

MAKING A difference

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF COVENANT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

IMPACT [im-pakt] •

Noun • influence; effect.

Verb • to have an impact or effect on; influence; alter.

Let's Talk About IMPACT

This issue of the Covenant HealthCare Foundation Newsletter is dedicated to acknowledging impact. The impact our donors make on Covenant HealthCare, its patients, our employees, and the community.



THE IMPACT OF COVENANT KIDS

By Heather Appold, Covenant Kids Coordinator

Many articles and communications have been published educating the community about Covenant Kids; how it helps thousands of children who come through Covenant HealthCare's doors each and every year. The various units and departments who work with pediatric patients are able to purchase state of the art equipment with Covenant Kids dollars ensuring the best care possible. It's not just the children of the Great Lakes Bay Region who benefit from the generous donations supporting kids. Children from twenty-plus counties use Buzzy Bee for lab draws, are placed in Giraffe Warmers to help regulate body temperature and benefit from special positioning devices for preemies.

Covenant Kids has a much greater impact to many families; one that can't be measured by dollars and equipment, but touches their hearts and give them hope. Each year stories are shared on the Telethon by those who have benefitted from the care, compassion and human touch the staff provide. The impact of the words from parents who have lived through uncertain times, but now have a healthy child to love and nurture is amazing.

ABOVE: PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM COVENANT KIDS TELETHON.
SEE MORE TELETHON PICTURES ON PAGE 2

COMMENTS SHARED DURING THE 2016 TELETHON:

"Covenant is my hospital. I will drive by any other hospital to make sure we go there for the best care. It's a personal connection and my daughter would not be alive without your caring staff."

"After we took our daughter home from the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit we called the unit often to ask questions. We always had friendly nurses to help guide us. Not only does Covenant care for the babies, but the entire family. We felt like we were family."

"Every day I thank God for the nurses and Covenant saving my daughter's life."

The quotes go on and on, many of them sounding similar but personal to each family. The dollars raised throughout our community often have a personal connection and families are happy to share that they have a "Covenant Kid" of their own. The impact is measurable with the equipment and programs provided by Covenant Kids funding, but a much deeper impact touches the families and stays with them forever.



Join the Fun! Red Carpet 2016

There's still time to join the Red Carpet fun
August 11 and 12 at Apple Mountain.
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Extraordinary care for every generation.

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JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS!
Impact someone's life and enjoy a very rewarding experience!

We thank you for being a vital part of the Covenant family. The **impact** of your generosity has been tremendous in accomplishing our vision of "extraordinary care for every generation".



It seems like just a few weeks ago we were waking to sub-zero temperatures, and now we are more than halfway through the summer. At Covenant HealthCare Foundation, that means a frenzy of activity is taking place. Our annual Red Carpet events are just around the corner, on August 11 and 12. New to our line-up of events this year is our Red Carpet Par 3 Challenge. For this event alone, each hole will be converted to a par 3 hole. Each of the holes has a wonderful prize for the first golfer to score a hole in one on that particular hole. The prizes range from a golf trip for two to Hawaii, to \$10,000. A Harley Davidson motorcycle, a golf trip for two to Pebble Beach, and many other prizes are also possible to win. The response from area golfers has been encouraging. Even before invitations were sent out, we began receiving reservations.

This year's Red Carpet Premiere will have a Caribbean flavor. The food, decorations, and music will all feature the imprint of this tropical region. As in the past, games of chance and a huge selection of Chinese auction gifts are included in the evening's festivities. For those who are unable to join us, we do have raffle tickets at the Foundation office, with some wonderful prizes available.

In September, we will have our fourth annual Covenant HealthCare retirees' reunion. This event has proven to be a tremendous success, and we look forward to creating more memories with those whose efforts helped build the organization Covenant HealthCare is today. Well over 400 retirees have attended each of the past reunions. The day is filled with lots of laughter and priceless memories.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Second Century reception held in Frankenmuth this past May. Through the generous gifts of gracious donors, we were able to award 11 scholarships to high school seniors, and three scholarships to current Covenant employees wishing to continue their nursing education. One of the highlights of the evening was seeing the poster boards highlighting the accomplishments of past scholarship winners. In each instance, those students had pursued the medical education they aspired to when they received their Covenant scholarship. It was exciting to see that Covenant HealthCare Foundation donors had contributed to the next generation of pharmacists, nurses, physicians, and researchers.

Whether you attend a Red Carpet event, purchase raffle tickets, contribute to scholarships, support our Annual Giving campaign, or make a donation in honor of a fellow retiree, your support of Covenant is deeply appreciated. We thank you for being a vital part of the Covenant family. The impact of your generosity has been tremendous in accomplishing our vision of "extraordinary care for every generation".

