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## LETTER FROM Roger Yost

As Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of UPMC in North Central Pa., I visit our UPMC locations, departments, clinics, and offices frequently. It is important that I am out in the field, seeing what goes on and meeting both the people who work here and those who use our services. I learn a lot and get a chance to show my personal support. This helps me make better financial decisions.

I am proud to be a part of UPMC and see firsthand how Susquehanna Health Foundation and its donors are invaluable assets to our organization's financial stability, reputation, operational efficiency, and the ability to achieve our mission. As a nonprofit, building strong, transparent, and mutually beneficial

relationships with stakeholders is an imperative. We are incredibly fortunate to have a strong partnership with the Foundation.

The impact of financial contributions extends in ways that might not be obvious to the casual observer, such as:

- **Operating Capital & Growth:** Grants and donations offset the costs of special projects and expanding needed services.
- **Reserve Building:** Providing a financial cushion during unexpected economic downturns or other types of emergencies is important. The consistent support from our donors allows UPMC to build and maintain adequate reserve funds so that we remain ready to serve the community.
- **Improved Cash Flow:** Grants and donations help ensure we meet our financial obligations as a health network and also invest in the future.
- **Enhanced Programs:** Collaborating with donors leads to new and innovative programs and initiatives that can boost our impact and reach within the community.

Much of our outreach comes from grassroots efforts. UPMC deeply values our local board and donor relationships. We often connect through word-of-mouth, which improves fundraising by letting us collaborate directly with donors who want to help. We strive to maintain open communication and transparency with our stakeholders. I am a firm believer in the saying, "When you know better, you do better."

Recent financial indicators show how knowing better has enabled us to do better. For starters, our operating financials remain positive in 2025, following a post-pandemic financial turnaround that took about two years. In addition, a few major capital projects

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and services serve as evidence of positive growth. They include:

- Interventional radiology upgrade and relocation
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- Expansion of cardiology services in Wellsboro
- Remodeling of the inpatient rehabilitation units
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As we head into the final months of the year, we continue to stay focused on reducing waste, streamlining processes, and improving efficiency across the organization. We remain focused on optimizing our revenue cycle through enhanced billing accuracy, fewer claim denials, and shorter reimbursement cycles. Negotiating reasonable reimbursement rates with our payers lets us utilize value-based care models focused on improved patient outcomes.

In terms of investments, we continue to focus on important technologies, such as electronic health records (EHR) systems. On September 27, our hospitals and clinics successfully transitioned to EPIC, UPMC's new centralized EHR system. This marks the first wave of a system-wide rollout, streamlining patient care and uniting all UPMC facilities under one powerful platform. Using this technology will allow for faster, more secure digital record keeping and sharing among a patient's medical care teams, and it

will improve patient care and outcomes throughout our 12-county service area. We also are focusing on AI-driven predictive analytics and cybersecurity measures. Since we service rural communities, it is important to embrace and leverage digital tools, such as telemedicine and remote monitoring, so that we can expand care delivery, improve efficiency, and reduce costs.

It is also important for UPMC to meet the modern challenges of workforce management and sustainability. To prevent staffing shortages and burnout, we are using smart strategies that attract and retain health care workers. These [strategies] include competitive compensation and benefits, flexible scheduling options, and desirable training and professional development opportunities. They also include anticipating future workforce needs, exploring alternative staffing models, and developing talent pipelines with our local educational institutions.

From a CFO's perspective, the challenges in health care are numerous. Rising costs, workforce shortages, regulatory complexities, and evolving reimbursement models are just a few examples. I am grateful for all the donors who continue to support our work, our workforce, and our mission. Like the quilts our volunteers make for every Gatehouse patient (you can read about them in the "Your Contributions at Work" story), our generous donors come together to form a steadfast patchwork of financial support and security for our patients, employees, and community. It's a testament to the generosity and loving spirit that make our region an amazing place to live.

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CFO of UPMC in North Central Pa.

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# Radiation Oncology

**A Million-Dollar Mission:** Advancing Cancer Treatment  
in North Central Pennsylvania

*Inside the Radiation Oncology suite at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, cutting-edge technology meets compassionate care. From lifesaving treatments to innovative radiation therapy techniques, discover how a small city is making a big impact in the fight against cancer. Plus, learn how a new linear accelerator could transform outcomes for patients across north central Pennsylvania.*



**W**illiamsport, Pennsylvania — birthplace of Little League Baseball and a haven for Victorian architecture — is also the medical hub of rural north central Pennsylvania. Founded in 1866, the city boasts a rich history. Though far from the urban centers of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Williamsport offers patients access to some of the most advanced radiation oncology techniques and technologies, thanks to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center's services at the UPMC Williamsport Divine Providence Campus.

## UPMC Hillman Cancer Center's Radiation Oncology Department: A Beacon of Hope

Radiation therapy, also known as radiotherapy, uses x-rays or other high-energy types of radiation to destroy cancer cells and shrink tumors — often making surgery or chemotherapy more effective. According to the National Library of Medicine, about 50% of people with cancer receive some form of radiation during their treatment.

At UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, a skilled team delivers radiation therapy to approximately 30 patients daily from across a 14-county region. In 2024 alone, the cancer center administered nearly 8,000 treatments to 675 new patients and 214 returning patients.

## The Power of Partnership: One Patient's Story

**Deborah Helm** is a two-time cancer survivor. In 2017, she was diagnosed with squamous cell rectal cancer, which was successfully treated with radiation and chemotherapy. After seven cancer-free years, Deborah learned the devastating news that she had developed breast cancer. A mammogram was followed by a biopsy, and an aggressive tumor was found in her left breast. "It can't be happening again," she thought. "Not again."

A true fighter, Deborah didn't hesitate to begin cancer treatment. This time, her treatment included chemotherapy, lumpectomy, and radiation at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport. Only there was a new challenge. At 78, holding her breath and staying still long enough for the radiation treatment was nearly impossible, even though it was critically necessary.

Deborah's care team introduced a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device to control her breathing during her treatment. This would allow them to target the cancer with minimal radiation exposure to her healthy tissue, including her heart.

