the departure of old friends and the welcoming of new ones. Departing the board at the end of their terms were Corinne Hadley, Janet Harst and Tim Phillips, who had served as Board President. They served the Foundation and the hospital well.

Joining the board are Amy Douglass of Interior Design Studios, Jarrod Long of Westfield Bank and Bill Hutson of the Hutson Law Firm and County Commissioner.

Memorial Listing

Corinne Hadley
*In memory of
Timothy Fuerst, PhD*

Correction: Partners for Life

The Spring 2017 edition of the *Medina Hospital Advocate* inadvertently omitted **Donna and Cal Wible** from the Partners for Life giving club list. The club comprises individuals and corporations making a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Foundation, over and above their other gifts or sponsorships. Partners for Life members are the pillars upon which the Foundation supports Medina Hospital, and we thank Mr. and Mrs. Wible for their commitment to the Medina Hospital Foundation.



Plan Now, Give Later Testamentary Gifts

As Americans, we enjoy the freedom to make decisions about how we distribute our assets during our lifetime and even beyond through charitable giving. By planning now, you can provide for the future of Medina Hospital through your will or other testamentary designations.

Estate gifts have become an integral part of our philanthropic tradition, made easier by tax laws that encourage charitable support.

There are many reasons for making a charitable testamentary gift, even while you're still working and supporting a family. Between the ages of 40 and 60, you may be saving for retirement and/or supporting college education for children or grandchildren. These obligations may make you hesitant about committing to a large gift using assets that you may need in the future. Similarly, if you are between ages 60 and 75, you might be newly retired or planning for retirement and just beginning to make financial and charitable plans.

No matter your age and stage of life, it's still wise to plan for your and your family's future. By including a charitable gift to Medina Hospital in your will, or designating Medina Hospital the beneficiary of your life insurance policy or a retirement plan, you can establish your gift now while enjoying your assets during your lifetime.

Share Your Plans

Estate gifts that are revealed after individuals have passed on show that they were caring, but at Medina Hospital, we always are saddened when we do not have the opportunity to express our gratitude directly to our supporters. By informing Medina Hospital today of your plans, we can share in the joy of your future gift. To learn more, please contact Randy Fuerst at 330.721.5940 or fuerstr@ccf.org.



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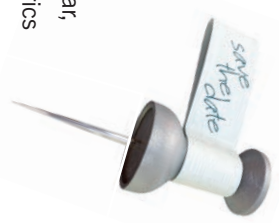


BASH Set for Oct.21

Please save the date of Oct. 21 for the BASH (Benefitting a Superior Hospital) event at Weymouth Country Club. This year, the evening of fun and philanthropy will support both pediatrics and cardiovascular services. The party is organized by a volunteer committee led by Devon Diello and Sharon McFadden.

"Both these areas do such great work for patients of all ages that we couldn't choose just one to support." Mrs. Diello says. "Proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment and offer new services at the hospital and around Medina County."

To become a BASH sponsor or prize donor, please call the Foundation office at 330.721.5941.



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