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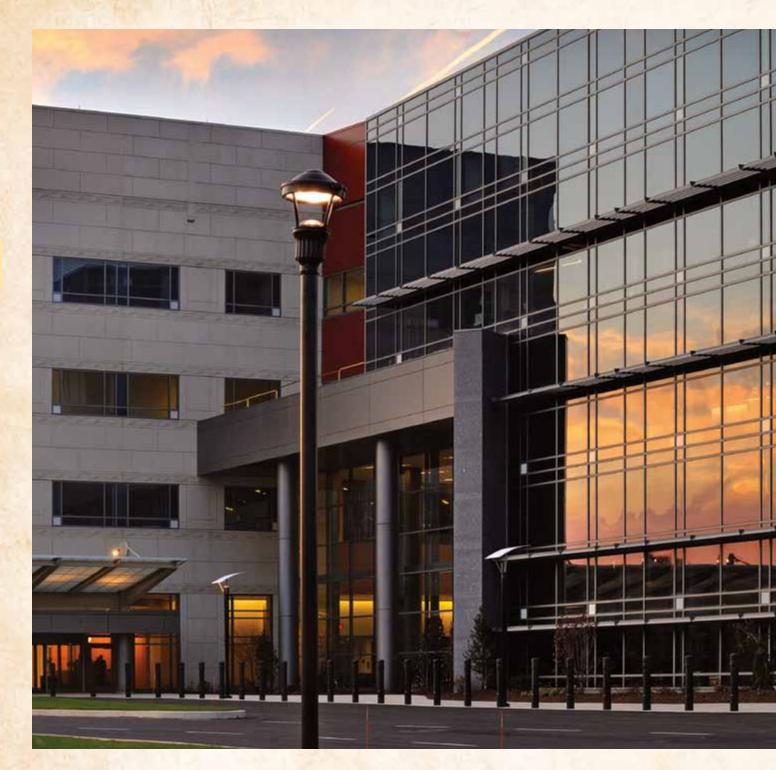
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#### S U S Q U E H A N N A T O W E R



Forward-thinking design combined with new technology, materials and standards helped Susquehanna Health create the new patient-centered and family-focused spaces within Susquehanna Tower at Williamsport Regional Medical Center.

# for the best patient outcomes



Design can influence health. Based on experience, evidence-based designs from other facilities and feedback from patients, Susquehanna Health planned the new healing environment with architects from Stantec, Inc. For the best patient outcomes, they wanted the space to support infection prevention measures and a new decentralized nursing model. They also wanted the design to include elements from nature, to create minimal noise and interruption to sleep, and to foster family interaction and support. The design also needed to help staff be efficient, take advantage of technology and improve communication.

Providing private patient rooms, an infection prevention measure that also protects patient confidentiality, was a priority. Creating space for family members in those rooms was key.

"We want to be patient-centered and family-focused. By honoring the family relationship, we can build a strong support system for the patient, and data shows there is improved care when these relationships are strong," explains **Sue Duchman**, Susquehanna Health's Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, who led the design team from the patient care side. "The intentional inclusion of family space combined with the decentralized nursing model, which puts nurses in close proximity to our patients to provide care and education, helps build that support, so we are never caring for a patient without consideration of the rest of the family."

Challenged to bring form to so many functions, architects provided the solution with a floor layout that resembles a butterfly. Two extended wings provide ample space and access to natural light for patient, family and staff areas. The center houses supplies as well as "backstage" hallways and elevators to allow essential activities such as housekeeping and restocking to occur while main hallways remain quieter and less cluttered.

"The highlight for me is that we were able to meet the challenge of modernizing the facility to provide for a progressive patient care model while remaining in the city and using that location to its full advantage," says **Collin Beers**, principal and architect at Stantec.

Within the innovative framework, staff and architects planned individual patient care units, designing the hallways and patient rooms to support the best patient outcomes.

