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MESSAGE FROM THE FRONTLINES

Thank you so much for your continued support of the staff here at William Newton Hospital. I wanted to take a moment to update you on what we have been working on. Our new Halo PAPP devices have arrived and the staff are currently getting fit tested to the new masks. These devices are a lightweight, safe, and reliable respirator for the staff to use while giving patient care without having to use the resources of an N95 mask.

We continue to evolve our current isolation areas to accommodate COVID positive patients. We now have eight medical COVID beds, two ICU COVID beds, and two OB COVID beds. We have begun administering outpatient Bamlanivimab infusions for the treatment of COVID-19 in non-hospitalized patients 12 years of age and older with mild to moderate symptoms and who are at high risk for developing severe COVID-19 symptoms or hospitalization. This drug is authorized for use under an emergency use authorization. It takes approximately two hours total; one hour to infuse and one-hour post infusion monitoring. We have seen good results in those who have received this treatment!

We have administered the first round of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to our healthcare workers who are likely to be exposed to or treat people with COVID-19 and are unable to work from home. We will administer the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine this week along with the first round of the Moderna vaccine. We are hopeful this vaccine will be the light in the tunnel for all.

The staff are resilient. They are tired. They are hopeful. They are leaders. I am amazed each day at the work that is being completed in our hospital to care for those in need.

I am proud to call William Newton my home, proud of the William Newton Team and thankful for supporters, like you, we can count on to cheer us on.



Laura Frazier RN-BC, BSN
Chief Nursing Officer

UPLIFTING NEWS

On the Cover: The first round of vaccines was given to frontline staff a few weeks ago. Boosters and additional vaccines will be given this week.

+ The **WNH Auxiliary** gave \$48,000 this year towards their Second Century Campaign pledge, including \$3,000 for new wheelchairs.

+ The **Board of Trustees** will be gifting each employee a gift card to the hospital's micro market. The market is open 24/7 and offers snacks, quick meals, and drinks for staff, patients, and visitors, providing an alternate vending option and more food selection for evening/night staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

+ **Wine-O Trail Run - May 22:** Registration opens Feb. 8. Catch the early-bird special and save \$10. The price increases to \$55 on Feb. 10. Visit the Wine-O event page on Facebook for more info! **We're looking for volunteers!** See pg. 4 for details.

+ **Gala - October 16:** Watch for your invitations in late spring or early summer!

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PANDEMIC PEN PAL PROJECT

This project was created as a result of your feedback. In speaking with many of you over the phone or via email, you all want to help, and say thank you to our frontline workers. Maybe you don't want to help with cash but in some other way. This is a way to express your appreciation to the frontline workers in writing a quick handwritten letter of encouragement. It is easy and free, with the exception of a stamp. Please call the foundation office and we will give you a name of an employee, and you can send one letter or one letter a week or month. The frequency is up to you. If you prefer to send a video message, or take a photo with you and your family with a sign, that is wonderful, too. We have received lots of feedback from employees sharing that receiving a handwritten note makes their day. **Madeline Norland** and **Todd DeMint** were the first foundation donors to write letters to two frontline workers, and they have written two more letters to their pen pals. The employees are not expected to write back but may choose to do so. If you're looking for an easy and heartfelt way to give back, let us know!



#FRONTLINESTRONG CARE PACKAGES

With a #BCBSKSPathways grant from RISE Cowley/Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas to help bring healthy food to our frontline during the pandemic, and several generous donors, 320 care packages were delivered a few weeks ago to healthcare workers who keep working shifts day-in and day-out. **Mike & Linda Harvey, Todd Peters, MD Pediatrician & Holly Peters, Craig & Diana Duncan, Teresa Cramer, and Blake Boswell** helped bring small comforts to those in frontline positions with a care package containing a granola bar, fruit snacks, mints, hand lotion, facial tissue, and lip balm. Thank you to our community for helping keep our #FrontlineStrong. Our employees appreciate the support from the community and donors like you!



THANKFUL THURSDAYS



Candice Coffman works at William Newton Foot & Ankle and won a \$100 gift card to Schmidt Jewelers, Inc. She was thrilled to receive it and said "I will have to tell Shawn that I have \$100 credit to upgrade one of my jewels!" We are thankful for employees like Candice for everything they do at

WNH. And a big thanks to the generous donors of the William Newton Healthcare Foundation that want to brighten up days here for our employees. The WNH employees are working very hard always to provide quality patient care to our community. Schmidt Jewelers has supported the Foundation as the Bling sponsor at our annual Gala for many years and we are so happy they are a part of the WNH team!



