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Cass Regional Foundation to Host “The Annual Fundraising Dinner That Wasn’t”

This year, Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation will host a different kind of fundraising dinner. On Friday, April 31 (because there is no such date), guests are invited to **not** attend an event that will **not** begin promptly at 6 p.m. Instead, patrons are asked to spend an evening enjoying their own pursuits (TV, bunny slippers and popcorn are optional), and to participate with a donation that is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Infusion Clinic, Pain Management Clinic and Simulation Laboratory at Cass Regional Medical Center. The generosity of our donors will help us provide equipment and patient amenities within these spaces.

Infusion Clinic

The Infusion Clinic treats patients who receive intravenous medications, including chemotherapy, for a variety of conditions. Proceeds will help fund items such as tablets and laptops for patients; privacy curtains; chairs for family members; art work; and call lights, monitors, IV pumps, bedside tables and overhead dimmer lights for each patient bay.

Pain Management Clinic

The Pain Management Clinic, which was previously housed in the Surgery Department, helps patients with persistent and chronic pain. Proceeds will help fund items such as: recliners and a television for the recovery area, a beverage

station; art work; surveillance video equipment; and magazine racks.

Simulation Laboratory

The Simulation Laboratory will house the patient simulator manikins and consists of a patient simulation room, a classroom and an observation room for instructors. The space will be utilized by Cass Regional clinical staff, area EMS personnel and Cass Career Center students. Proceeds will help fund items such as demo medications; simulation kits for treating different conditions; and a hospital bed.

Donors to the “non-event” will be invited to a special open house in June to see the spaces they have helped fund. If you would like to be part of this wonderful opportunity to help Cass Regional care for the person in each patient, or if you would like more information, contact Melissa Lattin at (816) 380-5888, ext. 4810, or via e-mail at mlattin@cassregional.org.



Cass Regional nurses improve clinical skills by using the pediatric patient simulator.

Donors Make a Difference - A Look Back at Accomplishments You've Made Possible

On February 7, the Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors met to determine the 2015-2017 strategic plan. As part of the session, the board reviewed the accomplishments of the 2012-2014 plan. Since our donors are to thank for making all this possible, we would like to share these exciting numbers with you.

Capital Campaign

- Disbursed remaining funds to hospital (\$731,459)
- Funded Healing Garden water feature repairs (\$10,857)

Equipment Purchases

- Raised \$201,744 gross / \$145,655 net from three dinner fundraising events
 - Pediatric patient simulator manikin (\$33,555)
 - Adult patient simulator manikin (\$47,995)
 - Simulation lab construction support (\$52,574)
- UbiDuo communication device for hearing impaired (Cleo McCoy Fund - \$1,995)
- PocketTalker communication device for hearing impaired (\$126)
- Yellow gowns for fall-risk patients (\$600)
- Recliners for Rotunda waiting area near ICU (Alma Brown Fund - \$3,830)

Patient Assistance Fund

- Raised a net of \$6,778 from the Grin & Bear It Run

- Raised a net of \$12,694 from the Healthy Angels Ride
- Received additional \$5,500 from Caring Hearts of Peculiar and Peculiar Charitable Foundation
- Granted \$15,550 in support of 233 patient needs

Employee Assistance Fund

- Received \$38,354 in donations from employees
- Granted \$34,063 in support of 18 employees

Pulmonary Rehab Copay Assistance Fund

- Granted \$9,085 in support of 14 patients

Scholarships

- Established the Alma Brown Scholarship and the Dr. Gail G. Kroenke Memorial Scholarship
- Granted \$44,550 in support of 21 students

Cass Regional Gardens

- Raised \$21,946 from plant sales, individual memorial/honor gifts, and brick sale net proceeds
- Placed 31 red bricks and 3 granite bricks in the memorial garden (\$4,600)
- Healing Garden pergola, footbridge and sidewalk extension (donated by the Rotary Club of Harrisonville)
- Emergency department entrance landscaping, Healing Garden courtyard interior corner bed, employee memorial garden, parking lot island, pergola bed,

replacement trees/plants – funded with gifts from Joe Eastin and in memory of Sue Niermeier (\$29,600)

- Pergola beds, butterfly/footbridge garden, wind sculpture bed, rehabilitation patio garden, tree replacement – funded with capital campaign and garden funds (\$15,317)
- Five wind sculptures donated - in memory of Dr. Donald Frein, Bill James, and the James family, and in honor of Eunetta Buckner/ Mary Christman and Dr. Robert Wheeler (\$8,060)

Total Direct Impact 2012-2014

- \$1,039,616 disbursed
- 286 individuals directly impacted
- Plus immeasurable indirect impact to patients, visitors, staff, students and donors



Wind Sculptures in the Healing Garden at Cass Regional



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The term “planned gifts” refers to donations that are made from a donor’s accumulated assets and are part of the donor’s overall estate plan. These can include simple bequests provided for in the donor’s will (such as a set amount of money or a percentage of the estate), gifts of life insurance or the establishment of charitable trusts and annuities.

At the direction of the individual donors, these gifts can be used to establish scholarships for health care students, obtain life-saving equipment for Cass Regional, or furnish certain areas of the medical center. Since these gifts are “lifetime” donations made from assets acquired over a period of years, many donors have been able to make a substantial gift that otherwise would not be possible if it were given out of current income. For many donors, even those of modest means, planned giving offers the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy in an area of special interest for them.

For more information regarding a planned gift for Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation, please contact Sonya McLelland at (816) 380-5888, extension 4650, or via e-mail at smclelland@cassregional.org.