## nursing stations



nursing touchdown station

New technology for recordkeeping and communication eliminated the need for a central nursing station. The iconic hub is replaced with small nursing stations strategically placed adjacent to patient rooms. These stations, where nurses quietly update documentation or place lab orders, provide a generous work surface, computer, wall phone and direct view of the patient. Elimination of repeated trips to a central station, in addition to the location of safe storage for supplies and medicines throughout the unit, saves steps and improves efficiency. This additional time and improved access enables nurses to help patients and family caregivers prepare for the patients' discharge by teaching and supervising practice of skills they might need to continue safe care at home.

Research has shown that a quiet nursing environment allows for clear communication and error reduction. It also provides for restful recovery and improved healing for the patient. When fewer people are involved in common conversations, the result is a reduced noise level.

## additional safety measures

A universal design helps caregivers quickly orient to the patient rooms. Materials, supplies, call buttons and equipment are always placed in the same position in relation to the patient. A handrail on the wall gives patients support for independent or assisted trips to the bathroom, where the door opens outwards for easier access and safety. Many rooms include lifts to prevent patient falls or injury to staff assisting patients.





## patient rooms

Private patient rooms offer many compelling advantages. With only one patient in each room, reduced activity means fewer interruptions so patients can sleep. When assigning rooms, concerns about gender and condition of potential roommates are eliminated completely.

The walls are painted with natural colors and feature original artwork, created by local artists, that were selected to inspire and promote healing. The beds are positioned to provide direct views of the outdoors, many overlooking the mountains and landscape, and to take advantage of natural light. Much of the indirect lighting in the rooms can be controlled by patients and their visitors.

All of the rooms are organized into three zones. The caregiver zone is closest to the door with the patient zone in the middle and the family zone farthest from the door and away from caregiver activity. Family members are no longer considered simply "visitors." The emphasis to include the family or "care partners" as active participants in the healthcare delivery model is universally supported by hospital leadership, nurses and physicians.

Among the amenities for patients are flatscreen televisions to provide entertainment and access to educational videos specific to the patient's condition. In the family zone, there's a chair or recliner that can be folded down for overnight sleeping. A small wardrobe accommodates personal belongings as well as an area for gifts and cards.

#### infection prevention

In addition to private rooms, other measures in the new patient areas provide layers of infection prevention, including energyefficient mechanical systems that circulate fresh air into the rooms. Selection of materials such as seamless flooring as well as countertops, walls and cabinets that can hold up to hospital-grade sanitizing solutions further support infection prevention.

Each patient room has a private bathroom as well as a separate sink for caregivers to use. Hand-washing sinks are strategically placed at unit entrances to encourage visitors to wash before and after seeing patients.



While numerous areas in Susquehanna Tower at Williamsport Regional Medical Center will open in March, watch for more to come later this year.

#### **Emergency Department**

Many new private treatment rooms will be in use in the Emergency Department (ED) in conjunction with the March opening, but because of the busy nature of this unit, its construction is being carefully completed in phases to prevent disruption of service. When the first stage opens in March, 22 new private patient rooms will replace 17 curtained bays in the current ED. All 36 private rooms in this modern and highly efficient new unit will be completed by the end of October 2012.

Two critical care rooms as well as a radiology and CAT scan suite will be located within the ED. These new capabilities will provide space and resources to more quickly evaluate and treat more critical patients such as stroke patients.

#### The Birthplace<sup>™</sup>

One year into the construction of Susquehanna Tower, which began in October 2009, leadership noted that efficiencies and savings on the project would allow them to complete some of the extra "shelled" space included in the design for future growth. The decision to create a new, modern Birthplace came in late 2010, and that unit will be completed and put into use in mid-June 2012.

The Birthplace features striking views, pampering amenities and optimum working conditions. Located on the third floor of the new Tower, the unit features a glass wall overlooking the new two-anda-half-story atrium.

The pleasing environment was designed to promote family

bonding. The 17 postpartum rooms will offer amenities such as wireless Internet, flatscreen televisions, an entertainment system for watching movies, mini-refrigerators, upscale toiletries and a comfortable sleep space for a support person.

#### **Imaging Services**

The new state-of-the-art Imaging Center will be located on the first floor. In April, the center will feature the region's first 3.0 Tesla MRI, which will provide faster, more precise images. Not only will this advanced technology be available, but it will now provide MRI capabilities at Williamsport Regional Medical Center in addition to the services provided at Divine Providence Hospital.

