



Care Connection

Programs & Activities of Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation

HELLO FROM MILE BLUFF!

A few months ago, I was driving my daughter to school when she randomly informed me that the Toyota brand is no longer considered the number one most reliable car brand in the nation. She reassured me that Toyota is still in the Top Three, but consumers felt Toyota's recent redesigns had introduced too many changes at once in their lineup of vehicles.



I was quite impressed by this little news report, even if I was a little confused as to the relevance it had to school drop-off. I also wondered if it was her way of telling me I need a new car since I drive a Toyota. Regardless, I thanked her for sharing and added 'mechanic' to her list of potential future careers.

As I reflect on her report, I can see how too many changes at once can impact the consumer experience, and can make it challenging to navigate in a world that was once familiar.

In healthcare, the industry changes at a rapid pace. For the care team, it's necessary to embrace these changes in order to keep up with technology, evolving care practices, and to respond to the needs of patients and the greater community.

On the patient side, change is everywhere as well. Whether its finding a new provider, welcoming a new baby, or even navigating life with a challenging diagnosis, patients have to adapt quickly.

At Mile Bluff, the care team is here to support patients through health changes. Even as we make changes within our organization, our commitment to treating patients with compassionate care does not waver. At Mile Bluff, we don't want healthcare 'redesigns' to overwhelm our patients, that is why the care team is committed to supporting and guiding patients with empathy, respect and compassion at all times.

At the foundation, we are honored to work with donors who value an organization that embraces change. This support allows Mile Bluff to keep an eye on the future while maintaining its commitment to patients. Your belief in local healthcare keeps us moving forward for the patients of today and tomorrow.

In gratitude,

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SAVE THE DATE:

Casino Royale: A High Stakes Gala
Saturday, April 12, 6-10 pm

Glacier Canyon Lodge at Wilderness
Resort

Tickets now on sale for this
fundraising event! Scan the QR code
to learn more or visit
www.milebluff.com/CasinoRoyale



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FOUNDATION NEWS



At the beginning of the holiday season, we held our online holiday auction. Thanks to our generous donors, we had an amazing collection of over 150 items for bidders to choose from. Through this event, we were able to raise \$13,400. We can't wait to bring this event back next year!



We would like to thank the Cardinal Volleyball Team from Necedah Area School District for supporting Mile Bluff patients by hosting a Pink Night Game in October. During the game, the team raised \$648.01 to benefit our cancer care patients. Their contribution will be used to purchase wigs, scarves, and other items for patients undergoing chemotherapy.



In October, VARC held its second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and chose to raise funds for cancer care patients at Mile Bluff. The clients and staff did a wonderful job, and raised \$1,590 for patients.



APPROVED EQUIPMENT REQUESTS

Through the generosity of donors, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation is able to provide financial support to the medical center to purchase needed equipment. After department directors submitted requests, and after careful review, in October 2024 the foundation's board of directions approved \$16,952 in equipment purchases.

BOVIE LED PROCEDURE LIGHT - \$4,772

Awarded to: Elroy Family Medical Center

This light will be used during in-clinic procedures. Whatever the procedure, this lamp is easier for staff to maneuver, which leaves caregivers with more time for addressing the patient's needs.



EZ WAY MECHANICAL LIFT - \$4,493

Awarded to: Crest View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

This lift will be used at Crest View to transfer residents from different surfaces such as the bed, chair, toilet and floor. It improves safety for residents and staff alike.

AV500 VEIN VIEWER - \$4,129

Awarded to: Infusion & Wound Care

Used on a daily basis, the vein viewer is a tool that supports successful IV starts in minimal attempts by allowing nurses to view veins when starting a peripheral IV. It also allows staff to assess for valves within the vein to avoid hitting them on IV starts.

VITALS CART - \$1,606

Awarded to: Long-term Care Rehabilitation Services

Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy staff caring for residents at Fair View, will use the vitals cart with a resident prior to starting a therapy session. The cart would also be readily accessible if a resident starts to experience an emergency event.

2 - IBREEZE BPAP SYSTEM - \$1,482

Awarded to: Respiratory Therapy

The iBreeze BPAP system is a bedside unit that delivers positive airway pressure therapy for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. This unit will be used on patients that have already been diagnosed and use this type of device at home, but did not bring it with during a hospital stay.



DIGITAL PEDIATRIC SCALE - \$470

Awarded to: Mile Bluff Clinic

This digital scale will be used for pediatric patients. It will make the rooming process for young patients easier and will ensure weights for children are accurate.



We would like to thank and recognize the new individuals and businesses who have joined our donors in making commitments to the 'For You. With You.' Capital campaign.

