

Volunteer News

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October - December 2019

PARTNERS GIVE \$52,000 DONATION TO FOUNDATION



Thank You Partners

On Wednesday, September 4, the Partners of BDCH made an amazingly generous \$52,000 donation to the BDCH Foundation Board during a luncheon in their honor. We can't thank them enough for everything they do! For decades, they continue to be incredible ambassadors for our organization and perform many great works throughout the year. This brings their total contribution since 1997 to \$766,074. The Partners of BDCH have been a consistent, driving force in the effort to enhance the care and service available at BDCH. If you spend anytime at BDCH, you're bound to see someone with the Partners doing something to benefit BDCH and further our mission of delivering excellence. These tireless, dedicated volunteers support BDCH all year long, running the BDCH Gift Shop, organizing the popular BDCH Craft Fair, hosting cookie sales and visits from the Nutman and other vendors, welcoming the community for the Annual Tree of Lights Celebration and much more.



Pictured above is the new bus the Partners purchased in 2019 for BDCH

Partners of BDCH

With the Fall season already upon us, our Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Basket Raffle event on October 5 at the hospital is just around the corner. Basket Raffle tickets were for sale the last week in September and will also be for sale on the day of the Fair. We have been busy getting ready for this event and immediately following the Craft Fair, we will be gearing up for Tree of Lights. This year marks 30 years for Tree of Lights on December 2. This event continues to be one of our biggest fundraisers. Thanks to all who have put in many hours volunteering to make this event the success it has become!

BDCH sponsored a Summer Picnic for the Partners Board on September 4 at Cabby's Grill & Patio to honor them for their service. Due to the weather, the celebration was held inside. An update on the Marshfield affiliation was presented in detail by CAO Joe Gilene. The Partners presented a check for \$52,000 to the BDCH Foundation to be distributed as follows: \$1,000 to the Hillside Manor Beauty Shop, \$5,000 to Lifeline and \$46,000 to the future Hospice Facility. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Gift Shop and all the other Partners fundraising efforts during the last year. Without you, we could not have presented this large amount to the hospital.



Sue Hilbert
Partners President

All of our fundraisers are doing well. After a slow but steady summer at the Gift Shop we are starting to see sales pick up. We have introduced many new fall items such as: ponchos, scarves, jewelry, purses, Badger and Packer items, home and fall decorations. Gradually more items such as mittens, gloves, winter hats and then Christmas decorations will be added. Since we are the only full-line gift shop in Beaver Dam, we have added more baby, baptismal, confirmation, religious and personal growth recovery items. Come check us out!

The Southern District Partners Fall Meeting in Jefferson on September 18 was attended by Sue Hilbert, Laurie Schmidt and Dan Moritz. After registration, continental breakfast, welcome, introductions, business meeting and chair exercises, the speaker's topic was "School Based Mental Health Services Program." Question and answer period, lunch, bidding on silent auction items and closing remarks followed with auction winners announced.

Partners of WHA Annual Convention is October 1-3 at the Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. This year the WAVE Award (Wisconsin Award for Volunteer Excellence) will be presented to Partners of BDCH for our Community Service Project for new clothing and handmade teddy bears given to Emergency and Surgery Departments at BDCH.

Remaining 2019 Dates to remember: *Craft Fair*-Oct. 5; *Cookie Sale*-Oct 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19; *Collective Goods*-Oct. 30-31; *Jewelry Sale*-Nov. 4-5; *Tree of Lights*-Dec. 2 and the *Nutman*-Dec. 3-5.

See you next year – Sue Hilbert, Partners President
Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving and a Joyous Christmas!

Cookie Sale Continues to do Well

On the third Thursday of the month you will smell freshly baked cookies through out the hospital. This morning starts early with volunteers baking and getting ready for a busy day of selling many cookies. This is only made possible with a great team of volunteers. Thank you to all who have assisted with this special day.



Pictured to the left from right to left are Kay Marx, Mary Garbalagtys, Helen Keil, Laurie Schmidt and Jermaine Sabourin and to the right are Martha and Dick Braemer.



