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Programs and activities of COVENANT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION



Because of You!

This issue is dedicated to showcasing the work of the Covenant HealthCare Foundation that has been made possible because of people like you! Each article within this month's newsletter will relate back to a "because of you" story. To those of you who have made contributions to Covenant HealthCare Foundation, thank you. **It's because of you we are able to carry out such important work.**



BECAUSE OF YOU... Ultrasounds Are Easier

The goal of Covenant HealthCare Foundation is to match people's passion and desire to give with a need in the hospital.

A classic example of this is when Foundation Director Carol Cottrell approached the Covenant Regional Neonatal Unit (RNICU) Manager with two simple questions, "What do you need? What piece of equipment would make things better for the patients and staff in the RNICU?"

The response? A bedside ultrasound machine.

The good news is Carol had an anonymous donor in the wings who wanted to contribute money to support the RNICU. When the donor heard about the equipment, he was ecstatic. Not only did the donor think he could fund a portion of the \$48,000, he committed to finding another donor so they could fund 100 percent of the machine.

And he did.

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LEFT: Dr. Serge Thurin, RNICU Neonatologist utilizes the ultrasound machine on a tiny patient

BECAUSE OF YOU, HALE FOE, More Women Have Access to Mammograms

Members of the Hale Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) Auxiliary have supported Covenant over the last several years by raising some \$10,000 to benefit the Covenant Breast Health Center. The money has specifically been used to help support the CARE Fund, which provides free screening mammography and any necessary follow-up care for uninsured or underinsured individuals. Members of the Auxiliary have raised funds by

sponsoring pizza nights, bake sales, and quilt raffles. While the FOE makes a variety of charitable donations, Covenant was selected as a recipient for reasons close to this group, as several of its members are breast cancer survivors. Since 2010, the CARE program has provided free mammograms to some 430 individuals who would not have been able to pay for the service otherwise. Aline Barnes, FOE

Auxiliary Chairperson said, "We enjoy supporting a program that helps people who otherwise might not be able to receive good preventive medical attention. The CARE program is a great fit for our group." The Covenant HealthCare Foundation salutes and thanks the Hale FOE for their hard work and generosity on behalf of Covenant's Breast Health Center.



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for every generation.

**You Still Have Time!
Reserve Your Spot on
the Red Carpet! See page 3**

Jacob Ninan, MD, was a beloved member of our medical staff and one of the key forces in establishing an affiliation with MD Anderson. The Dr. Jacob Ninan Educational Oncology Award has been established with the Foundation.



Carol Stoll, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice-President of Patient Services, retired in June 2015. In recognition of her longstanding tradition mentoring and supporting the development of nurses in leadership roles, the Carol Stoll Leadership Fund was created.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

BECAUSE OF YOU

This continues to be a year of change for Covenant HealthCare Foundation. With the retirements of Spence Maidlow and Mark Gronda, we welcomed Ed Bruff and Kevin Albosta to the Foundation's Board of Directors. We welcome Frumeth Hirsh as our new chairperson. Frumeth most recently served as vice-chairperson and has been a member of the Board for a number of years. Kathi Spence has served admirably as our chairperson for the past 2 years, and will remain a member of the Board. Joining Frumeth on the executive team is Lyle Davis, as vice-chairperson, and Dick Garber, as secretary/treasurer. Additionally, Brent Gaertner, as president of the Covenant HealthCare Volunteers, joined the Board. We would like to thank Kathy Parr for representing the volunteers this past year. We are looking forward to working with our new Board as we continue to support the mission of Covenant HealthCare.

In case you missed the news, Covenant is now a certified member of the MD Anderson Cancer Network®. Only 12 hospitals throughout the country are part of the Network, so this is a tremendous honor for Covenant HealthCare. It was due to the skill and expertise of our cancer team, as well as the practices utilized by Covenant in the treatment of cancer patients that resulted in the affiliation. Being part of the MD Anderson Cancer Network assures our cancer patients the most advanced levels of research and treatment protocols are being utilized in their fight against cancer.

