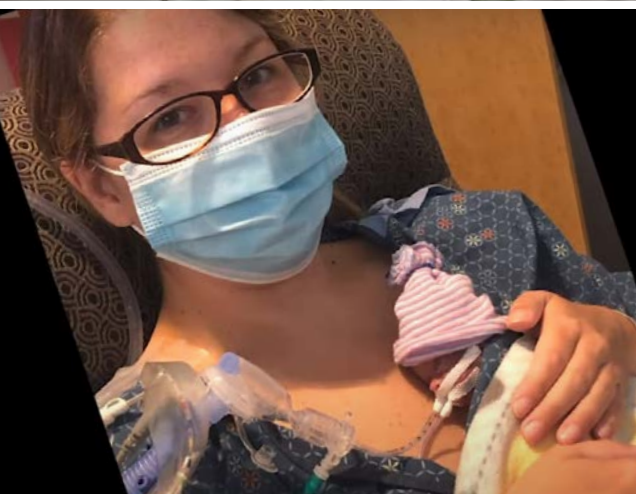


# MAKING A *difference*

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF COVENANT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

## MIRACLES HAPPEN HERE 11.2 Ounce Micro Preemie Grows, and Goes Home



Born on June 29, 2020 at 320 grams (just over 11 ounces), Harper Rose's due date was supposed to be October 23. On November 4, she was able to go home with her family after a 128-day stay in the Covenant HealthCare Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU), making her one of our smallest patients to be successfully discharged.

Harper's parents, Patrick Schultz and Emilee Wendzik, are medical professionals, both Respiratory Therapists. Schultz said that this was a "glimmer of hope" in an otherwise very difficult year.

Dr. Martin Nwankwo, a Pediatrix-affiliated Neonatologist at Covenant HealthCare, says, "This is the smallest baby that we've ever resuscitated, and to see her grow from where we started to going home now in reasonably good shape, it's mind-boggling for us. We've never done this before. And, to be honest with you, half the hospitals in the United States would not have attempted this."

"It's nothing short of a miracle," says Schultz.

Good news from 2020.

**ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Dr. Martin Nwankwo, Neonatologist, with parents Emilee Wendzik holding Harper Rose, and Patrick Schultz.

For more heartwarming stories visit [youtube.com/CovenantHealthCare](https://youtube.com/CovenantHealthCare)



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## OUR MISSION

Covenant HealthCare Foundation supports the Covenant Medical Center by accepting gifts and providing stewardship of charitable funds received from the Covenant HealthCare constituency.



**Wishing You  
the Blessings of the Season!**

## COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR



***I hope that you and your loved ones have been able to successfully adapt to the changing circumstances within our world.***

*How are you?* That question takes on a far greater importance these days, considering all that we have experienced over the past year. Gathering with family and friends to celebrate milestone moments looks much different than in years past. Travelling to faraway places has been replaced by staycations. Children attending school in pajamas is not uncommon since most learning currently takes place online. Despite all the disruptions to our traditional way of doing things, we are resilient and finding new ways to continue to enhance our life's journey.

This year has brought many new opportunities to Covenant HealthCare Foundation. Notice that I didn't say new challenges. Adversity brings us the opportunity to step back and approach a situation with a new perspective. Rather than bemoan the fact that many of our traditional events were not able to be conducted this year, we took the opportunity to re-imagine those events. The Red Carpet Par 3 Challenge, Crumpets & Croquet, and the Red Carpet Golf Classic will maintain much of the elements from previous years. However, our 2021 Red Carpet Premiere will have an entirely different look and feel. Rather than our usual casino night, we will be having an adult carnival, with carnival games, upscale carnival food, prizes, music, adult beverages, and several surprises. The entire event will be outdoors, with big top tents in case of inclement weather. Our team is looking forward to creating an entirely new Red Carpet experience for you. Please plan on joining us for a fun evening at Apple Mountain on August 5. We will all be ready for an outdoor celebration by then, right?