Tree of Lights

For the past 30 years, the Partners of BDCH have set aside the first Monday in December for its Tree of Lights celebration. They began this tradition to raise money for Hillside Hospice, Lifeline, and the BDCH Foundation. Over the years it has become much more than just a fundraiser. It is a very important time to pause and reflect on a season intended to bring hope, love and joy.

The Partners 30th Annual Tree of Lights program is scheduled for Monday, December 2 at 7:00 pm in the Café of BDCH with SWAZZ singing group from Beaver Dam High School and the Honor Squad American Legion Post 146 participating in this year's program. In celebration and honor for the lives and memories of those important to us, individuals throughout the community donate money to help light the trees. Tree of Lights has generated over \$470,000 in past years to benefit Hospice and Lifeline.

Many people take time to remember and appreciate those who have played an important part in their life. Consider attending this year's special event. Tree of Lights is made possible through the help of many volunteers and is led by committee members Kay Appenfeldt , Gail Hope-Henschel, Carol Klas and Laurie Schmidt.



Pictured above is the SWAZZ singing group from Beaver Dam High School



Welcome New Volunteers to BDCH

New volunteers play a key role toward sustaining excellence in volunteer services. Take time to welcome our new volunteers. They are: Garrett Thomas, Phyllis Marthaler, Pat Peterson, Nora Nuhiji and Evelyn Krenz.



Garrett Thomas
Rehab



Phyllis Marthaler
Gift Shop



Pat Peterson
Information Desk



Nora Nuhiji
HIM Records



Evelyn Krenz
Hillside Manor

Mission Driven Living

Dan Moritz



Dan Moritz
Volunteer Manager

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make it a day full of doing the things that you value as important. Sometimes in life it can be beneficial to reflect on how we are spending our time. To do this take out a sheet of paper and write in one column what is really important to you, what you want to live for! Then after you have identified what you want to live for, write in another column next to your important items how you spend your day by listing what you are spending your time doing. Common sense would suggest that what we spend our time doing will reflect what we hold as important in our life but often the fast pace of our culture can get us off track when it comes to what gets most of our time. If you're like me you have had moments of thinking your heading in the right direction only to find out your going the wrong way. Always good to look at the map to confirm you are going in the right direction.

Every year our volunteer team has a chance to look at what we are doing. The volunteer team of BDCH has once again accomplished so much and like in years past much appreciation and celebration comes from looking at these results. As we look back at fiscal year 2019, the volunteer team has much to be proud of. Volunteers of BDCH had a total of 295 volunteers contributing 37,519 hours valued at \$954,108 and the Partners of BDCH donated \$66,000 to the BDCH Foundation.

Every day as I walk through our hospital and connect with volunteers I am reminded of the commitment and the life lived by so many in our community that emulates a mission of service for the better good of all. It can be hard to measure prevention or the hope that is provided when someone intentionally steps into a person's world to provide help for a moment or an extended period of time. That unfortunately rarely makes the news, however to those who receive that act of kindness, one would argue that it can at times make all the difference in the world to that person. When a community looks at its neighbors with a desire to help everyone, it wins, and wins big because the end result is engagement and we know through research that environments that are engaged perform very well. The engagement principal is proven to be true in work places, schools, churches and many organized structures of people. The reason for this is people who are engaged approach life with passion that creates connection to others! When that connection is there many other key items of life needs are met. Think about the list of values you have created that show what is important to you. I bet that list has in some way, shape, or form people connected to it. Think about it! When we put people first and look for ways to help others we open doors to many areas of life that bring fulfillment. The old saying, "it is better to give than receive" has been around for so long because it works. There have been moments in my life when a parent, teacher, coach, co-worker, friend made a difference by engaging themselves into my life. At times not even knowing that the words of encouragement marked my life with the proper perspective I needed at that time. Thank you to every person who has intentionally taken time to make our community a better place to live by seeing the reward that comes from helping others. The volunteer team at BDCH is full of people who care and are willing to serve others. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about how you can volunteer at BDCH, please call Volunteer Services at 920-887-5988 or email dmoritz@bdch.org.