Sadly, one of the key forces in establishing Covenant HealthCare's affiliation with MD Anderson passed away before the relationship was formalized. Jacob Ninan, MD, was a beloved member of the medical staff who died unexpectedly on March 3. Jake, as he was affectionately called by many, had practiced oncology in this community for nearly 4 decades. He was very proud of the opening of the Covenant Cancer Care Center on the Mackinaw campus, which he helped develop, and was looking forward to the MD Anderson affiliation. In honor of his years of service and commitment to his patients, the hospital, and his staff, the Dr. Jacob Ninan Educational Oncology Award has been established at Covenant HealthCare Foundation. This annual award will be given to a staff member enabling that individual to attend the MD Anderson Annual Physician Network Symposium. Contributions to this award may be made through Covenant HealthCare Foundation.

Another long-time champion of Covenant HealthCare has also had an award established in her honor at Covenant HealthCare Foundation. Carol Stoll, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice-President of Patient Services, retired in June. The directors who worked under Carol's leadership wanted to create something that was consistent with the work ethic and the values Carol displayed throughout her career. In honor of Carol's many years of service to Covenant, and in recognition of her longstanding tradition mentoring and supporting the development of nurses in leadership roles, the Carol Stoll Leadership Fund was created.

I hope that each of you is blessed with someone like Jake or Carol who inspires you to achieve even greater accomplishments in your life.

As the title of this edition of the newsletter states, the work we do is because of you. Without inspirational leaders, passionate donors, and motivated volunteers, Covenant HealthCare Foundation would not be what it is today. Thank you for making our organization vibrant.

Best wishes,

Carol Cottrell
Foundation Director



FOUNDATION NEWS

OUR MISSION: 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.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2015 RED CARPET EVENTS!

IT IS ALMOST HERE! RED CARPET 2015

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- Ladies on the Links
- Crumpets & Croquet
- Red Carpet Premiere

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

- Premiere Golf Classic

For details on how to participate in or sponsor any portion of the Red Carpet events, please call 989.583.7604, or go online to covenanthealthcarefoundation.com.



LADIES ON THE LINKS SEEKS SERIOUS FEMALE GOLFERS

Do you enjoy golf? Are you a woman on a golf league? Want a golf outing just for ladies for a good cause? Look no further — Ladies on the Links is near!

Thursday, August 13, the Covenant HealthCare Foundation Red Carpet events will kick off two days of special events, starting with Ladies on the Links. This golf scramble is for the serious female golfer. Light breakfast and practice range begins at 7:30 am with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. Participants will enjoy 18 holes of play at the area's exclusive ladies-only golf event at Apple Mountain, with contests and PGA golf professional pointers on the course. Following golf, ladies are treated to a delicious lunch, where awards and top team prizes are presented.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, ladies are encouraged to wear pink in support of breast cancer awareness.

The cost for the day is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per four-some, with corporate teams available. Rally your golf friends and sign up today by calling 989.583.7604!



CRUMPETS & CROQUET: BRING A TEAM, CHOOSE YOUR THEME!

Croquet: a game played on a lawn, in which colored wooden balls are driven through a series of wickets by means of mallets.

Never played croquet before? Don't sweat it. Crumpets & Croquet is a fun-filled event for those who don't golf and may be inexperienced in croquet, yet want to support the Covenant HealthCare Foundation. From 11 am to 1:30 pm participants can enjoy summer refreshments on the lawn and a friendly round of croquet, followed by a delicious lunch.

Unleash your creativity! If you wish to form a team, group registration is encouraged complete with a team name, theme, and/or costumes. The cost for the day is \$35 per person. Rally your friends and sign up today!

RED CARPET PREMIERE: LAS VEGAS MEETS THE RED CARPET

You might think the Covenant HealthCare Foundation Red Carpet events are just for golfers; think again. The evening of Thursday, August 13, the Apple Mountain Conference Center is transformed into a night of Red Carpet fun. And yes, there really is a red carpet!

Wear something snappy to this fun-filled evening. Your admission ticket includes everything you need to enjoy the night:

- Chips to play Las Vegas games of chance
- Cocktails and our signature Red Carpetini
- A live cool jazz combo
- Medley of rich and hearty hors d'oeuvres
- Plus, chances to win great prizes

The cost for the evening is \$80 per person for Covenant employees and \$100 per person for community members.

RED CARPET GOLF CLASSIC

This exciting golf scramble is in high demand. Currently, there is a wait list for golfers to participate in the 2015 Red Carpet Golf Classic alongside PGA Golf Professionals. Reserve your spots early next year!

