



# Medina Hospital Advocate

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## Renovated Hospital Chapel is Accessible, Warm and Welcoming

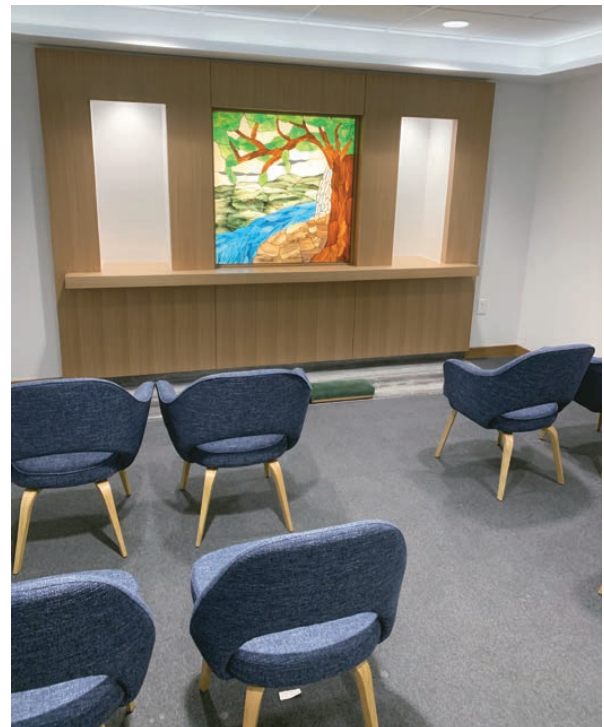
Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital's chapel renovation is complete, and patients and visitors are enjoying its full accessibility and new seating, lighting, flooring and sound system, says Hospital Chaplain Dennis Wendling.

"People appreciate the lighting, colors, warmth of the setting and beauty overall," he says. "This is a chapel for the whole community."

Renovation of the 30-year-old chapel was made possible by generous supporters of the Medina Hospital Foundation. The new design incorporates items that were donated in the past, including the "Tree of Life" by Wadsworth artist Carole Spohn - a striking stained-glass piece acquired 20 years ago.

"Before, this piece, was in the back of the chapel," says Rev. Wendling. "Now it is well-lit and looks spectacular."

A new sound system that pipes in soft music contributes to the tranquility of the chapel. "Updating and using modern technology is one of those invisible improvements," says Rev. Wendling. Other subtle, but important, changes include a new doorway, wide enough to accommodate a large hospital bed or wheelchair and a level floor. In addition, some chairs have two arm rests while others don't have any, depending on a person's needs.



"Tree of Life" by Wadsworth artist Carole Spohn in its new place.

In addition to improved accessibility, another design priority was to create a welcoming space that is inclusive of all faiths. For example, "the stained glass in our chapel has a scene that is universal, as we would want in a hospital setting," he says.

Among the individuals and organizations whose gifts supported the chapel renovation was the Walter W. Born Foundation. Named for the successful local builder and real estate developer, the foundation was

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established after Mr. Born's passing in 1989 for the purpose of benefiting healthcare organizations in Northeast Ohio. Since 2004, the foundation has distributed more than \$4.4 million to hospitals throughout Northeast Ohio.

"The Walter W. Born Foundation was pleased to offer support to Medina Hospital, not only for the actual construction part of the chapel, but also for the impact the chapel will have on those who utilize it," foundation spokesperson Toby Blossom said. "Good health is more than just physical."

For Medina resident Sue Chmelik and her family, supporting Medina Hospital is personal. A hospital volunteer and contributor to programs including harp music therapy, the retired elementary school music teacher says her family's gifts honor the excellent care her parents received before they passed away. She also enjoys creating gift baskets for the annual Medina Hospital fundraising gala.

"My dad's decline happened over a period of six years, and in the last months, through hospice, he had harp therapy, massage therapy and spiritual care, in addition to great clinical care. We were incredibly moved by how these alternative therapies enhanced my father's comfort. Medina Hospital also cared about my mom, myself, and my family's wellbeing, and helped us work through a difficult process. My mom spent her final days in palliative care at Medina Hospital, and they were so helpful and supportive. Harp therapy and prayer time in the chapel and at their bedsides helped a lot. We started a harp therapy fund in honor of mom and dad because we realized our best way to help in healing was to enhance what the medical team did with prayer, calmness and encouragement. I often take time to visit the chapel when I am there. It's nice to know that there's a quiet, spiritual energy right in the center of the hospital."



New furniture outfits the space.



New adjustable lighting and flooring.

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