

# COVENANT Alumni

## COMMUNICATOR

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Over the years, the Foundation has heard from numerous retirees about fond memories of days working at the organization. Many miss relationships with former co-workers and staying up-to-date with latest developments at the hospital. As another way to keep alumni connected, this publication is produced three times per year. These inserts include updates with information submitted by retirees to share life events, awards, honors, and other news as submitted by alumni.

## 2018 ALUMNI REUNION HIGHLIGHTS



On September 13, more than 432 guests mixed and mingled at Apple Mountain Resort in Freeland. Carol Cottrell, Covenant HealthCare Foundation Director, gave a welcome, Kevin Albosta, Chief Financial Officer of Covenant HealthCare, gave an update on the medical center, and Ray Dice provided an invocation.

**MORE PICTURES ON OTHER SIDE! >>>**



## COVENANT HEALTHCARE UPDATE

*Those in attendance received updates on Covenant HealthCare, including the below achievements from 2018. Thank you for being Covenant Alumni and ambassadors!*

### CANCER

- Completed third year of affiliation with MD Anderson, one of the leading cancer centers in the United States.
- Unveiling of the Werth Research Center within the Covenant Cancer Care Center, funded by a major donation to the Covenant Foundation.
- Covenant Radiation Center broke ground, adding a second state-of-the-art linear accelerator.

### CARDIOLOGY & SURGICAL SERVICES

- More than 100 transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) procedures completed. TAVR is a procedure that replaces a heart valve without ever cutting into the chest.
- Covenant Robotic Surgery Team performed their 5000th surgery. With 3 daVinci robots and two Mako robots Covenant has added an array of surgical specialists. With more than 28 surgeons using the robots, the following procedures are now offered robotically: gynecologic, urinary, thoracic, colon/rectal, liver, pancreas, general surgery, surgical oncology, endocrinology, orthopaedics and gynecological oncology.
- Hybrid OR addition and renovation equipped with leading technology.

### MARY FREE BED AT COVENANT

- Covenant announced and began a 50-50 joint venture with Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital to bring advanced inpatient rehabilitation care to the area. The organizations are also exploring plans to design and construct a new freestanding center in Saginaw.

### TECHNOLOGY

- Covenant VirtualCare offers virtual visits from any tablet, computer or mobile device.
- Celebrated the 10-year anniversary of our electronic health record go-live, as well as implemented Epic ReFuel to upgrade our system.
- Unveiled urgent care wait times and advanced check-in options for our five MedExpress locations.
- Covenant HealthCare was named a Most Wired Hospital in 2017 due to efforts in technology that are making it easier for patients and providers to interact, thus improving communication, safety and patient-provider relationships.

### WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- In January 2018, Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan recognized Covenant HealthCare with a Blue Distinction® Center+ for Maternity Care designation as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program.
- Covenant has a growing number of pediatric subspecialists in our market, including:
  - Pediatric Cardiology
  - Pediatric Dentistry
  - Pediatric Gastroenterology
  - Pediatric Neurology
  - Pediatric Rheumatology
  - Pediatric Sleep
  - Pediatric Surgery
  - Pediatric Urology
  - Neonatal Intensive Care
  - Pediatric Intensive Care

**SUBMITTING  
AN UPDATE?**

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Covenant HealthCare Foundation is looking forward to keeping alumni connected. For further questions, please contact the Foundation office at 989.583.7600.

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**2018 ALUMNI REUNION PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS** • Seeing the hugs, smiles and reconnections take place warmed our hearts and let us know this event is much wanted and needed! Here are just a few photos from the event! Keep an eye out for details about the 2019 Reunion.



### SUBMITTING AN UPDATE:

Submissions are printed on a first-come, first-served basis. Depending on volume of updates received, updates may not be printed in the issue immediately following their receipt. Newsletters are printed three times per year in April, August and December. Personally-submitted photographs are not currently included in the *Covenant Alumni Communicator*.

**If you have news of the death of a Covenant retiree**, please contact Covenant HealthCare Human Resources directly at 989.583.4082. The obituary notices printed in the In Memoriam section will be compiled by Human Resources. Due to space limitations, Covenant will only print the name, retirement year, city of residence, and date of death of the deceased.

### ABOUT THE COVENANT ALUMNI COMMUNICATOR

Interested in submitting an update for potential inclusion in the *Covenant Alumni Communicator* newsletter? We invite you to share your Covenant pride by mailing this completed form to the Foundation Office, 1447 N. Harrison, Saginaw, MI 48602

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I retired in: \_\_\_\_\_ (year) from (please check one)

- Covenant HealthCare   
  Saginaw General   
  St. Lukes  
 Saginaw Medical Center   
  Visiting Nurse Association

### \* I AM SUBMITTING INFORMATION ON:

**AWARD/HONOR**

**LIFE EVENT**

(Marriage/Commitment, Birth/Adoption, Travel, Interests, etc.)

**PROFESSIONAL EVENT**

(New Career/Accomplishment, Degree/Training Completed, etc.)

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

You may also attach this form to a separate sheet with a longer announcement.



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### MY ANNOUNCEMENT:

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