At first Deborah and her husband were skeptical and concerned about using the device. "We thought, 'Wasn't that the machine with the mask for people with sleep apnea?'" she recalls. After the benefits were explained to them, however, she agreed to try it out.

"It worked like a charm," Deborah says. "With a CPAP, I could remain still the whole time. I used it for all my 20 radiation treatments."

"Using a CPAP device with radiation therapy is a way to protect the heart while we use radiation on another organ," says **David Cousins, M.D.**, radiation oncologist. The device helps patients hold still longer during the treatment, allowing medical staff to carefully target tumors while sparing the healthy surrounding tissue. While common in Europe, this technique is still emerging in the United States.

Reflecting on her experience, Deborah shares, "People are scared to death when they have cancer. Every treatment session is a reminder of what they're battling. The wonderful radiation oncology team at UPMC is always so kind and supportive, and that's a lifeline to their patients — exactly when they need it most."



## Investing in Tomorrow's Treatments

To continue delivering cutting-edge care, Susquehanna Health Foundation is raising **\$1 million** to help fund a new **Varian TrueBeam linear accelerator** for the Radiation Oncology Department at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport. The total cost of this state-of-the-art equipment is \$6.5 million.

This upgrade will ensure patients in north central Pennsylvania have access to the most advanced technology — on par with major metropolitan hospitals and leading academic medical centers. The TrueBeam system will enhance treatment precision and effectiveness, leading to improved patient outcomes. **Donor support is vital to making this upgrade possible.**

## Faster, More Precise Treatment

The TrueBeam system delivers radiation at higher dose rates, meaning shorter treatment times and less time on the table. This reduces the chance of patient movement, which offers several benefits:

- Tumors can be targeted more accurately, sparing healthy tissue.
- Less repeat imaging is needed to realign the patient.
- Appointments are shorter and more efficient.

Its automated process also streamlines work flow, eliminating the need for therapists to re-enter the room once the patient is positioned.

With stereotactic body radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery capabilities, the TrueBeam system will deliver pinpoint-accurate, image-guided treatment in a fraction of the time required by conventional methods. Treatments that once required 20 to 45 sessions can now often be completed in as few as five — or even one.

This technology is especially effective for treating hard-to-reach tumors in the brain, lungs, head and neck, and other areas of the body.



## Improved Accuracy, Better Outcomes

The TrueBeam system brings some of the most advanced features today:

- **Higher image quality** for precise tumor targeting.
- **Integrated Gated RapidArc radiotherapy**, which monitors breathing during treatment and compensates for tumor motion.
- **Consolidated equipment features**, replacing older, separate devices.

## Help Us Deliver Tomorrow's Cancer Care — Today

Your support can bring this life-changing technology to patients.

### **We're raising \$1 million to make this possible.**

Every gift brings us closer to our goal — and to renewed hope for patients like Deborah.

### **Make your impact today.**

To donate:

- Visit [SusquehannaHealthFoundation.org](https://SusquehannaHealthFoundation.org).
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Together, we can bring world-class care home.

## Timely Care Close to Home

Deborah's story is a powerful reminder of how compassionate care and timely innovation can make all the difference. At UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, exceptional, close-to-home care isn't the exception — it's the standard.

Her journey also highlights the importance of early detection. Deborah's breast cancer was discovered through a routine mammogram — a screening that gave her a fighting chance. Regular screenings can detect cancer in its earliest stages, when it's most treatable and outcomes are often more favorable.

Understanding how overwhelming a cancer diagnosis can be, the team at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center works tirelessly to ensure patients aren't left waiting. **New patients are welcomed with immediate access to care**, enabling them to get answers, begin planning treatment, and feel supported from the very start.

## More than Cancer: Treating a Range of Conditions

Since its inception, the Radiation Oncology team has been a lifeline for patients like Deborah. But their impact extends far beyond cancer care.

In addition to treating a wide range of cancers — including breast, lung, prostate, and brain tumors — the department also provides advanced therapies for certain noncancerous conditions such as benign tumors and thyroid disorders. Using technologies such as external beam radiation, brachytherapy, and radiosurgery, the team delivers precise, minimally invasive treatments that reduce side effects and improve outcomes.

"Our expertise extends to pain management and palliative support for advanced disease," explains Dr. Cousins. "And with new innovations emerging all the time, we'll be able to do even more — providing treatment with greater accuracy, speed, and comfort than ever before."

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## Welcoming New Foundation Team Members

At UPMC, we are committed to advancing world-class care close to home. Susquehanna Health Foundation is excited to welcome three new team members who bring passion, expertise, and a shared dedication to supporting life-changing health care across north central Pennsylvania. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:

**Alison Landgrebe** - Development Associate

**Annie Fogleman** - Associate Director, Annual Fund Program

**Erin Welch** - Major Gifts Officer

We look forward to the contributions they will make in support of our mission and the communities we serve.



## The Maralyn Lloyd Endowment

*With the establishment of an endowment fund in his wife's memory, Dick Lloyd ensures Maralyn's caring, generous spirit lives on.*

**R**ichard “Dick” Lloyd is 91 years young. He and his late wife, **Maralyn**, have been a part of the Muncy community for five decades. In June 2023, Maralyn passed away after a long battle with cancer, at the age of 85. She was cherished by her family, friends, and neighbors, and Dick has ensured that her loving generosity and memory live on within the community she loved so much through the Maralyn Lloyd Endowment.

### Remembering Maralyn

With Maralyn’s beloved rescue cat, Harley, sleeping on his lap, Dick recalls how welcoming the people of Muncy were when his family first arrived. Many neighbors stopped in to introduce themselves, and it wasn’t long before he and Maralyn became involved with the community. Maralyn embraced it all. “Muncy is our home, and it was the best move we ever made. The hospital was always a dominant part of the town, because it provided quality health care and jobs,” says Dick. “We were always happy to volunteer and donate.”

After graduating from Watertown High School in Watertown, N.Y., Maralyn went to Lycoming College in Williamsport, where she first met Dick. “It was love at first sight,” remembers Dick. “My mother knew it, because she always used to say, ‘Dickie must be in love

because we never see him anymore.’” By all accounts, Maralyn was equally smitten with him.