Our Covenant Kids gala was postponed from April until October, only to be postponed once again to this coming April — and now, in the face of the latest pandemic surge, we have postponed to October 15, 2021, at Horizons. As with Red Carpet, we took the opportunity to review all plans and design an event that will be a celebration of all pediatric services at Covenant. The evening includes a marvelous 4 course meal, specially crafted drinks, and an outstanding 10-piece dance band. All money raised for this event were earmarked for an infant transport isolette for our helicopter. We contacted our sponsors of this year's gala regarding postponing the event and offering to refund their money. In a reflection of the generosity of this community, the overwhelming response from sponsors was to keep the dollars and direct them toward the intended purpose. I am thrilled to share with you that we have been able to order the transport isolette. Thus, next year's gala will be a true celebration of the impact our donors have on the quality of pediatric care at Covenant.

As you can see, Covenant HealthCare Foundation is remaining nimble and responding to the opportunities presented to us by world events. So, back to the question I asked at the beginning of this letter. How are you? I hope that you and your loved ones have been able to successfully adapt to the changing circumstances within our world. May you find opportunities, rather than challenges. Covenant HealthCare is deeply grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from our community. Should you need us, we stand ready to provide the extraordinary care you have come to expect from us.

I wish you good health, great happiness and brighter days in 2021.

Cheers!

Carol Cottrell



# Covenant Housekeeping Department is Extraordinary!

Last year the housekeeping department wanted to make a difference in the lives of Covenant Kids. Over a few months last Fall, the department donated their change in a hand decorated Covenant Kids container. The team's spirit of making a difference may be seen in their bright and happy smiles in this photo from 2019.

This year has provided another opportunity for their team to make a difference. The continued pandemic and recent devastating floods have created an increase in Covenant HealthCare employees requesting financial support from the Hands of Hope fund. Unexpected major events such as these, can have a major financial

impact on employees that may not have a financial reserve. The housekeeping department again wanted to help.

The department has been collecting change to support the Hands of Hope fund from October 15, 2020 through January 29, 2021. Thank you, Housekeeping Team, you're extraordinary!



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## SAVE THE DATE: RED CARPET 2021 THURSDAY AUGUST 5 AND FRIDAY AUGUST 6

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

**RED CARPET 18-HOLE PAR 3 CHALLENGE** This event offers 18 chances at winning 18 amazing prizes! Enjoy light breakfast and the practice range before a shotgun start and 18 holes.

**CRUMPETS & CROQUET** Golf not your cup of tea? Join us for a lively double-elimination croquet tournament, summer refreshments on the lawn, and a delicious lunch.

**RED CARPET PREMIERE** Gather outside under the "Big Top" for our adult carnival — including carnival games, upscale carnival food, prizes, music, adult beverages, and several surprises!

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

**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. Dinner and awards banquet following golf.

For information on how to participate in or sponsor any of the Red Carpet events, please call 989.583.7600 or visit [www.covenanthealthcarefoundation.com](http://www.covenanthealthcarefoundation.com)





## SAVE THE DATE

**THE COVENANT KIDS RADIOTHON** will be on Thursday, February 11th and Friday, February 12th! 102.5 WIOG is teaming up with Covenant to host the 3rd Annual Covenant Kids Radiothon. WIOG listeners will be able to hear amazing stories from Covenant Kids and their families during the two-day radiothon. If you have an inspiring Covenant Kids story to share, please contact Karen Luplow, Covenant Kids Coordinator, at 989.583.4166 or karenluplow@chs-mi.com.



# EMPLOYEES GIVE BACK TO COVENANT KIDS

8 years ago, JB put on a golf outing with the intent to give donations back to local area charities. The 'Random Charity Golf Outing' was a perfect fit because he wanted to support the entire community in a 'random' fashion. Some charities they have donated to over the years have been: Shocks and Saves, Underground Railroad, CAN Council, East Side Soup Kitchen, Old Town Christian Outreach Center, and of course COVENANT KIDS! This wouldn't be possible without the help of friends, coworkers, golfers and generous cardiologists he works with in the Cath Lab. Thank you to our extraordinary employees!



# Tim Hortons Partners with Covenant Kids for Smile Cookie Campaign

Local Tim Hortons restaurant owners brought smiles to the Great Lakes Bay Region with their Smile Cookie fundraiser. Guests who purchased a special freshly baked chocolate chunk Smile Cookie for \$1 (plus tax), supported Covenant Kids enhancing pediatric services within Covenant HealthCare.

