

Annual Report

2021



**Mile Bluff Medical
Center Foundation**

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation fosters charitable giving that supports Mile Bluff Medical Center's vision of providing the community with exceptional, personalized healthcare services.

We fund state-of-the-art healthcare equipment, education and training, and support programs that improve the health and wellness of the community. We are deeply grateful for the support of the individuals and businesses that continue to help make this possible.

OUR VALUED VOLUNTEERS:

Jennifer Anderson; Bobbi Brandt; Chelsea Cook; Mary Crowley; Sue Fabian; Kari Schmidt Field; Jill Finley; Craig Griffis; Dr. David Hoffmann; Rhonda Larson; Nikki Levenhagen; Kathy Marose; Nancy McCullick; Rebecca Oetzman; Elaine O'Keefe; James O'Keefe; Dr. Mike Pech; Nancy Pech; Marlene Rosenberg; Molly Scully; Nora Scully; Erin Stanila; Brenda Totzke; Theresa Tremain; Sherise Vaassen; Sue Waffle; Linda Walker

COMMITMENT, RESILIENCE & HOPE

Those are the words that come most to mind for 2021. Mile Bluff's commitment to the health and safety of those we serve is stronger than ever.

As a rural hospital we had to adapt quickly to changing environments throughout the year. The pandemic may have changed the way we live our daily lives, but it has not changed the powerful role rural hospitals play in the healthcare of our community. We are resilient.

We kicked off 2021 by setting up a vaccine clinic at Mile Bluff's new building site on Kennedy Street in Mauston. In a five-month period, staff administered 10,245 injections and gave so many in our community hope that this pandemic could and would end. Bringing this and so many other services to our area, community members have really seen the benefits of having a rural hospital close to home.

This past November, Mile Bluff saw an increase in hospitalized patients with COVID-19. We averaged five to eight hospitalized COVID-positive patients daily, and were at or near capacity due to other admitted patients and tight staffing. Compounding this, larger urban hospitals were also at capacity and unable to take patients that may have been transferred from Mile Bluff. But through all of this, the Mile Bluff team stepped up, yet again. We were able to treat many COVID patients close to home, helping ease the burden on patients and their families.

We were called to care for the sick and dying, even when we were running short of space or the personnel to do so. To be creative and resourceful in the face of shortages. And with your help – Mile Bluff did. Every

individual, every family has experienced challenges, and yet the community has reached out to support the medical center with financial gifts that eased the difficulties of fighting the pandemic.

Every donation, every kind word, every encouragement counts and bolsters our *commitment, resilience and hope*.

Thank you for making a difference to the patients and families we serve every day. And to us. Your philanthropy has made a significant impact on the level of care we have been able to provide during these difficult and constantly changing times. As you review this report, please accept my heartfelt thanks for making these things possible.

-Martha Airth-Kindree,
Executive Director

Thank You!
Martha



**WE SAW A NEED.
DONORS GAVE
FROM THE HEART.
PATIENTS FELT
THE DIFFERENCE.**

Equipment purchases and employee scholarships enrich the care we provide to patients. Throughout the foundation's history, we have accomplished so much. *In the last three years alone, the foundation has supported many Mile Bluff departments with equipment purchases, like...*

**awarded
\$99k
in scholarships**

**SINCE 2013,
WE HAVE...**

**purchased
\$566k
in equipment**

\$22,187 for the nursing homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Medication carts » Doppler » Digital chair scale » Bladder scanner
\$30,803 for Acute Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Easy access chair » Turn assist mattress » Sit-to-stand scale » Pediatric crib » Transport chair
\$15,341 for the clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Procedure light » Exam tables » Jaundice meter
\$28,055 for the ER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Chest compression system » Video laryngoscopes
\$20,487 for Infusion & Cancer Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Treatment chairs » Handrail scale » Wound care equipment
\$16,521 for Medical Imaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Vein illuminator » Perfusion software » Mammography capes
\$59,050 for other departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Infant airway trainer » Shoulder positioner » Treadmills » Lab equipment » BP machine » Gliders

Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was formed in 2010 and quickly began fundraising. Since 2013, we have been able to sustain and grow the support we provide thanks to the generosity and support of our donors.

NEW IN 2021

FAIR VIEW RESIDENT PATIO

In the spring, the foundation held a plant sale. All proceeds from the sale supported a new walkway and patio area for residents at Fair View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Through the sale, the foundation raised \$1,302. Hess Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (pictured below) donated \$5,000 and made the project a reality.