Dick and Maralyn were married in October 1959 in Canton, Pa., and they enjoyed 63 years together. Maralyn had a long and successful career in social work, which was a natural fit for her passion for helping others. She began her career with Children’s Services in Wellsboro and continued to serve children at the Department of Children and Youth in Pike County. The family relocated and raised their two children, **Greg** and **Wendy**, in Muncy when a job opportunity presented itself for Dick with The Muncy Bank & Trust Company (now Journey Bank). Dick eventually became president of the bank, where he stayed until he retired.

In 1974, after the move to Muncy, Maralyn established a Social Service Department for Muncy Valley Hospital (now UPMC Muncy). She served as the department’s director for 17 years. Later, she worked on a substitute basis at Jersey Shore and Williamsport hospitals, and then part-time for Kramm Nursing Home in Milton and the Williamsport Home.

After retiring, the couple volunteered at Muncy Valley Hospital’s Same Day Surgery Department. This was a way for them to give back for all that the hospital

teams had done for their community and their own family. Maralyn's mother had been to the emergency department many times as she got older, and the care she received there saved her life and improved the quality of her life. "The service they provided helped my family during very tough times, and I will never forget that," says Dick.

"The nurses and doctors are so nice and wonderful. My role was pushing patients in wheelchairs, delivering charts and supplies, and just doing whatever they needed," says Dick. Maralyn grew to know so many people at UPMC Muncy personally, as did he. "When Maralyn died, many of the doctors, nurses, and staff from the surgery center came to her funeral. It meant the world to me."

### A Legacy of Love

The Lloyds' son, Greg, now lives in John Day, Ore., with his wife, **Robin**. Their daughter, Wendy Snyder, lives in Wellsboro with her husband, **Philip**. They, along with Wendy's two children, Brooke and Mitchell, all hold fond memories of how loving and community-conscious Maralyn was. Maralyn's positive impact has benefited them all. "She touched so many people's lives this way," recalls Dick.

Maralyn loved to be in the company of her friends and neighbors. Whether she was playing cards, entertaining at home, or participating in one of the many groups she belonged to, Maralyn connected with others. She was a member of the Muncy Business and Professional Women's Club and the West Branch Chorale. She served on the area's first Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) committee and received a recognition award for her dedication to 4-H. Maralyn also served on the Messiah Lutheran Church council and the church's women's auxiliary.

Maralyn was a great listener and very passionate about helping and getting to know people. "She was a social worker at heart, and it showed," says Dick. After her passing, he wanted to create an endowment fund that did great things for the community and also fit Maralyn's true spirit.

"She was the best person I ever knew," Dick says of his late wife. "I established the Maralyn Lloyd Endowment fund because I don't want her to ever be forgotten. With this fund and the resources it will supply to the

community at UPMC Muncy, she will be remembered as someone who always found time and energy to help people. Because that's who she was."

Dick and Maralyn were generous supporters of the UPMC Muncy Emergency Department for many years. They made a major gift in 2013 in support of the facility's renovations and expansion. "We saw a need and asked how we could help. We donated to support the hospital and community we cared deeply about. It was an easy decision we happily made," says Dick.

### The Maralyn Lloyd Endowment

In August 2024, the Maralyn Lloyd Endowment was established. "It is so important to have both a strong UPMC Muncy and a strong Susquehanna Health Foundation supporting it. We benefit greatly because they work together," says Dick. "The health care needs in our community are nonstop, so support must remain strong and vital."

Dick also feels strongly that his community is fortunate to have a great skilled nursing program at UPMC Muncy. The hospital has a 138-bed skilled nursing facility that provides medical and rehabilitative care to patients who need more intensive support than a nursing home or assisted living facility can usually offer. "Skilled nursing keeps us going, and we are very proud of UPMC Muncy and Muncy Place, as many generations here have benefited from this level of care," says Dick.

Dick knows that the Maralyn Lloyd Endowment will carry on the support and funding that the area needs in Maralyn's name. He is proud of this. "Maralyn made my life so great and wonderful, and now this is something I can do for her that I know she would have loved," he says. "I remember when I was really busy in my career and Maralyn always took care of me and our family, so that we could do our best. No one asked her to do it; she just knew it would help make things better." Now he is committed to keeping her spirit alive with this endowment in her name. "Even now, she continues to help make things better," he reflects.

**"Now her kindness will  
always be her legacy."**

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# McCormick Law Firm

*“Why do successful businesses donate to support UPMC in North Central Pa.? What’s in it for them?”*

**F**or McCormick Law Firm in Williamsport, the answers to those questions are quite simple. Health care philanthropy is a priority because the community is a priority. As legal professionals who are stewards of justice, they see health care as a fundamental human right. And by supporting this fundamental right in their own backyard, they are making their corner of the world a better place to live.

## Giving Isn’t Just Charity. It’s also an Investment in the Community.

Partner **Ann S. Pepperman, Esq.**, currently serves on UPMC in North Central Pa.’s board of directors and has served in the capacity of chairwoman. Her membership embodies the firm’s values, and her leadership supports community well-being. Ann’s position on the board deepens McCormick Law’s understanding of our rural region’s health care challenges, which helps inform McCormick Law’s overall giving priorities.

“We take pride in having representation at decision-making tables that influence health care quality and equity in our community and the region,” says McCormick partner **Brian J. Bluth**.



In a milestone of health care innovation, Ann was integral in the successful transition from Susquehanna Health to UPMC nearly 10 years ago. She has also had a front-row seat to witness the extraordinary expansion of services and outreach over the years, as well as UPMC’s commitment to providing access to affordable, high-quality health care in the region.

## Who Is McCormick Law Firm?

Since 1862, McCormick Law Firm has been an active member of the north central Pennsylvania region. The firm has earned deep trust and familiarity with local families and businesses, according to partner Brian. Many of the firm’s individual and business clients span multiple generations, reflecting McCormick Law’s long-term investment in the region.

“We are committed to the people, businesses, and institutions that make Williamsport and the surrounding communities a special place to live and work,” says Brian. The people at McCormick Law take pride in helping local individuals protect what matters most — families, businesses, and futures.