All money raised at Ladies on the Links, Crumpets & Croquet, Red Carpet Premiere and the Red Carpet Golf Classic will benefit the Covenant Breast Health Center and Covenant VNA Hospice. To reserve your spot, contact the Covenant HealthCare Foundation at 989.583.7604.

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ABOVE: Crumpets & Croquet 2014

BELOW: The winning team from the 2014 Red Carpet Golf Classic



ABOVE: Fun with games of chance and enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres at the Red Carpet Premiere 2014



NEWS FROM COVENANT

CELEBRATING AN EXTRAORDINARY AFFILIATION: Covenant Certified Member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®

Covenant HealthCare is Michigan's first and only certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®, a program of MD Anderson Cancer Center. A world-renowned leader in cancer care, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is recognized as one of the best cancer hospitals — it has been ranked in the top two cancer centers in the nation since the U.S. News & World Report "Best Hospitals" survey began 25 years ago.

As a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network, Covenant is utilizing MD Anderson's renowned clinical standards and expertise to elevate the quality of care for patients in the region. Joining forces with the network allows Covenant to offer patients access to the latest in evidence-based guidelines from one of the leading cancer centers in the U.S. Covenant can now provide patients access to the most advanced treatment protocols for their particular cancer condition. In the future, patients can benefit from Covenant's access to select MD Anderson clinical trials.

To become a certified member of the MD Anderson Cancer Network, Covenant had to meet stringent clinical requirements according to MD Anderson's model. Covenant underwent clinical practice reviews and rigorous onsite and offsite evaluations of the medical oncology program, radiation oncology program, surgery, diagnostic imaging, and inpatient and outpatient pharmacy. Covenant is using MD Anderson's evidence-based clinical guidelines and best practices and using nationally accepted quality indicators to standardize the oncology program.

In addition, a number of physicians at Covenant are now certified physicians of MD Anderson Cancer Network and have access to a wide range of multidisciplinary care resources, including disease-specific and evidence-based guidelines, treatment plans and best practices developed by MD Anderson experts. With routine treatment collaboration and peer to peer consultations, some of the best cancer expertise is now close to home at the Covenant Cancer Care Center.

If you want to learn more about MD Anderson and this new affiliation and see answers to some frequently asked questions, please visit www.covenantcancer.com for additional information. +

LEFT: Participating physicians will wear a special lapel pin to identify them as one of our warriors fighting cancer.



An extraordinary affiliation to fight cancer.




ABOVE: Billboards, banners and wall signs have been installed to announce the special affiliation to the public.

BELOW, LEFT: The distribution of certified provider pins took place at the evening ceremony at Horizons Conference Center. Dr. Prakash Varadarajan participated in the pin ceremony. He was pinned by VP Michael Schultz. BELOW, RIGHT: Bill Hyslop conducts the crystal presentation and Board Chair Terry Niederstadt accepted on behalf of Covenant HealthCare.



ABOVE, TOP TO BOTTOM: Covenant HealthCare President/CEO, Ed Bruff, makes introductions at the announcement ceremony at the Mackinaw campus; Dr. Bill Murphy discusses the mission of MD Anderson Cancer Network and why Covenant is a good fit; Dr. Sussan Bays addresses the audience.



FOUNDATION UPDATES



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Taylor Hawks (Millington), Rachel Westphal (Midland Christian), Allison Vlk (John Glenn), Jordan Ensz (Midland), Madeleine Wingeier (Western), Valarie Martin (Covenant Nurse), Stephanie Griffith (Covenant Nurse); **BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Chelsea Mauritz (Covenant Nurse), Kasey Curtis (Reese), Grant Hoffman (Nouvel), Joyce Chu (Dow), Brooke Hart (Swan Valley), Cara Mitrano (Midland), Karly Mielke (Covenant Nurse), Missing: Kayla Fong (Swan Valley)

BECAUSE OF YOU... Students Are Furthering Their Education

Thanks to the generosity of donors, Covenant Volunteers, and the Covenant Medical Staff, Covenant HealthCare Foundation was able to award a total of 15 scholarships to high school seniors and employees of Covenant. All scholarship recipients were chosen based on academic achievements, extracurricular and community involvement, and personal goals.

"These scholarships are made available to the students who live in areas where Covenant HealthCare has a presence," says Tom Mueller, Major Gifts & Planned Giving Specialist with the Covenant HealthCare Foundation. High school students from Saginaw, Bay, Midland, Tuscola, Arenac, Sanilac and Huron counties were eligible to apply. "These scholarships would not be possible without donors who are committed to investing in the next generation of healthcare providers."