## Overcoming Challenges

The new Susquehanna Tower was designed to help us overcome challenges related to aging facilities and to accommodate the latest in technology. These improvements enable us to:

- Incorporate the latest in digital technology to maximize medical services and efficiencies.
- Enhance the patient and family experience.
- Improve recruitment and retention of expert physicians and nurses.

Our goal was to create patientcentered and family-focused facilities built on an information technology platform with a style that reflects our region's natural and cultural history. Design objectives included utilizing the best practices for deploying advanced technology while emphasizing privacy, infection control and patient safety.

The Tower includes features that ensure operational efficiency, ease of access, flexibility for future changes and a reflection of our faith-based, relationship-orientated philosophy of care. Architectural features include private patient rooms, private patient transport areas and public spaces with open atriums, natural light and homelike settings. Building separate staff and public corridors decreases congestion and noise. Also, the corridors provide clear pathways for staff access and private paths to treatment for patients. Some features that create additional efficiencies include motionsensor lighting controls in public restrooms, conference rooms and waiting rooms.

#### Susquehanna Tower Floor-by-Floor Breakdown

#### Floor 1

#### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

- Private treatment rooms (replaced curtained bays) with television, private telephone and visitor space
- Two critical care rooms and a radiology and CAT scan suite for quick evaluation and treatment of more critical patients

#### IMAGING SERVICES

- For patient privacy, an internal elevator system takes hospital patients directly to a private waiting area in the Imaging Center's core
- Outpatient imaging patients access a separate comfortable waiting area through the lobby

#### Floor 3

#### THE BIRTHPLACE™ (Opening Summer 2012)

- Decentralized nursing model keeps nurses close to moms and babies
- Amenities include wireless Internet, flatscreen televisions, an entertainment system for watching movies, mini-refrigerators, upscale toiletries and a comfortable sleep space for a support person
- Includes outpatient lactation support area to assist moms with breastfeeding concerns after discharge

#### EDUCATION AND CONFERENCE CENTER

- Six spacious, comfortably appointed conference rooms for health education classes and support groups
- A large conference center equipped with state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment

#### Floor 4

#### SURGICAL SERVICES

- Fully equipped surgical suite includes state-of-the-art equipment for openheart procedures
- Leading-edge arrangement of equipment and technology allows cardiac surgeons to perform complex surgical procedures
- Designed for maximum efficiency and flexibility to expand for future growth and changes in technology

#### Floor 6

#### JOINT REPLACEMENT AND SPINE CENTER

- Therapy gym, exclusively for joint and spine patients, designed to simulate everyday activities
- Unit is structured so patients can function more like they are at home rather than in the hospital

#### PROGRESSIVE CARE UNIT

- 28-bed unit for patients who need cardiac monitoring and an intermediate level of care
- New wireless cardiac monitoring system will enable staff to monitor patients from anywhere in the hospital

## When Ninutes Count

Teamwork at Muncy Valley Hospital and Williamsport Regional Medical Center Saves Heart Attack Victim

## Pilot **David Calehuff** still can't believe what a "tiny little blonde" named Amy did to save his life.

The registered nurse was part of the team that snapped into action as the 70-year-old stepped out of his car in the ambulance entrance of Muncy Valley Hospital's Emergency Department showing obvious signs of a heart attack. Before he left Muncy Valley Hospital (MVH) for emergency cardiac surgery at Williamsport Regional Medical Center (WRMC), Amy and her coworkers would revive him twice.

He attributed his chest pains that Wednesday morning in September to pulled muscles. When medication didn't provide relief, he left his basement workshop to rest in a chair. His wife, Susan, was out shopping. With his chest throbbing and a burning sensation in his arm, he saw his white face and blue lips in the mirror and decided, because of the rural location of his home, to drive to a neighbor's house and ask for a ride to the hospital. No one was home.