Tim Horton's chose Covenant Kids as one of the charities to benefit from their 2020 Smile Cookie Campaign. This year's campaign ran from September 14 through September 20 at all Tim Horton's locations. Patrons could purchase a delicious chocolate chip cookie with a blue and pink frosting smile for just \$1 (plus tax) at all Tim Horton's in Alma, Bay City, Burton, Clio, Davison, East Tawas, Essexville, Fenton, Flint, Frankenmuth, Grand Blanc, Midland, Mount Pleasant, Owosso,

Saginaw and West Branch with the entire \$1 coming back to Covenant Kids.

Our employees embraced the fundraiser and purchased nearly \$400 worth of cookies through our onsite concierge program. Another \$450 cookies were ordered by Covenant Leadership as recognition for their staff. Thanks to the support from our surrounding communities and our employees, the Smile Cookie Campaign raised more than \$5,800 for Covenant Kids this year.



# During Covid Covenant Kids Makes Community Connections



**BIKERS GIVE BACK:** The Tri-County Michigan Harley Owners Group has been supporting Covenant Kids for the past 15 years. We are grateful for these bikers with hearts of gold! They are our neighbors and friends and understand how important it is to make kids feel safe at the hospital with teddy bears. The next time you see hundreds of bikes riding in a convoy, it is likely that they're on a charity ride or helping out someone in the region. Thank you!



**KIDS HELPING KIDS:** Instead of receiving gifts, Liam collected donations for his 1st Communion. This toy donation will bring smiles and comfort to our pediatric patients. Thank you for your special contribution and for being an amazing Covenant Kid!

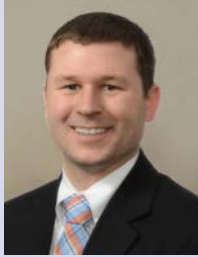


In combating the spread of COVID-19, Covenant HealthCare Foundation has postponed our major fundraiser for Covenant Kids until April of 2021. Being able to partner with another business to promote the pediatric work we do at Covenant and raise money to fill the requests from our Pediatric and RNICU departments has been a true blessing in a very complicated year.

If you or someone you know is interested in hosting an independent fundraiser to benefit Covenant Kids, please contact Aimee Minard, Corporate Relations Officer at 989.583.7602 or Karen Luplow, Covenant Kids Coordinator at 989.583.1636.

*Tim Hortons.*





### HERE FOR YOU!

If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive information as to how to include Covenant HealthCare in a will or trust, please contact Jon Homan or Carrie Schultz at the Covenant HealthCare Foundation at 989.583.7600.

*LEFT TO RIGHT Carrie Schultz and Jon Homan, Major Gifts and Planned Giving Officers.*

## A Silver Lining Amidst the Pandemic

For many people, this year has been filled with unpredictable and unplanned events. It is fair to say the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on everyone in some way or another. How the pandemic has affected each one of us is different. For some, the stress of the unknown focuses their attention on employment stability and health. With all that is going on around us, there is a higher level of consciousness to these things.

I often say, "We are overjoyed to talk about a baby's first breath but reluctant to talk about our last breath." Who wants to talk about their medical wishes and end of life? This is not easy. It is very easy to put estate planning and the safety of assets off for another day.

The pandemic has provided silver linings. One is the opportunity to have these very important discussions prior to facing end of life, making one's wishes known.

There are many reasons to have a plan in place prior to facing the end of life. Two important reasons include protection of your assets and determining who you entrust to make medical decisions on your behalf. Not having a legal plan can leave an estate vulnerable to an often lengthy, unnecessarily contentious, and stressful court process of establishing asset distribution, and may leave your loved ones without authority to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so.

Why put off creating an estate plan any longer? Maybe choosing to finally set up an estate plan to protect your asset distribution and medical wishes will be your COVID-19 silver lining.

*– Carrie Schultz, Major Gifts & Planned Giving Officer*

## Many Changes, Scholarships Remain

2020 has brought many changes to our lives from wearing masks to social distancing to worrying if the grocery store will have toilet paper on the shelves. This is all related to the pandemic that has touched every corner of the globe. While we go about our jobs at the Foundation a little bit differently due to the circumstances, our mission has remained the same, supporting the activities and programs of Covenant HealthCare.