2015 SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECIPIENTS:

Covenant HealthCare Foundation Scholarship:

Rachel Westphal, Midland Christian High School
Planning to attend Calvin College

Joyce Chu, H.H. Dow High School
Undecided on an institution at this time

Dr. Robert M. Heavenrich Health Care Scholarship:

Kasey Curtis, Reese High School
Planning to attend Saginaw Valley State University

Jordan Ensz, Midland High School
Planning to attend University of Michigan

Covenant HealthCare Volunteer Scholarship

Kayla Fong, Swan Valley High School
Planning to attend University of Michigan

Cara Mitrano, Midland High School
Planning to attend Wayne State University

Covenant HealthCare Foundation Legal Dependent Scholarship

Madeleine Wingeier, Bay City Western High School
Planning to attend Alma College

Taylor Hawks, Millington High School
Planning to attend Michigan State University

Allison Vlk, John Glenn High School
Planning to attend Michigan State University

Brooke Hart, Swan Valley High School
Planning to attend Michigan Tech University

Covenant Medical Staff Legal Dependent Scholarship

Grant Hoffman, Nouvel Catholic Central High School
Planning to attend Michigan State University

Covenant Medical Staff Nursing Scholarship

Stephanie Griffith, Delta College

Valerie Martin, Davenport University

Chelsea Mauritz, Delta College

Karly Mielke, Saginaw Valley State University

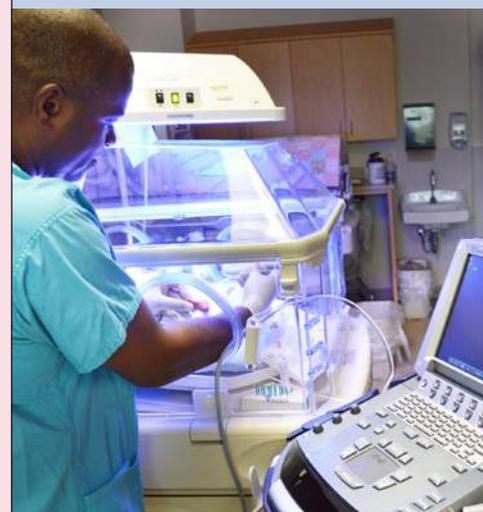
BECAUSE OF YOU... Ultrasounds Are Easier, *continued from page 1*

With the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Outstate Michigan, the donor was able to purchase the equipment.

Dr. Serge Thurin, Neonatologist with the Covenant RNICU says, "The Sonosite ultrasound machine helps neonatologists visualize tiny blood vessels under the newborn's skin which often are difficult to insert a microcatheter into with the naked eye. The equipment is also helpful in visualizing newborn internal organs which would otherwise require x-rays or CT scans — giving much greater amounts of radiation than desired."

We are grateful for our donors who support extraordinary care at Covenant HealthCare.

BELOW: The ultrasound machine allows Dr. Thurin, Neonatologist, visualize tiny blood vessels under a newborn's skin so a microcatheter can be inserted more easily



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

BECAUSE OF YOU... Students Explore Careers

Covenant HealthCare is proud to be an "Explorer Post" through the Boy Scouts of America with the mission of exposing students to careers in health care related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Thanks to employees who were willing to give of their time, students between the ages of 15 and 18 years old were able to explore different sectors of health care careers. The sessions were meant to be hands-on, interactive and educational. 27 student from the

following high schools participated: Flushing, Nouvel, Midland Dow, Birch Run, Chesaning, Reese, Heritage, Freeland and Swan Valley. Volunteer Services, Public Relations, and Human Resources, strategically selected session topics in order to showcase careers that are in demand or often of interest.

The program will be offered again in January of 2016.

Thanks to the Covenant Foundation, the cost to students was just \$5.



BECAUSE OF YOU... The Covenant Kids Telethon Was A Success!

ENJOY A FEW SCENES FROM THE TELETHON AT THE MID-MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN SAGINAW.

The sixth annual Covenant Kids Telethon was a huge success! Because of many people, the day went smoothly and we were able to share 6 hours of information with TV5 viewers on April 19. A special thank you to those who were willing to share their stories on air, to those businesses who sponsored the Telethon, and those individuals who made a pledge.