Today, McCormick Law consists of 14 attorneys, including eight partners, and they specialize in a wide variety of civil practices, including business and employer law, litigation, estate planning and asset protection, municipal law, real estate, commercial transactions, and intellectual property law. The firm's mid-sized team allows for personal, attentive service while still delivering broad expertise to every client. Brian explains that the firm is large enough to influence meaningful change, such as health care giving, yet small enough to stay connected to the community it serves. Its headquarters in the historic Victorian section of Williamsport is a prime example of the firm's deep roots here.

### Generosity that Spans Three Decades

McCormick Law has partnered with the Foundation to give generously to UPMC yearly since 1998. Long before Susquehanna Health became UPMC in North Central Pa., the nonprofit health care organization benefited from the firm's generosity. McCormick Law attorneys value the life-saving care UPMC provides to the communities where they practice law.

### A Loyal Friend to the Foundation's Fundraising Golf Tournament

McCormick Law has been longtime supporter of the Susquehanna Health Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament. It's a tradition that blends camaraderie, community spirit, and charitable giving. Held annually in August, this tournament raises critical funds to support UPMC in North Central Pa. This event has grown way beyond the sport; today it is also a celebration of a shared purpose. The partners at McCormick Law find this tournament especially rewarding because the event lets them hear firsthand how their donations, and the donations of their clients and peers, benefit UPMC facilities and patients.

### A Steady Partner Supporting the Region's Health Care

Throughout the years, McCormick Law has expanded its support as local health care has grown more complex and far-reaching. Over time, its donations have become more strategic, focusing on long-term health outcomes and infrastructure. "We listen to community health leaders to align our support with real-time needs," says

Brian. "This includes our scholarship program for nursing students at Penn College."

As major donors to the past three Susquehanna Health Foundation capital campaigns, McCormick Law has also provided vital funding to many of UPMC's hospitals, departments, and services. These include:

- **Expanding and renovating the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center:** This was a very meaningful project, as many of McCormick Law's team members have family impacted by cancer care.
- **Creation of the new patient tower at UPMC Williamsport:** Because this project represented future-focused care and cutting-edge technology, the firm was committed to supporting it.
- **Expanding and renovating the UPMC Muncy and UPMC Williamsport emergency departments:** Financial support toward emergency department upgrades is essential for fast, quality responses in medical crises, and McCormick Law attorneys were proud to support these vital projects.
- **Expanding and renovating the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute:** The firm has long been committed to supporting UPMC's work with patients rehabilitating post-injury, because when people can reclaim their mobility and independence, everyone benefits.

The firm values the Foundation's insight and guidance, which makes contributing to UPMC easier and more effective. The Foundation ensures McCormick Law's contributions will do the most good. As donors, this peace of mind is incredibly valuable to them. And the Foundation's transparency, stewardship, and communication have proven it to be a trusted partner over the years. "Our partnership with Susquehanna Health Foundation has turned our generosity into measurable impact," says Brian.

McCormick Law envisions that its future health care contributions will benefit local families and patients through improved facilities, faster access to care, and better patient experiences. "Our hope is that no one in our region feels alone or underserved when a health crisis arises," says Brian.

# ENDOWMENT GIFTS

Endowment Gifts recognizes individuals and

businesses that supported Susquehanna Health Foundation with a contribution of \$25,000 or greater to establish an endowment. Donors are listed starting **January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025.**

## **Benevolent Care**

### **\$250,000–\$499,999 Level**

#### **Karen Steinbacher Endowment**

Dave Steinbacher

## **Cancer**

### **\$100,000–\$249,999 Level**

#### **Joe and Carolyn Hume Endowment**

Joe and Carolyn Hume Estate

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Ausley Construction Co., Inc. Endowment**

Ausley Construction Co., Inc.

#### **Dr. William J. and Laura H. Martin Endowment**

Dr. William J. and Laura H. Martin

#### **Christopher M. and Denise M. Plankenhorn Endowment**

Chris and Denise Plankenhorn

## **Cardiac**

### **\$100,000–\$249,999 Level**

#### **John and Anne Rich Endowment**

John W. and Anne Rich

## **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

### **\$100,000–\$249,999 Level**

#### **Edward and Sherry McCabe Endowment**

Edward and Sherry McCabe

*In Memory of Michael McCabe*

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Patricia J. Rambo Endowment**

\*Patricia J. Rambo

## **Clinical Excellence**

### **\$1,000,000+ Level**

#### **Clinical Excellence Endowment**

Friends of UPMC in North Central Pa.

### **\$100,000–\$249,999 Level**

#### **George and Shirley Durrwachter Endowment**

George and Shirley Durrwachter

#### **Margaret Benner Reese and Charles L. Reese Endowment**

\*Mike and Barbara B. Hudock

#### **Sue Young Endowment**

Friends of Sue Young

### **\$50,000–\$74,999 Level**

#### **C&N Endowment**

C&N

## **Sisters of Christian Charity Endowment**

Frank G. Pellegrino

*In Honor of Sister Judith Blair*

*In Memory of Sister Mary Stephen Christian*

*In Memory of Sister Felice Donelin*

*In Honor of Sister Rosamund Eibach*

## **Dr. Hani J. Tuffaha and Family Endowment**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **R. Edward and Linda Alberts Endowment**

R. Edward and Linda Alberts

#### **Sue and Charlie Duchman Endowment**

Sue and Charlie Duchman

#### **Birch and Annmarie Phillips Endowment**

Annmarie Phillips

#### **Kenneth and Kathryn A. Smith Endowment**

Robert P. and Kathleen R. Walker

#### **Susquehanna Community Bank Endowment**

Susquehanna Community Bank

#### **Paul H. and Margaret M. Walker Endowment**

Robert P. and Kathleen R. Walker

## **Colorectal and General Surgery**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **William P. and Lorraine Manos Endowment**

William P. and Lorraine A. Manos Foundation

## **Emergency Department**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Mark and Rebecca Huffman Endowment**

Mark and Rebecca Huffman

## **Emergency Medical Services**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Dr. Gregory and Mrs. Marilyn Frailey Endowment**