Volunteer Training Dates

Every year volunteers are required to complete compliance training to remain current to volunteer. Training is offered at four different dates and times. Please plan to attend one of the sessions listed below. If you are unable to attend, please contact Volunteer Services at dmoritz@bdch.org or 920-887-5988. Volunteers play a key role in providing excellence at BDCH. Thank you for your commitment to volunteering and making a difference in the lives of many. **Training sessions are offered in the Conference Center (McClure and Lamoreau) at BDCH on:**

Tuesday, **October 15** from 9:00am – 10:30am and 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Wednesday, **October 16** from 3:00pm -4:30pm

Thursday, **October 17** from 10:30am – 12:00pm

Get Your Flu Shot

It is that time of year again to get yourself immunized against the Influenza Virus. BDCH is committed to protecting our patients, health care workers, volunteers, medical staff practitioners, students and the community from influenza. All BDCH volunteers will be offered influenza vaccine for the 2019-2020 influenza season. This year's Flu Clinics will be held at Hillside Manor on the first day and then at Learning Center A&B (located on the 3rd floor of the Hospital) on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, **September 24 in Hillside Manor Conference Room** from 10:00am-6:00pm

Wednesday, **September 25 in Learning Center A&B (3rd floor)** from 10:00am –6:00pm

Thursday, **September 26 in Learning Center A&B (3rd floor)** from 6:00am –2:00 pm

Friday, **September 27 in Learning Center A&B (3rd floor)** from 8:00am-4:00pm

Monday, **October 14 in Learning Center A&B (3rd floor)** from 10:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday, **October 15 in Learning Center A&B (3rd floor)** from 8:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday, **October 16 in Learning Center A&B (3rd floor)** from 6:00am-2:00pm

October Birthdays

Jermaine Sabourin, Gift Shop Treasurer	1
Kimberly Joles, Hillside Manor Activities	2
Allie Bonney, Hillside Manor Activities	3
Gwen Hanson, Volunteer Office	7
Sharon Doughty-Schmidt, Gift Shop.....	8
Samantha Williams, Rehab	8
Mary White, Education	9
Kristin Retzlaff, Hillside Manor Activities	11
Mary Ann Aaroen, 2nd Floor Information Desk	12
Phyllis Marthaler, Gift Shop, Information Desk	16
Floyd Henschel, Lion’s Club Happy Hour-HSM	20
Rose Larson, 2nd Floor Information Desk	20
Laurie Schmidt, Accounting, Gift Shop	20
Lila Frank, Gift Shop.....	23
Grace Oldenhoff, Hillside Manor Activities	26
Donna Dye, 3rd Floor Reception.....	27
Naada Owens, Hillside Manor Activities	29
Evelyn Krenz, Hillside Manor Activities	30
Arely Gonnering, Mail Delivery, Partners Cookie Sales.....	30
Dale Gonnering, Partners Cookie Sales	30
Penny Laverty, Gift Shop.....	31

November Birthdays

Richard Braemer, Partners Cookie Sale	1
Jill Budde, Gift Shop	4
Nora Nuhji, Health Information Management.....	5
Pastor Phil Heyer, Church and Chapel	7
Rosemary Figueroa, Hillside Manor Activities	12
Nancy Welsch, 2nd Floor Outpatient Services, Foot Clinic ..	25
Bob Quest, Main Lobby Desk	28
Pastor Paul Stratman, Church and Chapel	30

December Birthdays

Lisa Rohn, Hillside Manor Activities	6
Jenny Wolc, Kids Care.....	8
Mary Garbalagtys, Gift Shop	9
Amelda Ruhland, Foot Clinic	10
Kathy Seigner, Rehab	16
Barbara Rheingans, Gift Shop.....	23
Barbara Kalscheur, Church and Chapel	23
Mary Ann Schwantes, Mail Delivery.....	23
Rev. Oscar Rozo, Church and Chapel.....	27
Jane Ulrich, Gift Shop.....	28
Zack McLain, Hillside Manor Activities	30
Darlene Morrissey, Foot Clinic.....	30
Barb Schreiber, Hillside Manor & Church and Chapel.....	31

