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Philanthropy Helps Nurses to Better Help Their Patients



Julie Fetto, BSN, MBA, RN

Generous gifts to the Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital Foundation are helping Medina Hospital's nurses care for themselves – while they care for their patients – in addition to advancing education and credentialing efforts to enhance the quality of care.

Foundation support recently allowed Nurse Manager Denise Dawkins to create a relaxation room at Medina Hospital for caregivers. During the pandemic, Ms. Dawkins realized the need for a private place in which nurses and other caregivers could find respite when they were feeling overwhelmed and stressed. She found an ally in Medina Hospital Foundation Board Member Donielle Finding, who worked with her to design the room. The welcome retreat features a massage chair, foot massager, peaceful artwork and dimmed lighting. *(See photo on page 2)*

An additional mood-lifter made possible by the foundation is a well-stocked gift cart for caregivers. "Our retention council came up with the idea to recognize caregivers who go out of their way to help patients," says Julie A. Fetto, BSN, MBA, RN, Chief Nursing Officer. "We put their names in a hat and pull out four every week. Those caregivers whose names are chosen get to select from an array of items including candles, socks, t-shirts, coloring books, chocolates, gift cards and more. We've selected 80 caregivers for these gifts in the past year."

In November, foundation funds will send eight nurses (some in person and some virtually) to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) conference in Atlanta. At the conference, Medina Hospital will be recognized for the second time with a prestigious Pathways to Excellence® designation.

Medina Hospital's Nursing Department now is halfway to its ambitious goal of achieving national Magnet Recognition Program® status through the ANCC. "Both of these programs of the American Nurses Credentialing Center are important to hospitals because they lead to improved patient care and promotes nurse recruitment and retention," Ms. Fetto says. "This has a positive impact on the entire hospital, not just on nursing."

Gifts to the Medina Hospital Foundation also pays for nurses' educational fees and travel costs to attend conferences, which aids their journey to achieving Magnet status, she says.

"Magnet designation is the highest pinnacle of recognition for nurses and hospitals," Ms. Fetto says. "We are halfway through our Magnet journey, with six different research studies underway, all aimed towards patient care or nursing satisfaction. We are making great progress in our quality outcomes. Every nurse in the building – about 200 of them – is part of this process. We are excited to find many creative ways in which Medina Hospital Foundation funds can help our nurses and, through them, our patients."

Cleveland Clinic Children's Nationally Ranked

Cleveland Clinic Children's has been named a national leader in clinical care, according to *U.S. News & Report's* 2021–2022 “Best Children's Hospitals” rankings.

For 13 consecutive years, Cleveland Clinic Children's has ranked among the nation's top 50 pediatric hospitals. Not only are all 10 of Cleveland Clinic Children's ranked specialties listed among the top 50 in the nation, but for the third consecutive year, four specialties have ranked in the top 20 in the nation (cancer, cardiology & heart surgery, gastroenterology & GI surgery and neonatology).

In Medina, Pediatric Primary Care is offered Monday–Saturday in the South Medical Office Building and specialty care is offered on the third floor of the North Medical Office Building.

Cereal Drive

An annual cereal drive organized by the Medina Hospital nursing staff collected more than a ton (2,971 pounds to be precise) of cereal for Feeding Medina County. The 1,811 boxes of cereal donated by hospital caregivers will be distributed to Medina County families.



Kim Benton, BSN, RN, enjoying a little quiet time. (See story on page 1)

Memorial Listing

**In memory of
Edward A Hall**

Vicky Fleming

**In Memory of
Ruth Abell and
Jane Shotwell**

*Frank and
Becky Shotwell*



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For example, if you have an insurance policy or an IRA you would like to donate to charity, you merely name the charity as the beneficiary for the policy. There is no need to change the language in your Will or Trust documents because the life insurance proceeds or IRA will be paid directly to the charity.

"If you have an account that you would like to donate to charity, you simply designate the charity as the beneficiary of that account upon your passing. You make this designation through the financial institution holding the account. For example, a bank will make the designation directly on the account title.

If you have a specific item that you would like to donate to charity, you merely designate the charity as the recipient after your passing. This is commonly referred to as "TOD." For example, you can title stock as "TOD" to a charity. You will make that designation with the financial institution holding the stock. You can title a vehicle as "TOD" to a charity through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The BMV will make the designation directly on the vehicle

title. You can also title real estate as "TOD" through an affidavit recorded with the county recorder."

While these beneficiary designations make for an easy end of life transfer of assets to a charity, you need to be careful that such a designation will not disrupt your general estate plan. For example, if you have a charitable allocation in your Will or Trust but also designate that charity as a beneficiary on a specific asset, the charity will receive the asset through the beneficiary designation as well as the donation allocated in your Will or Trust.

You also need to be careful not to allocate an account directly to charity that your Executor or Trustee may otherwise need to pay taxes, debts, funeral expenses, or to maintain a house until it sells. After your lifetime, the asset is immediately owned by the beneficiary and cannot be pulled back to your estate to use for final expenses.

Beneficiary designations are a very useful tool to ease administration as long as it fits with the rest of your overall estate plan.

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Join us on Sept. 11, 2021 for *Raising Hope One Glass at A Time* - a casual open house to support cancer services at Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital. The event will be held at the Corkscrew Saloon in Medina to raise funds for medication copayments, treatment milestone celebrations, snacks during long treatment days and other patient support activities. Details available at RaisingHopeCCMH.givesmart.com

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The Medina Hospital BASH (Benefitting A Superior Hospital) gala will take place October 23 at Weymouth Country Club. This evening of games, dinner and dancing supports priority projects at Medina Hospital. Details are available at MHBASH2021.givesmart.com



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