Sincerely,

Carol Cottrell
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RIGHT Brent Gaertner, president of Covenant HealthCare Volunteers, presents a check to support Covenant Kids.



The Covenant HealthCare Foundation is established to support the Covenant Medical Center by accepting gifts and providing stewardship of charitable funds received from the Covenant HealthCare constituency.

BELOW The Danek family shared their story during the Covenant Kids telethon.



READY FOR THE RED CARPET?

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN THE ACTION!

AUGUST 11

NEW! RED CARPET PAR 3 CHALLENGE This new event offers 18 chances at winning 18 prizes valued over \$1,000 each! Enjoy light breakfast and the practice range before a shotgun start and 18 holes. This fun-filled event is open to the first 24 teams who register! 7:00 am registration, breakfast, and practice range; 8:30 am shotgun start. Dinner and awards ceremony following golf.

CRUMPETS & CROQUET For those who want to be part of the daytime events, but golf is not your cup of tea, join us for a different cup of tea wearing your most festive attire! Women and men will have the chance to enjoy summer refreshments on the lawn, a delicious lunch and a round of croquet. 10:30 am registration; 11:00 am croquet courts open on the driving range; 11:30 am - 2:00 pm lunch at your leisure.

RED CARPET PREMIERE Enjoy a fun-filled evening of gourmet food and casino-style gaming events. Snappy casual dress for this blockbuster bash of blackjack, slot machines, with opportunities for auctions, raffles, door prizes, and more! The action takes place from 5:30 pm to 11 pm.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

PREMIERE GOLF CLASSIC This popular event features a full breakfast and practice range, followed by a shotgun start. Pick up pointers with your team while playing with a PGA golf professional. 8:00 am registration, breakfast, and practice range; 9:30 am shotgun start; dinner and awards banquet following golf.

WHY SUPPORT RED CARPET EVENTS? THE CAUSES BEHIND THE FUN.

Each croquet player, golfer, and ticket purchased for Red Carpet contributes to a bigger cause. Proceeds raised by Red Carpet support the Covenant Breast Health Center and Covenant Hospice. Here's a bit about these important services.

Covenant Breast Health Center is a comprehensive center focused exclusively on the prevention, early detection, education and treatment of breast cancer with a team of physicians and staff that use the latest technologies coupled with compassionate care.

Covenant Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice/James E. Cartwright Care Center is a non-profit, community-based program dedicated to meeting the needs of patients with life-limiting illnesses and related family concerns with the assistance of health care professionals, paraprofessionals, and volunteers.



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ABOVE LEFT
Nothing is better,
or more fun, than
winning big at the
Red Carpet Premiere!

LEFT This team,
from the Emergency
Care Center, certainly
embraced the fun spirit
of Crumpets & Croquet.



WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Join the Covenant Cancer Care Center Patient and Family Advisory Council

Participation in the PFAC will allow participants to have an impact on patient care at Covenant, as well as hopefully developing new friendships.

The Covenant Cancer Care Center is asking individuals to consider participating on the Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC). The focus is to enhance the patient experience through the eyes of those who have been a patient or are a loved one of a patient.

Participation in the PFAC will allow participants to have an impact on patient care at Covenant, as well as hopefully developing new friendships. Ultimately, the PFAC will be comprised of former patients, family members, Covenant HealthCare leadership and staff.

Christin Tenbusch, Patient Experience Administrator, says "The goal of this group is to be the voice of patients and families. Anything we can do to enhance the patient experience is important, and getting patient and family input makes sure we are focusing on the right things."

A hospital-wide advisory council is also seeking members, but the council specific to the Cancer Care Center will kick-off first. Tenbusch says the first meeting will be held in August.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL ARE TO:

- Improve the flow of information and sharing of knowledge and experiences between patients, families, and the healthcare team.
- Identify opportunities to improve the patient and family experience.
- Participate in the development and planning of patient and family engagement initiatives.
- Serve as a link between the community and the Cancer Care Center.

To become a member of the PFAC, please contact **Christin Tenbusch, Patient Experience/PFAC Coordinator at 989.583.7491 or pfac@chs-mi.com.** Individuals can find more information and apply online at: www.covenanthealthcare.com/pfac

PATIENT AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

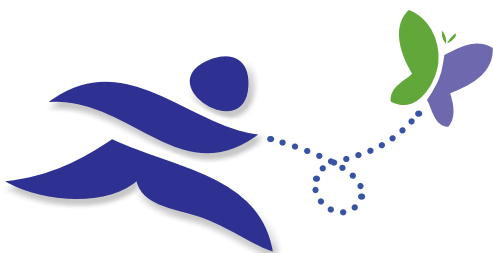
– the voice of patients and families.