While the changes can be a bit frustrating at times (for example, no more in person meetings, hospital visits or events), we are continuing to help the hospital and community in many ways. One, providing meals from local restaurants to feed our hospital staff, we are helping both the community and boosting the morale of our extraordinary staff.

One thing that I am very passionate about and excited to continue doing is coordinating the Covenant HealthCare Foundation Scholarship program. This program provides over a dozen scholarships to local High School Seniors as well as our nursing staff at Covenant to continue their education. For those who may be interested, the High School Scholarship application will be available on our website, [www.covenanthealthcarefoundation.com](http://www.covenanthealthcarefoundation.com) or at the front desk of our Cooper, Harrison, Mackinaw and Michigan campuses as well as at the Covenant Visiting Nurse Association on Hamilton Street.

While we move into 2021, I look forward to continuing the mission of Covenant HealthCare Foundation, while perhaps taking steps towards returning to 'normal.' It is my sincere hope that we will be able to gather for an event together in the not so distant future. Until then, Happy Holidays and good health!

*– Jon Homan, Major Gifts & Planned Giving Officer*

## Drink Coffee. Support Hands of Hope.

This December, 10% of all beverage purchases in the Covenant Coffee Clinics at Cooper and Harrison will support Hands of Hope. Hands of Hope is a fund with Covenant HealthCare Foundation that provides assistance to Covenant employees who face unexpected or emergency situations and require financial support.

Warm, cold, lattes, and teas, every purchase helps. Sip your way through the holiday season while supporting the Covenant team.



# Tree of Love Shines Bright to Assist the Family Comfort Fund

Covenant HealthCare Volunteers are hosting their annual Tree of Love giving opportunity to help raise funds for the special needs of our patients and the medical center. Proceeds go to the Family Comfort Fund, a fund designed to provide families with refreshments when their hospitalized loved one is at the last stages of life. The Family Comfort Fund is one way we can support our families during one of life's most challenging times.

For a gift of \$15, donors will be provided with a personalized limited-edition star ornament in memory or honor of a loved one. This star will be mailed to enjoy this Christmas season. With respect to COVID considerations, those who provide an email address will receive a special Tree of Love & Remembrance video during the week of December 20. This video will also be shared at [www.covenanthealthcare.com](http://www.covenanthealthcare.com) and [Facebook.com/CovenantHealthCare](https://www.facebook.com/CovenantHealthCare). Donors who wanted to include a picture of a loved one in the video, must have emailed a high-quality digital photo file to [volunteering@chs-mi.com](mailto:volunteering@chs-mi.com) by December 5. Donation forms are available at [www.covenanthealthcare.com](http://www.covenanthealthcare.com).

*The annual Tree of Love program video will be shared online via website and Facebook during the week of December 20, 2020.*



## VOLUNTEER PERSPECTIVES ON RETURNING TO SERVICE

### DID YOU KNOW?

Covenant HealthCare has over 40 different service areas with volunteers. Volunteers provide service at many Covenant facilities including the five main campuses, as well as many of the off-site locations. We offer flexible scheduling and a rewarding experience!

### TYPICAL VOLUNTEER STATS

**TOTAL Number of Volunteers: 450**

**TOTAL Volunteer Hours: 82,000**

If you or someone you know is interested volunteering at Covenant, please contact Sarah Knochel, 989.583.6048 – or you can apply online [www.covenanthealthcare.com](http://www.covenanthealthcare.com).

"I love volunteering at Covenant! So in March, when Covid 19 stopped us from volunteering, I was lost along with the rest of us. Thankfully I able to return in June to my Monday Wayfinding and my Friday at the front desk! Was I apprehensive? No. Covenant's safety plan made me feel safe. Everyone follows masking, washing hands and sanitizing. I'm definitely safer here than at a store! I'm back to normal interacting with people and helping as best I can."