- » The Slama Family
- » Irene Copeland
- » The John R. & Catherine C. Orton Fund at the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin
- » Diana Madero
- » Albert Winter Family
- » Mauston Lions Club
- » William & Joelle Curran
- » Gerald & Marjo Staehling
- » Jeff & Melanie Gray
- » Kathy Turner
- » Joseph Witmer
- » Ray & Wally Feldman
- » Thompson Family Foundation
- » Dara & Chad Bartels
- » Kathy & Jeff Behnke
- » Susan Chase
- » Nikki Levenhagen
- » Colleen Quinn
- » Pattie Taulbee
- » Nikki Turner
- » Mariah Cross

For You. With You. A Capital Campaign Update

If you've driven by the Gateway Center lately, you would hardly know that it was once a Shopko building. As evident by the new signage and finished exteriors, you can tell that Gateway is nearing completion.

Internally, finishing touches are being installed in all of the patient care areas. Some flooring still needs to be completed, and a few HVAC adjustments must be made before Gateway can undergo an occupancy inspection. Once Mile Bluff receives the green light, the building will undergo a thorough deep clean, and departments will begin moving to the new space in phases.. Be on the lookout for information regarding the community open house that will be held before the building opens for care.

Once the departments, and patients, are settled in at the Gateway Center, the next phase of this expansion project will begin in the Emergency Department (ED). At this time, Mile Bluff's administrative team is working with the project architects to review and revise the ED plans. One of the biggest challenges is planning how to provide emergency care while in a construction zone.

To support this project, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation has been leading a capital fundraising campaign - *For You. With You.* - with the goal of raising \$5 million to offset construction costs. In 2024, donors were very generous and the year ended with \$2.49 million being given toward this initiative.

Fundraising efforts will continue as construction moves into the next phase. To learn more about the campaign or to make a gift, please contact Katie Nuttall at knuttall@milebluff.com or 608-847-2735.

Construction Budget

\$17 million

\$5M

\$10M

\$15M

\$20M



\$2.4M Portion received from the community so far

\$5M Total portion asked of the community to contribute

\$12M Portion contributed by Mile Bluff Medical Center

LOCAL COUPLE DONATES \$25,000 TO MILE BLUFF'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation has received a \$25,000 donation from local residents and business owners, Jeff and Melanie Gray, to support Mile Bluff's Gateway Center and Emergency Department expansion project.

When Jeff and Melanie learned about this expansion project, they saw that the plans would support the growing healthcare needs of Juneau County residents and visitors. "When people have good access to healthcare, they are more likely to receive the care they need to live long, healthy lives," said Melanie Gray. "With easy access, people are encouraged to receive regular check-ups and timely treatment, preventing minor health issues from escalating into more serious conditions. Having healthcare services available locally, helps our community be healthier and more productive."

Mile Bluff has been transforming the former Mauston Shopko building as part of a two-phased expansion project. Now referred to as the 'Gateway Center,' the 26,000-square foot building will serve as the new location for Mile Bluff's Mauston dialysis unit, urgent care clinic, and retail pharmacy. Once urgent care services are relocated, Mile Bluff will embark on the second phase of this \$17.5 million building project by remodeling the current Emergency Department. These new spaces will improve efficiency, accessibility, privacy, safety and the overall experience for both patients and staff members.

To support this expansion initiative, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation is leading a capital fundraising campaign – For You. With You. – with the goal of raising \$5 million. The campaign is an opportunity for individuals and businesses, like the Grays, to help strengthen local healthcare for the community.

"We wanted to donate to this campaign because we have received quality healthcare from Mile Bluff Medical Center our whole lives. Mile Bluff has been a resource for us over the years, but it has also provided services for our children, our parents, our grandparents, our great-grandparents, as well as many other family and friends," said Melanie.



"We have experienced a range of significant life events at the facility, from joyous occasions like births to challenging times such as emergency visits and surgeries. Because of this, we wanted to give back and ensure that the community continues to receive 'big hospital care' despite being in a small town," affirmed Melanie. "With our gift, we hope to secure quality healthcare for future generations in our community, ensuring that others can benefit from the same level of care we have received over the decades."

The medical center and the foundation would like to thank Jeff and Melanie for choosing to support the Gateway Center and Emergency Department Expansion project. Their decision truly embodies the spirit of philanthropy and demonstrates their desire to promote the welfare of others and to improve the community overall.

Investing in rural healthcare is essential to keeping our communities strong for years to come. If you would like to join Jeff and Melanie in supporting this expansion project, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation welcomes contributions of any size and offers the option to make a financial commitment over time. In addition, for those who wish to honor a loved one or to create a legacy, naming opportunities are available.

For more information about Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation and the 'For You. With You.' campaign, please visit www.milebluff.com/ForYouWithYou or call 608-847-2735.





MILE BLUFF MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION PRESENTS

CASINO ROYALE: A HIGH STAKES GALA

SATURDAY

12
APRIL

6 TO 10 PM

\$150 PER PERSON

APPETIZERS & DINNER | DRINKS | CASINO GAMES | RAFFLES

Step into the world of high-stakes intrigue and timeless sophistication at our James Bond 007-themed fundraising event! Don your finest Bond-inspired attire and join us for an unforgettable evening where elegance meets philanthropy.

at **GLACIER CANYON LODGE AT WILDERNESS RESORT**



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