Partners Win WAVE Award



The Partners of BDCH received the Wisconsin Award for Volunteer Excellence (WAVE) on October 1 in Appleton for the community service they have provided with their new clothing and hand made Bears to patients in Emergency and Surgery Departments. The Partners have been providing new clothing and bears since 2002. With a start up clothing budget of \$300 per year to today’s \$3,500 in 2019, tremendous growth has occurred to meet patient needs. Many fundraisers have benefited the Emergency and Surgery Departments’ Clothing Program. Board Members purchase the clothing four times a year at the request of ED staff.

Pediatric patients find comfort when finding a fleece bear in their room when they return from surgery. This effort has provided about 900 bears a year to the Emergency and Surgery Departments. Melody Trentham, Director of Surgery, BDCH said, “The bears that Partners provide for our pediatric patients not only have the ability to bring smiles to their faces when they wake, but a comforting warmth to aid in their healing.” Countless hours of volunteer service over the past 17 years have made these two programs possible. The Bear Program is supported by individuals and groups in the community donating materials for the construction of the bears. Special thanks to Warren and Kristin Retzlaff who continue to donate the ribbon and stuffing needed for this project. Every month Bear Committee members Faith Smith, Sandy Kaul, Lois Babros, Elinor Czarnecki, Shirley Johnson, Sue Hilbert, Jermaine Sabourin, Gail Hope Henschel and Bernie Jeffries meet to make bears.

Don’t Forget Your Flu Shot

It is that time of year again to get yourself immunized against the Influenza Virus. BDCH is committed to protecting our patients, health care workers, volunteers, medical staff practitioners, students and the community from influenza. Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that kills an average of 36,000 people and hospitalizes more than 200,000 people in the United States each year. A person who comes in contact with the influenza virus can spread it for 24 to 48 hours before symptoms may appear. This can spread the virus to patients in BDCH facilities, to colleagues, and to family members.

Upcoming Partner Sales

Cookie Sales in Café

3rd Thursday of the month 7:30 am — 3:00 pm

OCTOBER 17 & NOVEMBER 21

DECEMBER 19

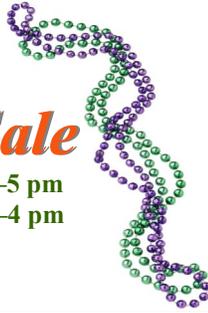
Jewelry Plus Sale

Monday, November 4 from 8 am—5 pm

Tuesday, November 5 from 8 am—4 pm

BDCH Conference Center

Most items \$6.00



13th Annual

Craft Fair

Sponsored by
Partners of BDCH

Saturday, October 5
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

707 S. University Ave. Beaver Dam
BDCH Main Entrance

Public Invited! Admission is FREE
Craft Sale • Bake Sale • Basket Raffle

Proceeds will benefit BDCH Employees Helping Employee Fund.

For more information call the Partners of Beaver Dam
Community Hospitals, Inc. at 920-887-4011.


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Collective Goods FLASH SALE



There's a new bag in town.

Beaver Dam Community Hospital

Wednesday, October 30 11:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday, October 31 8:00am – 3:00pm

BDCH Conference Center

Partners of Beaver Dam Community Hospital



Payroll Deduct available at select locations



The Nutman

Will be here for 3 days in the BDCH Café

December 3—5

Tuesday 9:30 am—2:30 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am—2:30 pm
Thursday 9:30 am—2:30 pm

**150 Fine Quality Nuts, Chocolates, Snack Mixes
and Candies!**

The BDCH Volunteer Department strives to enhance the exceptional patient/customer experience by utilizing volunteers' unique skills, interests and qualities.