Christmas Eve was **Jessica Burke's** lucky day. She won a \$100 Gift Card from RCB Bank and also won a ticket to the Walnut Valley Festival the day before! As Gregg Conklin, Market President of RCB Bank states, "Human spirit is powerful. As we draw a close to the year 2020 may the spirit of all

those at William Newton Memorial Hospital remain steadfast and strong. We hope the coming year will be full of new dreams and you achieve happiness in life. From everyone at RCB Bank our sincere gratitude to all those serving in healthcare. May your human spirit continue to shine to everyone you serve."



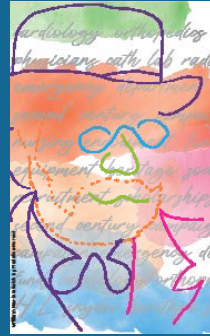
Danielle Day, who works in registration, won a \$100 gift card to Union State Bank.

As Cory Helmer, Winfield President of Union State Bank states, "This past year has placed a spotlight on the importance of our community's healthcare workers. As the world

went into quarantine, you held strong and continued to care for your friends and neighbors. Through your tireless efforts, countless lives were impacted for the better. As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank you on behalf of the entire Union State Bank organization for a tremendous effort, and wish each and every one of you a very happy and healthy 2021!" Union State Bank has supported WNHF as Presenting Sponsor of the Annual Gala for nearly a decade and we are grateful they are a part of the WNH team as well as our community.

GIVING UPDATE

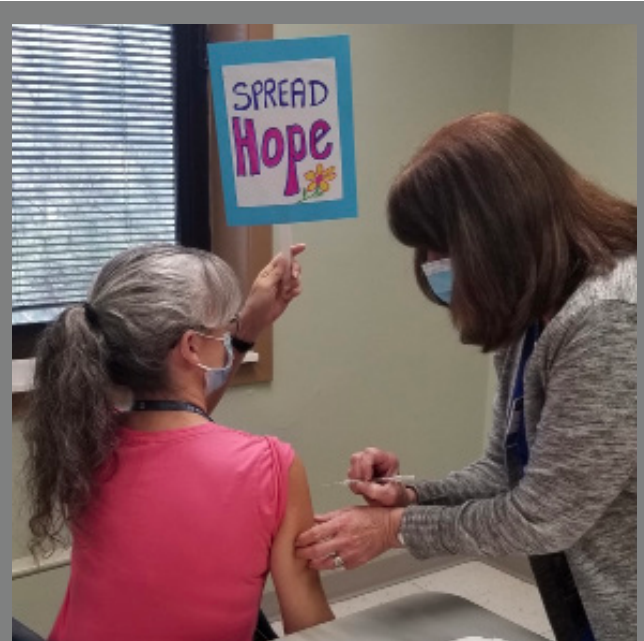
YEAR-END GIVING



A total of \$50,150 was raised during the month of December, mostly in response to our annual year-end giving card featuring a sketch of William Newton drawn by Madeline Norland. Thank you to all those who donated to the foundation in any way in 2020!

HERITAGE GIVING

Please contact the foundation office or any of the heritage society members below if you are interested in giving a heritage gift or if you want to learn more. **Committee Members:** Steve McSpadden, David Andreas, Cheryl Brock, Mary Jarvis, Joe Langley, Becky Long, Patty Neises, Paula Radcliff, and Beth Wilke



SPREAD HOPE

Mel Burnett, MSN, RN, holds up a sign saying 'Spread Hope' while receiving her Pfizer vaccine booster this week. Mel was among the first group of frontline staff who received the Pfizer vaccine a few weeks ago. Another batch of healthcare workers are also receiving the Moderna vaccine this week.

WINE-O TRAIL RUN

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION



WHAT TO EXPECT:

By volunteering at the Wine-O Trail Run, you'll be part of a community of top-notch individuals focused on bringing this event to life. Now in its 9th year, the Wine-O Trail Run has seen thousands of runners and walkers, and an event of this scale would not be possible without people like you. Volunteer duties can include registration and bag pickup, wine servers, crowd control, trail helpers, and more.

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- volunteer t-shirt
- glass of wine
- commemorative Wine-O Trail Run wine glass
- scones & coffee on the day of the event

INTERESTED? Contact Brittney Carson at brittney.carson@wnmh.org or call 620.222.6275

**we reserve the right to postpone or cancel this year's event if deemed necessary by local health officials.*