Greg and \*Marilyn Frailey

#### **Robert and Lanea Ruffaner Endowment**

Robert E. Ruffaner

*In Memory of Lanea P. Ruffaner*

## **Hospice and Palliative Care**

### **\$50,000–\$74,999 Level**

#### **Dr. Alexander Nesbitt Endowment**

Friends of Dr. Alexander Nesbitt

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Jacobs Family Endowment**

The Jacobs Family

*In Memory of Russell and Patricia Jacobs*

*In Honor of Dr. Alexander Nesbitt*

Frank G. Pellegrino

*In Honor of Sister Mary Ann Jacobs*

*In Honor of Sister Teresa Ann Jacobs*

# ENDOWMENT GIFTS

## **Kathryn Candor Lundy Breast Health Center**

### **\$100,000–\$249,999 Level**

#### **John C. Lundy and Family Endowment**

\*John C. Lundy and Family

*In Memory of Peggy Lundy*

#### **Edward and Sherry McCabe Endowment**

Edward and Sherry McCabe

*In Memory of Michael McCabe*

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Kuzio Family Endowment**

Keith and Jennifer Kuzio

*In Honor of Janice D. Kuzio*

## **Laboratory and Pathology**

### **\$50,000–\$74,999 Level**

#### **Laboratory and Pathology Endowment**

Friends of UPMC Lab and Pathology

#### **Dr. Sheldon M. Schwartz Endowment**

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon M. Schwartz

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Dr. Donald J. Leathers Endowment**

Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Leathers

## **Pediatric Rehab**

### **\$100,000–\$249,999**

#### **Dr. and Mrs. Albert G. Liddell Endowment**

Mary Frances Liddell

### **\$50,000–\$74,999**

#### **Pediatric Rehab Endowment**

Friends of UPMC Pediatric Rehabilitation in Williamsport

## **Pharmacy**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Julie Barner Endowment**

Friends and Family of Julie Barner

## **Radiology**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Dr. and Mrs. Chan Yoon Family Endowment**

Dr. Chan Yoon

*In Memory of Karen Yoon*

## **Rural Health Care Access**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Dr. and Mrs. Zachary Ritter Endowment**

Dr. and Mrs. Zachary Ritter

## **Scholarships**

### **\$100,000–\$249,999 Level**

#### **Rosalie Kaleda Scholarship Endowment**

Rosalie F. Kaleda

## **Special Purpose**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Children's Literacy Endowment**

Dr. Michael, Joshua, and Matthew Gross

*In Memory of Mary "Rickie" Gross*

#### **Dr. Robert and Phyllis Yasui Endowment**

Anonymous

## **Trauma and Acute Care**

### **\$50,000–\$74,999**

#### **William P. and Lorraine Manos Endowment**

William P. and Lorraine A. Manos Foundation

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **The Elephant Family Endowment**

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*In Memory of Reuven Elephant*

## **Unrestricted**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Charles and Donna Johnson Endowment**

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#### **John and Jean McDermott Endowment**

Steve and Mary Ann Johnson

## **UPMC Muncy and Muncy Place**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

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Richard H. Lloyd

## **UPMC Wellsboro**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Bill and Shirley Hebe Endowment**

Bill and Shirley Hebe

## **UPMC Williamsport Family Medicine Residency**

### **\$50,000–\$74,999**

#### **UPMC Williamsport Family Medicine Residency Endowment**

Friends of UPMC Williamsport Family Medicine Residency

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Dr. John A. Pellegrino Endowment**

The Pellegrino Family – Deb, Steve, Frank, and Mary

## **Urology**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **Dr. and Mrs. David Kurz Endowment**

Dr. David and Meghan Kurz

## **Women's Health Needs**

### **\$25,000–\$49,999 Level**

#### **The Manchester Family Endowment**

George Manchester, Brenda Terry-Manchester, Morgan Manchester, Meredith Manchester, & Alec and Maggie Fantaskey

# BUSINESS & INDUSTRY GIFTS

## Business & Industry Gifts

recognizes businesses that supported Susquehanna Health Foundation with a contribution of \$5,000 or greater. Donors are listed through **June 30, 2025**.

### \$1,000,000 +

Anonymous  
Ward Manufacturing LLC

### \$250,000–\$999,999

McCormick Law Firm  
The Muncy Bank & Trust Company  
The Park Home, Inc.  
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AutoTrakk, LLC  
C&N  
Dominion Foundation  
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*In Memory of James T. Wolyniec Sr.*

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Susquehanna Community Bank  
Weis Markets, Inc.  
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### \$25,000–\$49,999

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BB&T  
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Data Papers/KBF Print Technology  
Evergreen Wealth Solutions  
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#### ***American Cancer Society***

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McDonald's – \*Doug and Frani Doherty  
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Pittsburgh Penguins Organization  
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*In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Steinbacher*  
*In Memory of Karen Steinbacher*  
Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. – Matt and Joslyn Dougherty  
*In Honor of Dave and \*Karen Steinbacher*

### ***Tioga County Board of Commissioners***

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*In Memory of Jack Decker*  
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## BUSINESS & INDUSTRY GIFTS

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Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak  
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Sunbury Motors  
Susquehanna Oral & Facial Surgery and Dental Implant Center  
Susquehanna Paper & Sanitary Supply Corporation  
***Texas Roadhouse – Williamsport***  
Tory Leather  
Van Campen Motors, Inc.  
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West Pharmaceutical Services



## A powerful lesson in kindness, taught by kids.

The Bennett family made a \$500 donation — raised through a family-run lemonade stand complete with hot dogs, snacks, lemonade, and lots of smiles. The kids took charge of the stand, and the parents matched every dollar they made. The kids' reason? They wanted to help people facing cancer.

**Cassie**, their mom, is a two-year breast cancer survivor who used a cooling cap during treatment — and she knows firsthand how much it helped. She asked that the funds go toward providing cooling caps for others, “to pay forward what helped her so much.”

Thank you to the Bennetts for showing us that generosity, hope, and healing can start with something as simple as a lemonade stand.





## INVESTING IN THE UNSEEN:

# UPMC Williamsport's \$17-Million Lab Transformation

**M**ost hospital visitors never see it, but inside the walls of UPMC Williamsport, the clinical laboratory is the engine behind thousands of medical decisions every day. Blood, urine, and tissue samples from across the region arrive at UPMC Williamsport for testing, helping doctors diagnose conditions, guide treatments, and save lives.