Amy and a co-worker saw David arrive at the ED and quickly helped him inside. Instinctively she ordered the crash cart to his bedside; her 14 years of experience told her they might need it. Rapidly and systematically they started an EKG and initiated a Code STEMI, Susquehanna Health's streamlined process for emergency heart catheterization. As they prepared him for transport to WRMC, David called Susan and told her to meet him there. Shortly after that, his heart stopped and the staff called a Code Blue.

Amy began CPR. Using the defibrillator from the crash cart, the team shocked his heart back into





With the help of CHAMPS staff such as Jaime Kelley, Exercise Physiologist, David underwent cardiac rehabilitation and gained strength with each new day.

rhythm. David told Amy he was feeling a little better, but it wasn't long before they called Code Blue again.

By the time David had been revived again, the ambulance was ready for his transport. Because his condition was not stable, the team determined Amy should board the ambulance to assist with his care. During the ride to WRMC, Amy held David's hand. She could tell he was a hard worker like her father, who is about the same age.

"You think about people in your own life when you're doing something like this," says Amy. "That's what motivates you."

She kept David alert, explained what was happening and asked him questions to assess his condition and ensure that his pain was under control. At WRMC he was whisked to the catheterization lab where **Dr. Donald Nardone** was preparing for his surgery. Amy returned to MVH to finish her shift.

Within the 75 minutes following David's arrival at MVH, Dr. Nardone removed a clot from in front of a stent inserted years ago. His surgery was a success.

At dinnertime that same day, Amy, after finishing her shift at MVH, appeared in David's room in the Intensive Care Unit.

"Do you remember who I am?" she asked.

He remembered.

"I was still in awe that this little blonde administered CPR to me, twice, and took such great care of me in the ambulance. Now here she was taking her personal time to visit me,"

says David. "That's when I realized how serious my condition had been."

"When we heard he was doing fine and in the ICU, I had to go see for myself," says Amy. "A success like this makes everything that I do worthwhile—the lack of sleep, the weekends and time spent away from my family—it makes it all worth it in the end. I had to go and see him."

Amy credits the training and cohesiveness of her team at MVH for David's survival during those first critical minutes of his care.

"We train for this. We have a very close-knit staff, and we work well together," says Amy. "Everything just flowed the way it needed to."

A day after his discharge from the hospital, David returned to MVH to say thank you for another chance at life.

"I'm a God-fearing person. I know someone Divine was looking over me, and my thanks go to those people who were doing His will. I can't believe the effort total strangers made to continue my life," he says.

"There were signs that I ignored. I was tired and got out of breath easily. I attributed it to my age, but now I know it was something more. I had a pretty good track record as far as cardiac care, but I got sloppy on exercise and eating. I smoked, and I thought it wouldn't affect me. I brushed things off. But these things add up," says David. "I hope others will learn from this and listen when their body tells them something is wrong."

David knows he's fortunate to be making plans to resume flying as a recreational pilot and traveling with his wife using a motor coach they purchased just weeks before his heart attack. That's why he wants to help others survive.

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-DAVID CALEHUFF

## Learn the Symptoms of a Heart Attack

David says he initially didn't recognize signs that he was having a heart attack. If you experience or see any of the symptoms below call 9-1-1 without delay. Emergency medical service personnel can begin your treatment immediately upon reaching your location.

Discomfort in Other Areas of the Upper Body Symptoms might include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of Breath With or without chest discomfort.



#### **Chest Discomfort**

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

#### **Other Signs**

These might include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, err on the side of caution. Some heart attacks start out slowly with very mild symptoms.

Warning signs of a heart attack as provided by the American Heart Association.

# The Donorreport

In January 2008, we reorganized our giving levels to recognize our donors beginning with the Capital Campaign for Project 2012. In the next several pages you will find the categories and their brief descriptions as well as the giving levels within each category. **Donors are listed through December 31, 2011.** 

#### SIGNATURE GIFTS

Signature Gifts recognizes individuals and organizations who made a commitment to Susquehanna Health Foundation with a contribution of \$100,000 or greater.

## Signature Gifts Members

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We celebrated our donors' generosity and commitment to Project 2012 with events in the new Susquehanna Tower.

Steven P. Johnson, President & CEO, thanked donors for their support of Susquehanna Health.