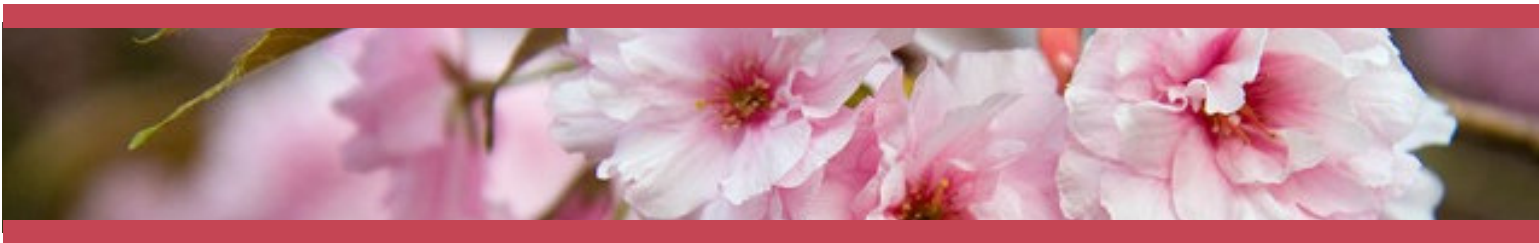
Mary James Bequest Provides Education for Oncology Nurses

Mary L. James of Harrisonville, Mo., dedicated most of her life to helping others through her work and volunteer service. Cass Regional Foundation is one of the many organizations that benefited from Mary’s expertise and compassion. She worked for two years as the executive director of Cass Regional Foundation and volunteered for seven years on the Cass Regional Foundation Board of Directors.

Mary passed away on January 2, 2009. Through a life insurance policy she established for the benefit of Cass Regional Foundation, she was able to support the same causes that were important to her throughout her life: health care and education. Interest from the fund established with her gift is used to support the continuing education of Cass Regional’s oncology nurses.



Mary L. James



Garden Serves as Tribute to Loved Ones



Memorial Brick Path

As Memorial Day approaches, we are reminded of loved ones and friends we have lost through the years, as well as those who have made an impact on Cass Regional. Several donors have chosen to place an engraved brick or bench in our

Memorial Garden as a meaningful tribute to a loved one's life.

The Memorial Garden was established in 1996 on the grounds of Cass Regional Medical Center's former facility at 1800 East Mechanic Street in Harrisonville. The garden was dedicated in memory of Rosemary Kauffman, who was a supervisor of the Medical/Surgical Unit at Cass Regional. When Cass Regional moved in 2009, the Memorial Garden was re-created on the northeast side of the hospital. The bricks and benches that graced the former site were relocated, and a new gazebo was constructed. Originally designed by the construction landscape architects,

the garden has been modified and enhanced by several community volunteers and volunteers from the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City.

Over 200 engraved bricks and 7 benches grace the garden, and have been placed by donors to remember and honor loved ones. Proceeds from the brick and bench donations are used to support the ongoing maintenance of the garden.

If you are interested in placing a brick or bench, please fill out the form below and mail it with payment to Cass Regional Foundation, 2800 E. Rock Haven Rd., Harrisonville, Mo. 64701.

Memorial Garden Brick/Bench Order Form

Ordered by:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/we wish to order the following to be placed in the Memorial Garden:

- _____ Engraved Red Brick(s) @ \$100 each
- _____ Engraved Granite Brick(s) @ \$500 each
- _____ Engraved Granite Bench(es) @ \$5,000 each

ORDER TOTAL: _____ *(please make checks payable to Cass Regional Foundation.)*

Please enter your desired inscription(s) below:

Brick #1

Brick #2

Bench Side 1

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Bench Side 2

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Patient Assistance Fund Provides Aid to Disadvantaged Patients

The Patient Assistance Fund is used by the Case Management staff at Cass Regional to assist disadvantaged patients with specific needs they have related to their care. Many patients who come to Cass Regional Medical Center are in need of financial help and we do our best to aid them.

Frequently, patients do not even have someone to transport them home from the hospital, let alone resources

to pay for the medicines or health care supplies they'll need after they go home. The Patient Assistance Fund is an important tool for our caring staff to use when coordinating a patient's discharge plan.

The fund was founded in 2005, when three Cass Regional nurses recognized a growing need among Cass Regional patients. They, along with Cass Regional Foundation, set out to see

the need fulfilled. Since its start in 2005, the fund has provided over \$34,000 in assistance to more than 650 patients.

The fund is supported through individual donations and proceeds from two annual events, the Healthy Angels Ride and the Grin & Bear It Run.

Upcoming Events

“Securing Your Retirement - Transforming Social Security into a Winning Retirement Strategy”

Sponsored by Cass Regional Foundation's Professional Advisory Council
Tuesday, April 28, at 4 p.m.

Cass Regional Conference Rooms 1 & 2

Guest presenter: Daniel Frank, CIMA®, from BlackRock Investments
RSVP to Melissa Lattin: (816) 380-3474, ext. 4810, or mlattin@cassregional.org

The Annual Fundraising Dinner That Wasn't

(See page 1 for more details)

Benefitting the Infusion Clinic, Pain Management Clinic and Patient Simulation Laboratory at Cass Regional Medical Center

Healthy Angels Ride

Saturday, August 15, at 8 a.m. (Departure is at 9 a.m.)

Cass Regional Medical Center, Harrisonville, Mo.

Benefitting the Patient Assistance Fund at Cass Regional Medical Center

Our Mission

The mission of Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation is to support the medical center in its quest to provide exceptional quality health care for the community. The Foundation encourages private philanthropy to further the vision, values, and goals of the medical center, especially in community outreach.



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We hope you have enjoyed this inaugural issue of “Making a Difference.” If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please e-mail mlattin@cassregional.org or call (816) 380-5888, ext. 4810.