Ruland Concrete got to work right away, and the new patio area was completed by the end of May. Throughout the summer residents enjoyed having a peaceful place to enjoy the backyard bluffs and beautiful scenery.



BUILDING BRIDGES TO HEALTHCARE

No one should have to make a choice between getting healthcare services and putting food on the table. Yet, many people have to make that choice. Recently, a grant from the Roots & Wings Foundation has helped Mile Bluff increase access to medical care for those who are underinsured, uninsured, or who are on Medicare and Medicaid.

The funds support patient financial advocates who help area residents find and navigate a sustainable financial pathway to healthcare. This could mean helping patients find an appropriate health plan on the Marketplace, or connecting them with financial resources to pay medical bills. One of Mile Bluff's Financial Advocate said, "When I can guide someone, it makes my job so rewarding. It makes my heart smile to know that I am able to help people who, through no fault of their own, fall through the cracks in the system. Everyone deserves to be cared for."

FUNDS RAISED IN 2021

\$271,903 (net)



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FUNDRAISING EVENTS (net) - 8%	Total: \$24,057
Festival of Wreaths	\$749
Fair View Patio Project	\$6,302
Golf Ball Drop	\$4,000
Golf Outing	\$11,806
Chocolate Sale	\$888
Employee Jeans Day	\$312
EMPLOYEE GIVING - 14%	Total: \$40,314
Unrestricted Funds	\$33,126
Carol Purvis Education Fund	\$3,861
Nurses Helping Nurses	\$2,382
Healing Garden	\$685
Equipment	\$260
ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS - 33%	Total: \$88,710
Unrestricted Funds	\$29,871
Carol Purvis Education Fund	\$7,285
Nurses Helping Nurses	\$1,502
Equipment	\$52
New Scholarship Fund Donation	\$50,000
GRANTS - 43%	\$115,000
LEGACY DONATION - 2%	\$3,822
TOTAL FUNDS COLLECTED	\$271,903

2021 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - \$11,806

With COVID precautions in place, over 100 golfers met at Castle Rock Golf Course in August for our annual event. Participants had a great time supporting local healthcare.



GOLF BALL CRASH FOR CASH - \$4,000

After skipping a year due to the pandemic, the Golf Ball Crash for Cash returned. During the Demo Derby at Juneau County Fair, over 300 golf balls were dropped 40 feet to the ground. The three balls that landed closest to the flag won \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500.



SPRING PLANT SALE - \$1,302

In the spring, the foundation held a plant sale using Flower Power, an online fundraising program. All proceeds from the sale supported a new walkway and patio area for residents at Fair View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.



CHOCOLATE SALE - \$888

Everyone loves chocolate, especially Seroogy's Chocolates from De Pere, WI. All proceeds benefited the Carol Purvis Education Fund.



FESTIVAL OF WREATHS - \$749

Community members and businesses decorated and entered festive wreaths creations into our contest. Using online voting and a silent auction, individuals were able to vote for their favorite wreath and even try to win it for themselves.

SCHOLARSHIPS & REIMBURSEMENTS

CAROL PURVIS EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Carol Purvis Education Fund was created in 2011 to provide support for adult learners who were committed to advancing their careers in healthcare and who held a commitment to serving the community through Mile Bluff. Since the fund began, \$42,721 has been awarded to support 35 employees as they the pursue advanced degrees, complete certification courses, and take exams.

2021 RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

Stephanie Cleaver (HR): **\$1,000**
Stephanie is enrolled with Southern New Hampshire University to earn her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Kathy Greenwood (Education): **\$1,000**
Kathy graduated from Chamberlain University with her Master of Science in Nursing.

Nikki Levenhagen (HR): **\$1,000**
Nikki earned her Master of Science in Business Administration from Louisiana State University - Shreveport.

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” - Benjamin Franklin

NURSES HELPING NURSES TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

As in many healthcare careers, life-long learning is an expectation in nursing. Education and advanced training gives nurses the critical-thinking and problem-solving skills they need to keep up with advancements in healthcare. The Nurses Helping Nurses group offers a tuition reimbursement program for nurses at Mile Bluff starting and/or advancing their degrees. To date \$37,000 has been distributed to 13 nurses at Mile Bluff.

2021 RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

Bridget Crouse (ER) **\$1,500**
Bridget earned her Bachelor of Nursing from Western Governors University.

Kathy Greenwood (Education): **\$1,500**
Kathy graduated from Chamberlain University with her Master of Science in Nursing.

Erin Stanila (Infusion & Cancer Care): **\$3,000**
Erin is currently attending Marian University in pursuit of her Master of Science in Nursing.