Now, after decades in its original footprint, this vital space is undergoing a once-in-a-generation, \$17-million transformation — an investment years in the making that will directly benefit patients and the community for decades to come.

"Our clinical laboratory supports all testing for UPMC Williamsport and much of the work for our entire region," says **Erica Grater**, administrative director, Laboratory

Services, UPMC in North Central Pa. "We're the hub for many specialized tests, so upgrading our space and equipment has a direct impact on patients across north central Pennsylvania."

The lab's original core dates back to 1972, with only minor cosmetic updates over the years. The current renovation spans 23,000 square feet and is being completed in seven carefully orchestrated phases to keep services running without interruption.

"It's like solving a giant sliding puzzle," says **Conner Oldt**, construction project manager, Construction Management, UPMC in North Central Pa. "We can't just shut the lab down, so we've strategically moved teams and equipment around while still delivering patient results every day."



## Better Care, Faster Results

After years of extensive planning, construction began in March 2024. When finished in early 2027, the renovated lab will feature:

- **A streamlined open layout** with automation to speed the journey from sample to result.
- **New patient-friendly spaces** including a dedicated blood draw room, a convenient pick-up and drop-off window for specimens, and expanded storage areas to keep the lab running efficiently.
- **Shorter wait times** for critical lab results, allowing physicians to begin treatment sooner.
- **Expanded in-house testing**, reducing the need to send samples elsewhere and cutting down delays in diagnosis.
- **Consistency with the larger UPMC system**, thanks to standardized equipment and testing ranges, ensuring the same level of care locally as in Pittsburgh.

“This project gives us room to grow,” Erica says. “We can offer more tests, work more efficiently, and ultimately give patients the answers they need faster — which can make all the difference in treatment and recovery.”

## A Boost for Recruitment and Education

The transformation is also expected to make UPMC Williamsport more attractive to medical laboratory professionals, a field facing a nationwide shortage. The hospital leads educational programs — including a

Medical Laboratory Scientist program — to train the next generation of lab experts in a brand-new lab classroom.

“Having a modern, well-equipped space is a huge selling point,” Erica says. “When prospective employees or students tour the lab, they see right away that this is a place investing in the future of health care.”

The new design also builds in flexibility for future growth. Modular workstations and infrastructure upgrades mean the lab can adapt as technology advances without costly overhauls.

## An Investment You Can’t Always See — But Will Always Feel

For Conner, the project represents more than construction.

“A clean, modern lab sends a message,” he says. “It tells patients, staff, and the community that this is a place where we’re committed to providing cutting-edge health care — even in the parts of the hospital most people never see.”

After years of planning and months of careful construction, staff say it’s still surreal to walk into bright, state-of-the-art work areas after decades in the original space.

“We’ve waited a long time for this,” Erica says. “This investment will not only serve our patients today but will help us attract the skilled professionals who will care for this community tomorrow.”

# CADUCEUS SOCIETY

The Caduceus Society recognizes physicians who made a commitment of \$2,500 or greater to Susquehanna Health Foundation. Donors are listed through **June 30, 2025**.

## \$500,000+

Dr. and Mrs. Francis M. Powers Jr.

## \$250,000–\$499,999

Dr. Barbara Heere and \*Dr. Bernard Butkiewicz

## \$100,000–\$249,999

Anesthesia Associates of Williamsport  
\*Dr. and Mrs. Albert G. Liddell  
Dr. and Mrs. Rodwan and Zokaa Rajjoub  
Dr. Hani and Eiman Tuffaha

## \$50,000–\$99,999

Jean and John Burks  
*In Memory of Joseph R. Calder, MD*  
Dr. and Mrs. David J. Lopatofsky  
Dr. and Mrs. George A. Manchester  
Dr. and Mrs. Zachary Ritter  
Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon M. Schwartz

## \$25,000–\$49,999

Anonymous  
Jack and Dottie Bailey  
Dr. John and Donna Becker  
Dr. and Mrs. E. Lee Bellinger  
Christopher and Susan Branton  
Dr. Jill A. Burns  
Dr. and Mrs. Scott D. Croll  
Dr. Ronald E. DiSimone  
Dr. and Mrs. Elefant  
Greg and \*Marilyn Frailey  
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Gandy  
Dr. Michael C. and Dr. Heather J. Gerst  
\*Rickie and Michael Gross  
Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Heilmann  
Dr. David and Meghan Kurz  
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## Welcoming Vijayant Singh, M.D.

**Vijayant Singh, MD**, joined UPMC in North Central Pa. this April as vice president of Medical Affairs, bringing with him a wealth of clinical experience and leadership expertise.

In his new role with UPMC in North Central Pa., Dr. Singh will help advance care quality, physician engagement, and clinical integration across our hospitals and outpatient sites. As the key liaison between physicians and hospital leadership, he supports quality care, patient safety, and systemwide coordination, which ultimately benefits our region's patients and providers. Dr. Singh's thoughtful, team-oriented approach makes him an ideal fit for a region rooted in collaboration, innovation, and community health.

"I'm excited to support the dedicated physicians and clinical teams who serve this region," says Dr. Singh. "Together, we can build on the strong foundation of compassionate, high-quality care that defines UPMC in North Central Pa."

Dr. Singh earned his medical degree from Odesa Medical University, Ukraine, and completed his residency at One Brooklyn Health System, Brooklyn, N.Y. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. His career has included frontline patient care and senior executive leadership, with a focus on improving outcomes and enhancing the

patient experience. He remains committed to evidence-based care and fostering environments where physicians feel empowered to deliver their best.

Prior to joining UPMC, Dr. Singh held leadership roles as chief clinical officer and vice president of Network Development at Hudson Regional Hospital, Secaucus, N.J. He also served with CarePoint Health, Jersey City, N.J., for more than decade, leading clinical operations and helping develop community-focused health initiatives. During this time, he worked closely with multidisciplinary teams to improve efficiency, expand access, and introduce patient-centered innovations.

Dr. Singh and his wife are settling into the region and look forward to laying down roots. "Our families are from rural communities. We've spent a lot of time in urban areas, and when the opportunity became available to trade the hustle and bustle of city life for some land and peace of mind, we knew we had to check it out. We've seen what a gem this region is, and we've enjoyed it since our first visit."