Donors enjoyed an evening filled with fun and entertainment.



Black Tie Affair a capella group performs for the Keystone Society Donor Recognition Event. The Foundation staff was excited to offer donors tours of Susquehanna Tower before it was open to the public.







Allen Kiessling, Susquehanna Health Foundation Board Member and Chair of the Keystone Society Committee, speaks about the significant impact our annual donors have on healthcare in our community.

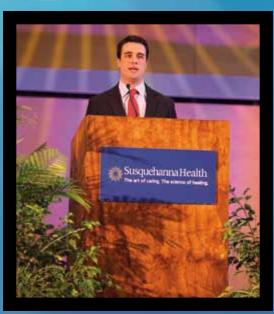




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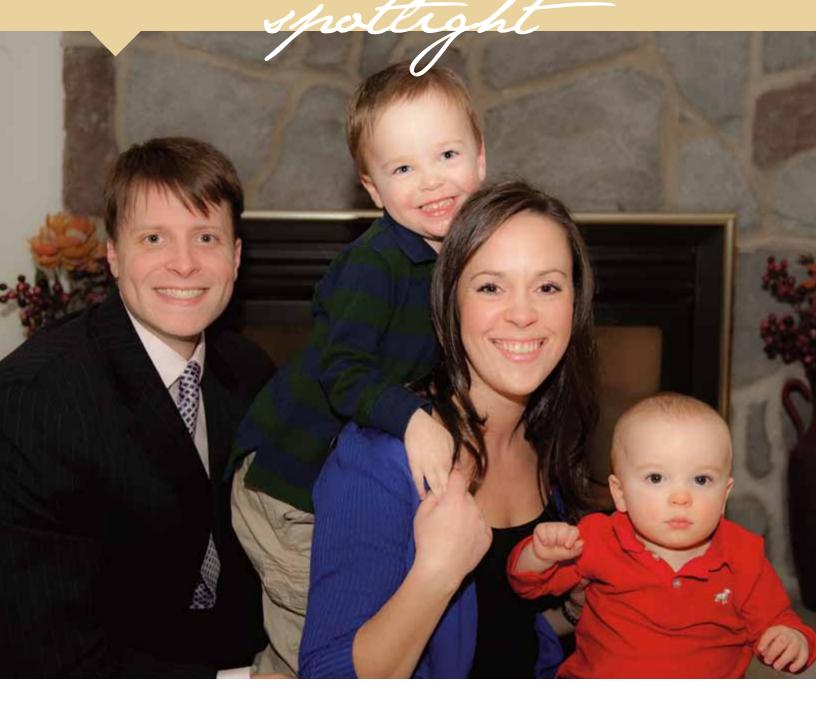


Donors enjoyed an extraordinary evening of art, music and the celebration of philanthropy, which included tours of Susquehanna Tower and a special performance by world-renowned artist Michael Israel. Michael painted five canvases live that were then auctioned off following his performance. Thank you to Albert and Judy Styrcula, Steve and Mary Ann Johnson, John and Sue Young, Jerry and Barb Wertz and Steven and Elaine Rockoff for purchasing artwork that night and donating these pieces back to Susquehanna Health.





CORNERSTONE SOCIETY



## SUSTAINING PROGRAMS THEY BELIEVE IN

You can trace their giving ways back to their mothers.

The untimely passing of one mother and the charitable teachings of the other have set **Michael** and **Lyneah Hudock** on a course that is making an impact on the community. Whether it's the hospital, symphony, library or Junior League, the Hudocks give their time and financial resources to the the Gatehouse staff jumped in to help. From a location for the wedding and reception to staff to ensure Lou Anne's comfort throughout the event, every need was met to make the day special.

Shortly after Lou Anne's death, Michael and Lyneah made a donation to the Gatehouse to show their

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organizations they're passionate about. They know their commitment keeps their community, vibrant and full of potential for their young family, but it is also a remarkable tribute to their mothers.

"We gain so much from the community, whether it's for our family to enjoy or the high level of healthcare we receive," explains Lyneah. "We are so thankful and think it's important that we contribute in ways that help sustain those programs."