The Covenant Kids fund distribution committee met last month to review fund applications for pediatric projects within the hospital. With board approval, recipients of funds will receive notification of their awards this month. We look forward to sharing with you the projects that have been awarded Covenant Kids Funds in upcoming issues.

Since 2010, Covenant Kids has raised more than \$600,000 to support pediatric needs of the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond. With every penny of every gift to the Covenant Kids Fund going directly to support medical equipment and programs for pediatric patients - it's no surprise great work can be done.

For continuous updates about Covenant Kids, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CovenantKidsMI, or, to see video clips from the Covenant Kids Telethon, visit the Covenant YouTube page at YouTube.com/CovenantHealthCare.

If you or a group you are part of wishes to learn more about Covenant Kids, contact Covenant Kids Coordinator, Heather Appold, at 989.583.4166.

Thank you for the role you played in the Telethon!



VOLUNTEER SERVICES UPDATE

BECAUSE OF YOU...

Volunteers!

Volunteers are the backbone of any organization. For Covenant HealthCare, our 465 volunteers are often the first and last impression and so much in between for our patients and visitors.

PATIENTS WERE COMFORTED. While many of our volunteers work in public areas of the organization, some work behind the scenes. One example is our workshop volunteers. These volunteers knit and crochet items for our patients including baby hats, prayer shawls, cast covers and more. Volunteers work to ensure that every baby born at Covenant receives a handmade baby hat and that our cancer patients are kept comfortable and warm with a blanket. In fact, nearly 21,000 hours of our volunteers' time went into creating comfort items for our patients. If you are interested in supporting this cause, patterns are available from the Volunteer Services department.

The Volunteers at Covenant HealthCare recently contributed \$8,000 to the Family Comfort Fund. The monies were made possible by the 2014 Tree of Love Campaign. The Family Comfort Fund is designed to support families when a hospitalized loved one is at the last stages of life. Gifts to this fund provide refreshments to family members during this difficult time.

THE CANCER CARE CENTER IS GROWING. The Volunteers also raised \$15,300 on their Spring Fling Fundraiser held in May. Proceeds from this event benefit the Covenant Cancer Care Center.

SMILES WERE SERVED. The popcorn chefs at Covenant popped a record amount of corn in fiscal year 2015. Our infamous chefs closed out the year with \$8,800 in net sales —over 11,700 bags of popcorn sold! Each week, our chefs bring a smile to faces of employees and visitors!

RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Workshop volunteers like Pat Lapinsky work to ensure that >> every baby born at Covenant receives a handmade baby hat and that our cancer patients are kept comfortable and warm with a blanket; Sue Myers was one of the volunteers manning the Spring Fling tent at the Mackinaw campus; Brent Gaertner is one of our faithful popcorn chefs.



ANNE LORENTZEN ELECTED TO MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE ADVOCATES BOARD

Volunteer Anne Lorentzen was recently elected to the Michigan Association of HealthCare Advocates (MAHA) Board as Secretary. Anne also serves on the East Central District board as a past president and counselor. MAHA helps facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between district, local volunteer organizations, and other health related organizations within the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA). It is an honor to have volunteers from Covenant HealthCare represented on the regional and state levels. Anne, a retired nurse and Saginaw General Nursing School graduate, volunteers at the Cooper Campus Surgical Desk and serves on various committees for the volunteers.



Interested in Volunteering?

Covenant HealthCare has over 40 different service 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 a guarantee of a rewarding experience!

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CALENDAR

AUGUST 13 RED CARPET EVENTS
LADIES ON THE LINKS
CRUMPETS & CROQUET
RED CARPET PREMIERE
- APPLE MOUNTAIN

AUGUST 14 RED CARPET GOLF CLASSIC
- APPLE MOUNTAIN

AUGUST 26 VOLUNTEER PICNIC
- BLISS PARK

SEPTEMBER 10 ALUMNI REUNION
FOR RETIREES
- APPLE MOUNTAIN

OCTOBER 15 MAJOR DONOR LUNCHEON
LUNCHEON - HORIZONS
CONFERENCE CENTER

DECEMBER TREE OF LOVE CEREMONY
- COVENANT COOPER

DECEMBER 10 SECOND CENTURY
HOLIDAY RECEPTION
- SAGINAW COUNTRY CLUB



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- Foundation news and updates
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