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Another Great Year to Go the Extra Mile!



Race Director, Laura Fiore, along with Tri to Finish and the YMCA of Saginaw continue to make a huge impact on Covenant Kids and the community. For the past seven years, Fiore has led a group of volunteers and sponsors to put on the Covenant Kids races. The event has taken on a life of its own, and Fiore says she loves the way the community has rallied to embrace and support it.

Thanks to all who participated to make this a top-notch event for a great local cause.





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Who doesn't feel great about making a donation to support your favorite cause at Covenant HealthCare? Imagine your donation's impact if it was doubled, quadrupled, or more without spending extra money or time. Whether it is supporting Covenant Kids, Cancer Care Center, or one of our other worthy funds, your gift makes an impact and can create an even greater one.

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1. Make an online donation.
2. Share a special Givalanche link with your friends & family.
3. As they follow your link and give, your donation grows into a Givalanche!
4. The more people that give and share, the more it grows.

So, go ahead, make your donation and get good rolling!

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DONORS SUPPORT HIGHER EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

Covenant HealthCare Foundation, Covenant Volunteers and Covenant Medical Staff recently awarded 11 scholarships to high school seniors.

The recognition took place at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth, at the Foundation's annual spring Second Century Donor Reception.

Christopher Ross and Madison Lefevre received the Covenant Foundation scholarships. Christopher attends Bullock Creek High School and is headed to Pepperdine University in the fall, and Madison attends Western High School and will attend Oakland University.

Jenna Smith and Samantha Orchard received the Dr. Robert Heavenrich Health Care scholarships. Jenna attends Laker High School and is headed to Michigan State University in the fall, and Samantha attends Sandusky High School and is headed to Grand Valley State University in the fall.

Mary Pufahl and Lindsey Mead were recipients of Covenant HealthCare Volunteers' scholarships. Both Mary and Lindsey attend Swan Valley High School. Mary will attend Central Michigan University and Lindsey will head to Saginaw Valley State University in the fall.

Aiden Van Loo, Noah Stewart, Sarah Savage, and Rachel Steih received Covenant HealthCare Legal Dependent scholarships. Aiden attends Freeland High School and will head to Saginaw Valley State University in the fall. Noah attends Swan Valley High School and will head to Michigan State University in the fall. Sarah attends Kingston High School and is enrolled at Saginaw Valley State University for the fall term. Rachel attends Western High School and will head to Michigan State University in the fall.

Neil Gollapudi was the recipient of the Medical Staff Legal Dependent scholarship. Neil attends Heritage

High School and will attend the University of Michigan in the fall. All scholarship recipients were chosen based on academic achievements, extracurricular and community involvement, and personal goals.

Three Nursing scholarships were also awarded to current Covenant employees. Recipients of Covenant Medical Staff scholarships were Rachelle Agnew and Joshua Alba.

Rachelle attends Delta College and Joshua attends Saginaw Valley State University. Julie Osborne received the Nancy Butterfield Memorial scholarship. Julie attends Michigan State University. All three individuals are pursuing nursing or advanced nursing degrees.

Congratulations to the 2016 scholarship recipients!

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Madison Lefevre, Sarah Savage, Jenna Smith, Mary Pufahl and Lindsey Mead. **BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Neil Gollapudi, Chris Ross, Aiden Van Loo, Samantha Orchard, Noah Stewart and Rachel Steih.



Welcome Carrie Schultz, Major Gifts & Planned Giving Officer



Carrie Schultz has joined Covenant HealthCare Foundation after more than 20 years working in the nonprofit sector. Serving as a Major Gifts and Planned Giving Officer, she will help connect donors with their passion and support fundraising for Covenant HealthCare Foundation. Schultz will work closely with professional colleagues, donors and volunteer committees to fulfill the charitable mission of the Foundation while supporting medical

needs of Covenant HealthCare.

"I care and believe in supporting those in need. As a member of my community, I feel it is my responsibility to help make a difference," says Schultz. "I'm so excited to join Covenant HealthCare's extraordinary team of care whose, "We Care" values are what I live by. I couldn't think of a more perfect place to be."

Carrie received a Master's Degree in Science and

Administration with a concentration in Health-Care Administration from Central Michigan University, a Bachelors in Science in Human Services, and an Associates in Child Development from Lake Superior University.

Prior to joining Covenant HealthCare, Carrie was the Marketing and Fund Development Director for Child & Family Services. She held several positions through her tenure with Child & Family Services. Her responsibilities prior

to departure included management of the agencies fundraising initiatives, marketing strategies, and building external business relationships.