LOCAL COUPLE GROWS LEGACY

Last year Josette and Glenn Buehlman, a local couple, made an extremely generous gift to Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation. The funds created a new scholarship program called the “Branch Impact Scholarship,” which provides financial support to those pursuing degrees in direct patient care and who are committed to joining Mile Bluff after graduation. It helps students who are facing challenges that add to the sometimes overwhelming costs of completing a degree. This unique scholarship has been life-changing and has been awarded to five Mile Bluff employees to date.

Josette, an extremely giving and energetic person, embraced every opportunity she had. When making the donation Josette said, “Our goal is to encourage individuals to pursue education in the direct patient care medical field and increase and retain Mile Bluff’s patient care workforce.”

Sadly, Josette passed away in September of 2021. Josette served many charitable organizations in Juneau County. Her enthusiasm and joyful ways will be greatly missed.

“This gift will continue to impact local healthcare and provide much needed assistance to students as they pursue their career dreams,” said Martha Airth-Kindree, executive director of the foundation. “We are grateful for the Buehlman’s foresight and dedication to our community by investing in the next generation of healthcare workers.”



Josette Buehlman

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

DRAEGER JAUNDICE METER (2) - \$14,105

Awarded to: Elroy Family Medical Center & Mile Bluff's Obstetrics Department

A jaundice screening meter checks newborns for elevated levels of bilirubin without having babies undergo blood tests.

PEDIATRIC CRIB - \$10,716

Awarded to: Med/Surg Department

When infants and pediatric patients require hospital or surgical care, a pediatric crib is often used. This new model incorporates a scale and has doors near each corner of the crib for easy access to a young patient.

KANGAROO CHAIRS (2) - \$8,471

Awarded to: Infusion & Cancer Care Department

For patients undergoing infusion or chemotherapy treatment, these recliners provide the type of support and comfort needed by a patient receiving long treatments.

PORTA SCAN 3D BLADDER SCANNER - \$8,428

Awarded to: Crest View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

The scanner assesses bladder volume and helps decrease the occurrence of bladder and urinary tract infections in nursing home residents

MATRIX TREADMILLS (2) - \$8,092

Awarded to: Health Promotion Department

Treadmills are the most requested piece of equipment in cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. These replacement treadmills are state-of-the-art and even have WI-FI connectivity.

BREWER EXAM TABLES (4) - \$7,628

Awarded to: Mile Bluff Clinic

These exam tables keep patients comfortable while allowing clinic staff to provide safe and efficient care.

ABPI MD KIT & CUFF - \$4,500

Awarded to: Infusion & Cancer Care Department

Compression therapy is often used during wound care. This kit helps determine the appropriate level of compression, while insuring there is good blood flow throughout the patient's body.

PRIME TC TRANSPORT CHAIR - \$3,303

Awarded to: Med/Surg Department & Cancer Care

This unique transport chair is designed for patient comfort. It's also ergonomic and helps prevent back and muscle injuries experienced by healthcare staff transporting patients.

MCGRATH MAC VIDEO LARYNGOSCOPES (2)- \$2,250

Awarded to: Emergency Department

This scope combines direct and video laryngoscopy into a single device designed to handle the unique challenges of airway management. This versatile tool allows staff to place a breathing tube more efficiently in an emergency situation.

HIGH CHAIR - \$239

Awarded to: Speech Therapy

When pediatrics patients are being seen for swallowing/feeding issues, this highchair will provide an appropriate setting for feeding evaluations and treatment sessions.

KAUFMAN SPEECH PRAXIS TREATMENT KIT - \$218

Awarded to: Speech Therapy

This is a systematic treatment program that teaches children to simplify word pronunciation patterns, making it easier for them to communicate.

MAMMOGRAPHY CAPES- \$133

Awarded to: Medical Imaging Department

Mammography capes are easy for the technicians to work with and allow for a modest patient experience rather than having to work with a regular hospital gown during the screening.



Health Promotions treadmill (left) & Crest View bladder scanner (right)

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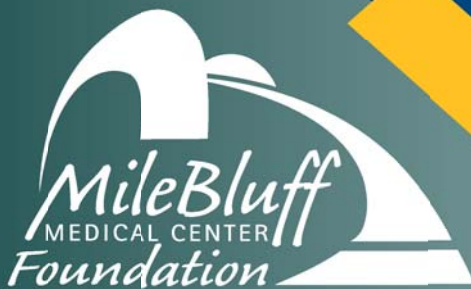
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"A life that touches others goes on forever." - Anonymous



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