– Nancy Latty, Wayfinder and Information Desk

"All of our lives changed dramatically late last spring and early summer as Covid19 entered our lives. When I received my notice that my volunteer services were being suspended for a while to protect not only myself, but also others, I was somewhat upset. I loved volunteering at Covenant and did not want to stay home, but I knew it was necessary for the protection of all of us. When the time was right and I received my call asking if I was ready to return to "work", my response was "I am ready and on my way." It was so great to see so many of the staff that had become friends over the years in the gift shop. Knowing how much they appreciate the services offered to them on a daily basis made the joy of returning even better. The jokes, the laughter, the friendship all were still there. As the hospital reopened many services and the corridors were welcoming back patients and visitors, the need for volunteers in the gift shop became even more evident. Comments from the public concerning the care family members were receiving during this difficult time made me realize just how important Covenant is to the region. I realized that returning to Covenant had a bigger impact on me than it did on those I served. I fully realized that I am a part of something so much bigger and that is the Covenant family. Combining comments from visitors with those I overheard from the staff, I knew that our region is fortunate to have Covenant. On a personal note I found out just what the Covenant staff means to the families it serves when my brother became a patient and was treated for Covid by our staff. The disease ended up taking my brother's life, but the care and concern of the staff to our family and my brother will go with us forever. What an honor to be part of the Covenant family. It takes many people to provide the necessary services to our families. Thank you, Covenant, for allowing me and all the other volunteers to be a part of this great organization. I am so glad to be back with you."

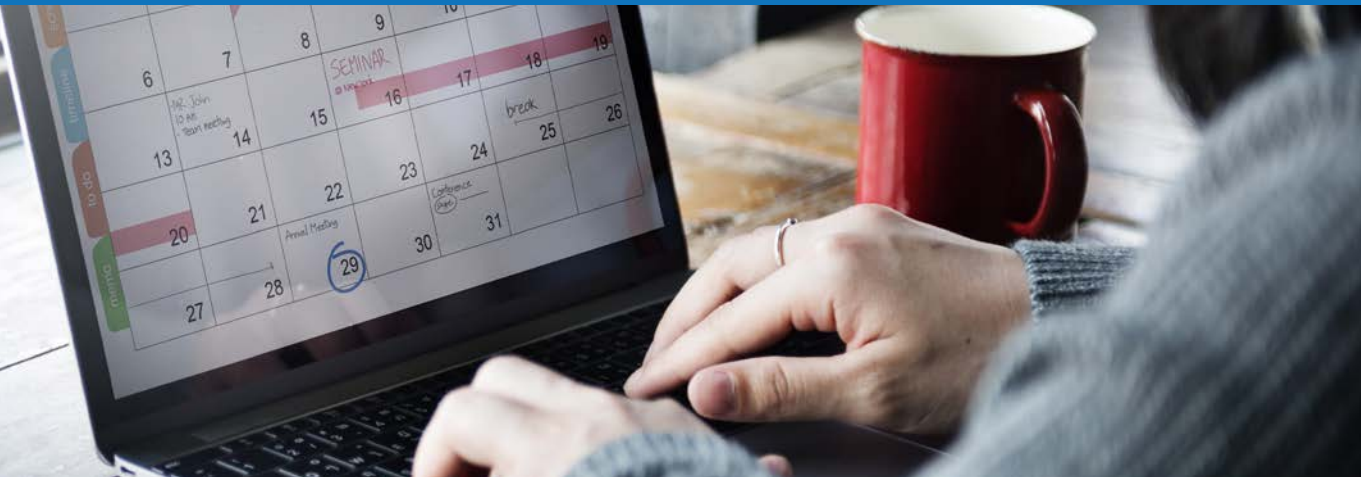
– Roger Spann, Gift Shop, PFAC executive council co-chair



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### DECEMBER 2020

**20** TREE OF LOVE & REMEMBRANCE VIDEO  
ONLINE @ COVENANTHEALTHCARE.COM AND  
ON FACEBOOK.COM/COVENANTHEALTHCARE

### FEBRUARY 2021

**11 12** COVENANT KIDS RADIOTHON  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY ON 102.5 WIOG

**28** SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE  
AVAILABLE ONLINE IN JANUARY 2021

### APRIL 2021

**19** COVENANT KIDS WEEK KICKS-OFF  
WNEM TV5

### AUGUST 2021

**5 6** RED CARPET PREMIERE EVENTS  
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