# 2025 Lifetime Achievement Awards Event

## *Celebrating Generosity and Impact*

**S**usquehanna Health Foundation marked a milestone this spring with its 10th annual Lifetime Achievement Awards celebration — an evening dedicated to honoring the major donors, individuals, and organizations whose generosity and leadership have helped shape health care at UPMC in North Central Pa. and improved patient care across the region.

Held on May 16 at DiSalvo's Restaurant in Williamsport, the celebratory evening was made possible through the support of UPMC and UPMC Health Plan, with entertainment sponsored by C&N.

The celebration began by honoring individuals and organizations whose generosity has reached new heights — welcoming new major donors contributing \$10,000 or more and recognizing returning donors whose ongoing support elevated them to a new giving level or included an additional major gift. More than 68 major donors were recognized for their life-changing contributions to UPMC in North Central Pa.

### Two individuals received the Foundation's highest honors:

- **Dr. Mohammad Shafique** was awarded the *Physician Lifetime Achievement Award* for his years of compassionate care, dedicated mentorship, and unwavering commitment to enhancing local health care.
- **Rosalie F. Kaleda** received the *Philanthropist Lifetime Achievement Award* in recognition of her remarkable legacy of giving, volunteerism, and community service.

"We're fortunate to live in a community where generosity runs deep," says **Sherry Watts**, president of Susquehanna Health Foundation. "Whether through time, talent, or financial support, so many step up to make a lasting difference. Their commitment is at the heart of everything we do."





# LEGACY SOCIETY

The **Legacy Society** recognizes those who made a planned or estate gift to Susquehanna Health Foundation of \$1,000 or more, through June 30, 2025. The “past” designation distinguishes our members who have passed away but whose estate or planned gifts to the Foundation reflect the lasting legacy they left to help others.

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## TURN YOUR IRA INTO IMPACT: Make a Tax-Free Gift Today

As you consider ways to support the important work of the Foundation, we'd like to share a valuable opportunity for those who are 70½ or older to make charitable contributions through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their IRA.

By choosing to make a QCD, you can support critical needs at UPMC in North Central Pa. while enjoying the benefit of a tax-free distribution. This is an effective way to ensure your charitable contributions make the greatest impact, without increasing your tax burden.

### What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

A QCD allows you to donate directly from your IRA to Susquehanna Health Foundation without having to pay taxes on the distribution. Here's how it works:

- **Eligibility:** You must be 70½ years of age or older.
- **Tax Benefits:** QCDs are not included in your taxable income, so they can help reduce your tax liability. Additionally, QCDs count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.
- **Annual Limit:** You can donate up to \$108,000 per year from your IRA to qualified charities like the Foundation.
- **Direct Transfer Required:** The distribution must be made directly from your IRA to the Foundation in order to qualify for the tax benefits.



### How to Make a QCD to the Foundation:

1. Contact your IRA custodian to request a direct transfer of funds to Susquehanna Health Foundation — personal checks made payable to the Foundation will not qualify.
2. Let the Foundation know your intention so we can ensure your gift is properly acknowledged and directed toward the area of your choice.

If you're interested in making a QCD, or have questions about how it could benefit you, we encourage you to consult with your financial or tax advisor. We are happy to assist you with any information you might need to make your contribution.

# KEYSTONE SOCIETY

The **Keystone Society** lists those who make a commitment to contribute \$250 or more annually to Susquehanna Health Foundation. Listed below are all Keystone Society members through **June 30, 2025**.

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## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK: The Gatehouse

Through generous donor support, major renovations to this unique inpatient hospice unit help provide better palliative care and assistance.

**S**ome may wonder how people can work in hospice care, where patients are at the end of their lives due to terminal disease or illness. But if you ask **Melody Roedts, BSN, RN, CHPN**, the clinical manager of hospice at The Gatehouse, an inpatient unit that is part of UPMC Home Healthcare of Central Pennsylvania, she would tell you that her job is incredibly meaningful and important. She takes great pride in what she and her Family Hospice teammates do every day.

"We help people through the process of dying so that they have comfort, dignity, and kindness. We support their families and caregivers as well," says Melody. "There is a real purpose to what we do."

### About The Gatehouse

Situated on the UPMC Williamsport Divine Providence Campus, The Gatehouse is a peaceful, comforting place for short-term respite and relief for patients seeking end-of-life support and their families. This seven-bed inpatient hospice unit provides skilled medical and nursing care for the management of pain and other symptoms that cannot be managed safely or effectively in a home hospice setting or nursing facility. This can include symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, respiratory distress, seizures, and severe agitation.

"Our unit focuses on palliative care and relief so that, ideally, the patients can go back home," says Melody. While the goal is to improve symptoms so patients can return to where they were previously hospicing, sometimes they pass during their stay at The Gatehouse. "We are ready to handle those instances, if they should occur."

Whenever beds are available, The Gatehouse can also offer some patients respite stays. "These can last up to five days and help support family caregivers by giving them a little bit of a retreat or break," says Melody.

When there is availability for a respite stay, the staff at The Gatehouse helps plan the visit to meet the patient's individual needs.

By providing a peaceful, home-like environment, The Gatehouse helps make an incredibly difficult time for patients and their loved ones a little bit easier. Families can spend quality time with patients in private bedroom suites, a comfortable family room, a kitchen, and a meditation room — all while patients receive around-the-clock, skilled nursing care to manage their difficult symptoms.

Over the last two decades, this vital inpatient center has served as a tranquil, private, and dignified space for hospice care. As the years went by, however, it became clear to the staff and others that The Gatehouse was due for a thoughtful, thorough, and much-needed makeover.



## Many Thanks to The Gatehouse Volunteers

“Our volunteers are an essential part of The Gatehouse experience, and they offer incredible support to our patients, their families, and our staff,” says Melody. “I don’t know what we would do without them.”

