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Annual Donors Help Fund Music & Memory Therapy for Cass Regional Patients



Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia are devastating diseases that rob families of their loved ones. According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 5 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's, with the estimated number rising to 16 million by 2050. Many such patients are treated within the Sage Senior Behavioral Health Unit

(BHU) at Cass Regional. The 10-bed unit provides each patient with a personal treatment team that addresses both their psychiatric and physical illnesses.

Now, thanks to generous donors just like you, the BHU will provide an extra level of care with the Music & Memory program. Research has proven that music therapy can make a significant positive impact on a patient's demeanor and quality of life. Given that the human brain is hard-wired to connect music with long-term memory, our caregivers utilize a patient's personalized selection of music to tap into deep memories that are not yet lost to dementia.

To learn more about how you can support this and/or other Foundation programs, please contact Melissa Lattin, Foundation assistant, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4810, or via email at mlattin@cassregional.org.





Foundation to Host a Super-Powered Annual Fundraising Dinner in April

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Some wear capes and tights; others wear scrubs and stethoscopes. This April, we'll be celebrating with the unspoken heroes of our hospital community - you, our donors. We're inviting you to suit up and join our league of extraordinary donors for the 2018 annual fundraising dinner.

Cass Regional Foundation will host the dinner on National Superhero Day, Saturday, April 28, at Loch Lloyd Country Club in Belton, Missouri. Tickets are \$100 per person. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and silent auction,

followed by dinner and a live auction. The fundraising goal for the event is \$60,000.

Proceeds from the event will allow for an expansion of the Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation Patient Assistance Fund. The fund currently provides aid to Cass Regional patients in need with expenses after discharge, including medication, transportation and medical equipment. Since 2005, the fund has provided over \$46,000 in support of nearly 800 patients.

With the new expansion, the fund will be utilized to allow patients in need to

access select services and procedures that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

More information will be forthcoming in the next issue of the "Making A Difference" newsletter. Information will also be available at www.cassregional.org and on Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation's Facebook page.

If you are interested in attending the dinner, please contact your friendly superhero sidekick, Melissa Lattin, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4810, or via email at mlattin@cassregional.org.



Be a superhero to a patient in need and join us April 28!



\$8,500 in Scholarships Awarded in 2017

Through the generosity of donors just like you, eight local students have received scholarships to help them achieve their career goals in health care. The Foundation would like to thank all of the scholarship donors and congratulate the recipients of these prestigious awards.

Alma Brown Scholarship

The Alma Brown Scholarship was established in 2013 with a bequest from Alma Brown of Harrisonville. This \$1,000 scholarship is offered once a year and was awarded to Josh Coats of Belton, Mo. Josh is attending Missouri Southern State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Wanda Brown Scholarship

The Wanda Brown Scholarship was established in 1999 with a gift from Wanda A. Brown. This \$1,000 scholarship is offered once a year and was awarded to Carrie Keyser of Raymore, Mo. Carrie completed her Practical Nursing course at Cass Career Center in June 2017.

Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship

The Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship was established by friends and colleagues to honor Mr. Douglas' 25 years of service on the hospital board. This \$500* scholarship is offered once a year and was awarded to Hayley Wells of Belton, Mo. Hayley is attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City to pursue a pharmacy degree.

Geraldine Kidd Scholarship

The Geraldine Kidd Scholarship was established by colleagues, family and friends in memory of "Gerri" Kidd, who was an LPN for over 20 years at Cass Regional. This \$500* scholarship is offered once a year and was awarded to Kelsey Cumpton of Garden City. Kelsey is attending the University of Central Missouri to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 with a bequest from Dr. Kirsch's widow, Evelyn. This scholarship is offered twice a year.

The first \$1,500* Kirsch Scholarship was awarded to Maria Bueno of Raymore, Mo. Maria is attending KU Medical Center to pursue a master's degree in dietetics and nutrition.

The second \$1,000* Kirsch Scholarship was awarded to Gracie Ring of Pleasant Hill, Mo. Gracie is attending Nebraska Wesleyan University to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Jan Perry Scholarship

The Jan Perry Scholarship was established in 2002 by the late Jan Perry, who was a member of the Cass Regional Auxiliary, and her husband, Wirt. This \$1,500 scholarship is awarded twice a year.

The first Perry Scholarship offered in 2017 was awarded to Jodi Rhodes of

Cleveland, Mo. Jodi graduated from Missouri Western State University in December 2017 with a degree in nursing.

The second Perry Scholarship of 2017 was split between Susan Miller and Salena Ackerman, both of Harrisonville, Mo. Susan is attending Metropolitan Community College to pursue a Registered Nursing degree. Salena is attending Grand Canyon University to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

**The scholarship amount varies from year to year and is dependent upon the investment earnings available.*

Scholarships Available in Spring 2018

Beginning February 15, the following scholarships will be open for application:

- Alma Brown Scholarship
- Wanda Brown Scholarship
- Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship
- Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Gail G. Kroenke Memorial Scholarship
- Jan Perry Scholarship

Apply at www.cass-scholarships.fluidreview.com. For more information, contact Melissa Lattin, Foundation assistant, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4810, or via email at mlattin@cassregional.org.



How YOU Made a Difference in 2017

Contributions and Other

Income

Total: \$129,162.78

Employee Assistance Fund:
\$12,359.41

Patient Assistance Fund: \$13,744.55

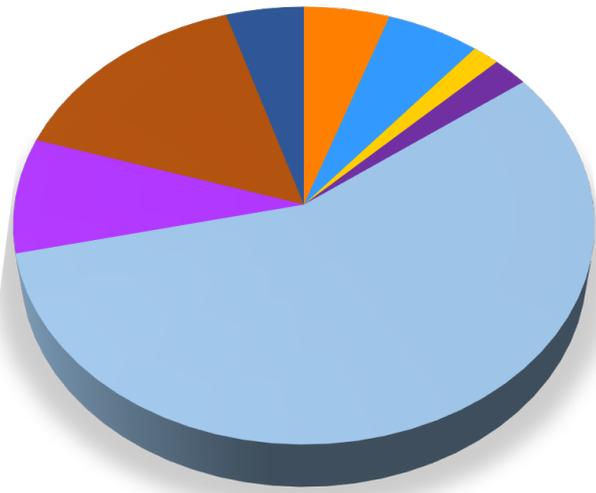
Memorial and Healing Gardens:
\$3,434.00

Area of Greatest Need: \$25,390.38

Facility Improvements/Equipment:
\$68,742.44

Other Income (sales, raffles, etc.):
\$5,492.00

Thank you for your generous support!



Expenditures

Total: \$162,343.76

- Scholarships
\$8,500.00 / 5%
- Employee Assistance Fund
\$9,268.76 / 6%
- Patient Assistance Fund
\$2,697.60 / 2%
- Memorial/Healing Gardens
\$3,562.80 / 2%
- Facility Improvements
\$91,973.08 / 57%
- Fundraising Expense
\$13,797.54 / 8%
- Operational Expense
\$24,837.32 / 15%
- Other Charitable Expense
\$7,706.66 / 5%

Upcoming Events

Annual Fundraising Dinner

5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 28
Loch Lloyd Country Club, Belton, Mo.
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I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.

~Maya Angelou

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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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Please remember Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation in your will.



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