Schultz is a resident of Saginaw Township. Her favorite place to be is enjoying time with her family, but also enjoys walking, jogging, nature and beautiful Lake Huron.



**WANT TO
LEAVE A
LEGACY?**

Contact Covenant HealthCare Foundation (989.583.7600) with your questions as to how you might provide for a simple bequest to Covenant HealthCare via your Will or Trust or maybe by a simple beneficiary designation on an existing insurance policy or IRA. Your future gift will help provide for quality health care for generations to come!

GIFT SHOPS SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS

IMPACT: Have a strong effect on someone or something

Wow — the word **IMPACT** pretty much sums up how the volunteers directly influence the overall operations of the Covenant Gift Shops. Not only do the volunteers affect the SOMETHING by helping Covenant Gift Shops stay open longer hours than most hospital gift shops, they affect the SOMEONE by the care and concern they provide to customers.

The Gift Shops continue to evolve and grow to support the patients and employees at Covenant. This would not be possible without the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

In 2014, forty volunteers provided 10,162 hours of service for the Covenant Gift Shops. In 2015, forty-four volunteers provided 14,432 hours of service. Not only do these hours make an impact in keeping the shops open but they also allow the shops to generate extra financial resources for the Foundation and Covenant Volunteers. The financial resources provided allow Covenant to make extra efforts towards its mission.



IMPACT of *Volunteers* at Covenant HealthCare

The Volunteers at Covenant HealthCare impact the patient experience in a variety of ways. Volunteers have the time to spend an extra few moments with a patient to ensure they arrive at the correct location or lend a listening ear when a patient needs someone to talk to. In recent years, there has been a growing trend across the nation to utilize volunteers in a greater capacity at the bedside of the patient. At Covenant HealthCare, this has translated into a greater need for volunteers willing to provide service in clinical areas of the hospital.

This year, 85 high school students applied to volunteer at Covenant HealthCare. At the end of May, an orientation was offered and students will volunteer in a variety of areas around the medical center. This is a rewarding opportunity for students and helps them learn more about what types of medical field careers would interest them.

Volunteers continue to support the needs of the medical center through philanthropic giving. On May 5, the volunteers hosted their annual **Spring Fling** fundraiser. Just over \$10,000 was raised by this event to support the needs of the Cancer Care Center (see photos at right).

The **2016 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER** was held on April 28 and recognized the service and contribution of volunteers who served more than 75 hours in 2015. As part of the awards banquet, nine volunteers were acknowledged for 25-plus years of volunteer service.



ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT Roselyn Ederer (44), Florence Proux (38), Rosalie Phillips (31), Carole Moldenhauer (35), Janet Finn (24), Faye Lake (23), Shirley Fanger (30), Patsy Trissler (21), Fran Hunter (20)

The **2016-2017 VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD** was installed as part of the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 28. **BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT** Nancy Doyle (Chair), Ray Scott (Vice Chair), Sue Lautzenhiser (Secretary), Bob Farrand (Treasurer), Brent Gaertner (Counselor)



I was a patient the day you delivered Easter gifts for the patients... what a generous and loving-uplifting gesture.
— A patient

From the lobby a volunteer walked me to the Center for the Heart, across the hospital, and made me feel very comfortable, helping my anxiety. I felt as if they treated me as if I was the only patient. They brought me great comfort.
— A patient



ABOVE RIGHT Many wonderful Covenant Volunteers like these made sure the 2016 Spring Fling was another success! **RIGHT** Angelina Parcham treats her mom, Sara Juarez, with a beautiful fern for Mother's Day.



MAKE AN IMPACT BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Covenant HealthCare has over 40 different services areas with volunteers. Volunteers provide service at many Covenant facilities including the five main campuses, Bay City, Frankenmuth and Irving. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference in someone's life, consider volunteering at Covenant. Please contact Sarah Knochel, 989.583.6048 if you are interested. We offer flexible scheduling and guarantee a rewarding experience!

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CALENDAR



AUGUST

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CHALLENGE, CRUMPETS
& CROQUET AND RED
CARPET PREMIERE

12 RED CARPET
GOLF CLASSIC

23 VOLUNTEER PICNIC

SEPTEMBER

8 ALUMNI REUNION
FOR RETIREES
- APPLE MOUNTAIN

OCTOBER

13 MAJOR DONOR
LUNCHEON HORIZONS
CONFERENCE CENTER

DECEMBER

12 SECOND CENTURY
HOLIDAY RECEPTION
AT THE SAGINAW
COUNTRY CLUB

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