Post-COVID pandemic, Melody notes that there is a need for more volunteers at The Gatehouse and in Family Hospice. Whether it is by visiting with patients, honoring veterans, offering bereavement support, or providing nursing staff with assistance, hospice volunteers make a difference every day.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Providing companionship to patients and respite assistance for families in their homes
- Visiting patients in The Gatehouse, or in skilled nursing or assisted living facilities
- Assisting staff at The Gatehouse with various tasks and programming
- Comforting patients near their last moments
- Honoring veteran patients with pinning ceremonies and vet-to-vet visits with the We Honor Veterans program
- Making scrapbooks, collecting stories on audio or video, or writing down memories for patients
- Playing comforting music for patients or becoming a Gatehouse Singer
- Helping provide bereavement support to families and loved ones

Melody notes that surviving family members are encouraged to wait a minimum of one year following the death of a loved one before serving as an active hospice volunteer.

There is also a volunteer program for making handmade quilts and blankets for hospice patients. This is a tradition at The Gatehouse that goes back many years. “In the 19 years I’ve been here, I have never seen them run out of quilts. It’s amazing. We even have a beautiful one hanging up in our refurbished family room area,” says Melody.



To learn more, or to register for an upcoming hospice volunteer training class, call the hospice volunteer coordinator at **570-326-8954**, or visit **UPMC.com/FamilyHospice**.



## Major Renovations Have an Immediate Impact

Over the past two years, The Gatehouse facility was completely refreshed — from new furniture and décor to new playroom toys and an expansion of the existing Tree of Remembrance. Melody watched the facility be transformed, and the rejuvenated unit has been a real benefit for patients, their families, and The Gatehouse staff. There is a more home-like atmosphere now. Comforting details, such as warm colors, soothing artwork, and decorative pillows, can be found throughout the various rooms.

In addition to basic repairs and upgrades within the facility, the renovations included:

- Fully refurbished patient rooms with new beds, furniture, paint, and décor
- A remodeled kitchen families can now gather in to share meals
- Improved and modernized nursing stations
- A refurbished playroom with new toys for kids and families
- New information boards in the hallways
- A staff break area and lockers
- A new family laundry area
- Spruced-up common areas for gathering
- An expanded Tree of Remembrance

“I love all the renovations, but the kids’ play area has to be my favorite,” says Melody. “It has a space-themed mural on the wall and lots to do. It’s a happy space that everyone really enjoys having here, and a place where kids can just be kids.”



## The Tree of Remembrance Continues to Grow and Inspire

Including the Tree of Remembrance expansion in the renovations was important, because this artwork has been a meaningful part of the facility since The Gatehouse opened almost 20 years ago. By donating a leaf in the memory of their loved one, families and friends have a way to honor those who have passed while helping support others who will need The Gatehouse in the future.

## Donations Keep The Gatehouse Open

Although The Gatehouse provides an important service, its expenses are greater than the income it generates. Thanks to generous contributions, the recent renovation project was completely donor-funded, keeping costs down for the community it serves.

“Next on our wish list is the replacement of our older CADD pain-medication pumps,” says Melody. CADD is short for “computerized ambulatory delivery device,” which is used in hospice care to deliver medication for pain management. This can be done continuously or on demand, either subcutaneously or intravenously. A CADD pump can enable patients to manage their pain more autonomously, and it can be used in a hospital or at home. The hope is to have the new CADD pumps partly or fully funded by donations through the Susquehanna Health Foundation. “The Foundation has been really supportive and amazing, and they reach out several times a year to

ask us what The Gatehouse needs,” says Melody. “They truly understand what it is that we do in family hospice, and they have incredible compassion for our patients and their families.”

Donations are critical to keeping The Gatehouse open and available to the entire community,” says **Sherry Watts**, President of the Susquehanna Health Foundation. “In fact, we utilize up to \$100,000 annually to help cover the unreimbursed expenses that keep The Gatehouse running, because it is such a vital service to the UPMC in North Central Pa. community.”

Sherry is always inspired by how donors continue to financially support the work of The Gatehouse. She is also inspired by the staff and volunteers. “The patients and families The Gatehouse serves every day have found so much comfort, support, and peace here. It’s hard to put into words just how much that means to those in hospice.”

## How to Contact The Gatehouse

For more information about The Gatehouse call **570-320-7690**.

## How to Support The Gatehouse

You can make a meaningful difference for patients and families at The Gatehouse. To contribute, simply use the enclosed envelope, or to give online visit

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## A Record-Breaking Day on the Green

The 43rd annual Susquehanna Health Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament got underway on August 11 with picture-perfect weather at the Williamsport Country Club. This year's event was not only a celebration of community and philanthropy — it was historic. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, players, volunteers, and committee members, the tournament raised more than **\$156,000**, the most ever raised in its 43-year history.

Proceeds from the tournament will fund a Critical Care Simulation Manikin (SimMan) for UPMC in North Central Pa., a cutting-edge training tool that will elevate emergency and trauma care education across the region.

Over the past four decades, the Invitational has generated more than \$3 million through individual and corporate sponsorships, making a lasting impact on health care in our community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who made this year's tournament a success, especially our tournament host, **Allison Crane & Rigging**, in memory of Larry Allison Sr., and our platinum sponsors:

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The funds raised will support the acquisition of a SimMan, an advanced simulation tool that provides health care teams with realistic training across a wide range of high-risk medical scenarios. From cardiac arrest and respiratory distress to complex trauma cases, the SimMan mimics real-life physiological responses — heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen levels, and more — creating an immersive learning environment.

This investment will enhance multidisciplinary training, improve patient safety, and strengthen emergency readiness, all in support of clinical excellence and high-quality patient outcomes.

SimMan will also be funded through the Clinical Excellence Endowment, which supports the recruitment, retention, and education of clinical staff at UPMC in North Central Pa. This endowment is vital to expanding services and ensuring access to exceptional care for our community — now and into the future.

## Looking Ahead: Be Part of Next Year's Tournament

As we celebrate the success of this year's Invitational, we're already looking forward to next year's event. If you or your organization would like to support the Susquehanna Health Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament in 2026, whether through sponsorship, volunteering, or participation, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information, please contact Annie Fogleman at [foglemana@upmc.edu](mailto:foglemana@upmc.edu) or visit [www.SusquehannaHealthFoundation.org/Golf](http://www.SusquehannaHealthFoundation.org/Golf).



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