

# FOUNDATION FORWARD

## DECEMBER 2021

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a year! I'll keep this short and sweet, as there is so much good news to read in the newsletter. Donors like you have truly made 2021 another successful year for the foundation and the hospital. In addition to the philanthropic generosity of funds donated this year, you have also



**Annika Morris**  
WNHF Director

inspired others to give their time, talent, and treasure, you have raised the spirits of our employees, and you have shared your positive and negative experiences at the hospital with us, particularly with respect to the emergency department, our next capital project. It is only through hearing about both that we can improve your patient care experience here, now and for the second century. Because at the end of the day, what we all would like is for our friends and family to receive quality healthcare close to home. Wishing you and all of those close to you a very happy new year. See you in 2022!

### HERITAGE SOCIETY

This year the heritage society committee reached their million dollar legacy challenge goal, which is an incredible feat that we will be celebrating in February! Their next goal is to recruit 100 members before WNH's hundredth birthday in 2027. Currently, they have 25 members.

If you are interested in joining the heritage society, please feel free to contact our office or any of our committee members for more information (Steve McSpadden, Mary Jarvis, Becky Long, David Andreas, Patty Neises, Joe Langley, Cheryl Brock, Paula Radcliff). We do not need documentation or details, just the intent to include the hospital in your estate plans. If heritage giving is not in your plans right now, but you'd still like to support the hospital, contact us to learn about more options!

### THE GOOD NEWS

- + Over \$7,500 was raised from just year-end giving!
- + The Wine-O Trail Run, one of our two annual record-breaking fundraising events, will return for its 10th year on May 21! Mark your calendars and watch for registration to open in the beginning of February. We're also looking for volunteers! If you're interested in helping out with our 10th anniversary party, contact Brittney to get signed up.
- + As of today, all tax credits for our 2021-22 project - Calling for Quality Care: Nurse Call System - have been sold! The new system, which will benefit Med/Surg, ICU, OB, and the SANE rooms, is in the process of being setup now. This is a big positive for staff & patient safety!
- + The WNH Auxiliary contributed \$41,700 to the WNH Healthcare Foundation this year and are just \$6,600 from reaching their \$250,000 pledge commitment - almost paid off a year early.

#### Positives from nursing departments:

- + 2-East received a new patient lift thanks to our donors. This has already made a huge impact on our patient satisfaction and patient/staff safety.
- + ER has added APRN's to help in busy times.
- + ICU added TeleTechs to their care team.
- + A large donation from an anonymous donor will impact several WNH departments, including surgery, rehab, med/surg, and OB, through equipment purchases and facility improvements. Some equipment has already been delivered and is making a huge impact on patient care.
- + OR received new scopes. **Also, the OR is currently fully staffed!** This is a goal all nursing departments are striving for in 2022!

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## DAISY AWARD WINNER - KELLY MELKONIAN, RN

Congratulations to **Kelly Melkonian**, RN, who was awarded the 2021 DAISY Award. Kelly works in Med/Surg and is the fourth winner at WNH. She was surprised with the award and cinnamon rolls by her husband and members of the WNH Administration team, QI Manager Sarah Clawson, and Med/Surg Supervisor Jennifer Owen. The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses<sup>®</sup> is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day. Stay tuned for a recognition of all of our DAISY Award nominees, and please join us in thanking Kelly and all of our extraordinary nurses for their continued dedication to their field.

## THANKFUL THURSDAYS

Since our last Foundation Forward in October, we've awarded another \$800 in gift cards to WNH staff thanks to one anonymous employee donor. Our most recent winners are **Doreen Kelley**, radiology, **Lola Potucek**, case manager/swing bed, **Joey Swanson**, Med/Surg, **Addison Martin**, registration, and **Gaven Jellings**, dietary.



## MILE OF LIGHTS

The third annual Mile of Lights Fun Run, hosted by Winfield Recreation Commission and William Newton Hospital took place on Sunday, December 12. We had a record-breaking year with close to 700 people taking part in the unique opportunity to see the Winfield Isle of Lights on foot! Thank you to the Isle of Lights board for allowing us to hold this event again this year, and to all of our participants for joining us for a fun, one-of-a-kind evening in the park!



# SPREADING CHEER FOR ALL TO HEAR

Last week, Annika, Brittney, and WNH Auxiliary member Jennis Irvin delivered cards and Christmas carols to WNH patients who spent their Christmas holiday in the hospital. The cards were colored by Putting the HeART Back into Healthcare coloring contest winners and other local children.



In place of our annual employee Christmas Party, staff were treated to a full week of festivities including, hot drinks & snacks, games & prizes, and a gift exchange. We were also able to give every employee, including all shifts and locations, a \$15 gift card using extra funds from our recent shirt/jacket order.



## ANONYMOUS DONATION

OB recently received their new cribs and the Giraffe Bili Light System. These were part of the large anonymous donation that will be impacting several departments through equipment purchases and facility improvements. The bili light is used to treat jaundice in newborns, and has already been used on the floor. The new cribs replace decades-old cribs and are much quieter, drive smoother, and are easier to use for both parents and nurses.

## DONATIONS FROM LA CROIX AND WINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

LaCroix Water reached out to William Newton Hospital last month with a refreshing message: "We would like to offer a donation of LaCroix for first responders to enjoy as a sincere 'Thank You' for their passion and selfless courage." A few weeks later, several cases and flavors of carbonated sparkling water arrived for hospital staff, EagleMed, & Winfield Fire/EMS Department.

Additionally, the WHS Freshman Success class donated hundreds of water bottles with a personal note for WNH staff to enjoy as part of their Give Thanks Project. WNH says 'THANK YOU' right back to these two organizations for helping brighten our day and allowing us to enjoy a healthy, hydrating treat.