The young Williamsport natives might not have put healthcare at the top of their list of causes to be passionate about, but the death of Lyneah's mother, births of their children and her grandmother's sudden illness have given them reason to value the medical expertise available through Susquehanna Health.

Shortly after Michael and Lyneah became engaged in the fall of 2006, Lyneah's mother, Lou Anne Bastian, was diagnosed with cancer. When her condition became terminal a few months later, she received hospice care in Susquehanna Health's Gatehouse at Divine Providence Hospital. The couple quickly moved their wedding date forward and was amazed at how -Lyneah Hudock

appreciation and ensure those services would be available for others in the future.

"They just went above and beyond what was expected in every capacity. It was amazing. Anytime anyone needed something, they were already there thinking of it. They are truly special angels to do what they do," says Michael.

Later that year Michael and Lyneah were asked to serve on the Keystone Society Committee as part of Susquehanna Health's Project 2012 capital campaign. The newlyweds didn't hesitate to help.

"It was a great experience that enabled me to meet some wonderful people," says Lyneah, who also became involved with the Junior League and fundraising projects for the James V. Brown Library. "It's great to work with people who share a common goal of helping the community and to see the results of all of our efforts in such tangible ways."

The birth of their first son, Michael III, in January 2009 gave Michael and Lyneah another positive experience with Susquehanna Health. Baby Michael arrived six and a half weeks early, requiring an emergency delivery and several weeks of specialized care in the Level II Nursery at Williamsport Regional Medical Center. Again the Hudocks were struck by the quality of care and thankful for the close location of the hospital that enabled them to easily be with their son during those first critical weeks.

"The Birthplace<sup>™</sup> was amazing. You just don't know how good something like that is until you need it," says Michael.

Lyneah was thankful that the birth of their second son, Benner, in January 2011 was more routine, allowing them to appreciate the good care under less stressful conditions. "That was just nice, normal. We could have him in the room with us and really enjoy the experience," says Lyneah.

Then Lyneah's grandmother suffered a stroke in August 2011, requiring critical care at Williamsport Regional Medical Center.

"Certainly in the last few years our family has relied on Susquehanna Health for a whole spectrum of care, and we recognize how truly important it is to have that high level of care available here," says Lyneah.

Some might be surprised by the commitment of resources, both time and money, from a young couple with a growing family, but Lyneah and Michael share a desire to make a difference now that was inspired by Michael's mother, Barbara Hudock.

"If you wait until you have more to give, that time never comes. So we just make a commitment. It's one of the first things to come out of our budget," says Michael, explaining the rule of thirds his mother taught him from a young age. "With every penny you bring in through your work and effort, one third goes to charity, one third to savings and one third to you. We have seen her live what she preaches, and that has been a big influence for us." 17



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## Susquehanna Health Hosted PM Exchange

to recognize Business & Industry Donors and announce the First Annual Business Health Award Recipient

Susquehanna Health and the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce have established the new Business Health Award to recognize businesses that provide innovative health and wellness programs for their employees. A well-designed workplace wellness program can improve employee health and morale, help reduce healthcare costs, encourage employees to be more productive, decrease absenteeism and reduce stress levels. With this award, we will recognize employers in the region who promote wellness and implement those initiatives in their workplaces. The 2012 Business Health Award recipient was Larson Design Group.

Pictured from left to right are: Vince Matteo, President & CEO, Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce; Steven P. Johnson, President & CEO, Susquehanna Health; Brenda Nichols, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Larson Design Group; William Phillips, Vice President of Human Resources, Larson Design Group; Jerry Wertz, Susquehanna Health Foundation Board Member and Chair of the Business & Industry Committee.



All businesses within Susquehanna Health's 11-county service area will be considered. An online application will be available several months prior to the awards presentation. Information will be distributed through the Chamber of Commerce as well as Susquehanna Health's website.

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We are proud of the many programs and services our hospitals have to offer. Because of the continued involvement of our community—and the generous support of friends like you-Susquehanna Health Foundation looks forward to tomorrow and we offer heartfelt thanks to our many contributors.

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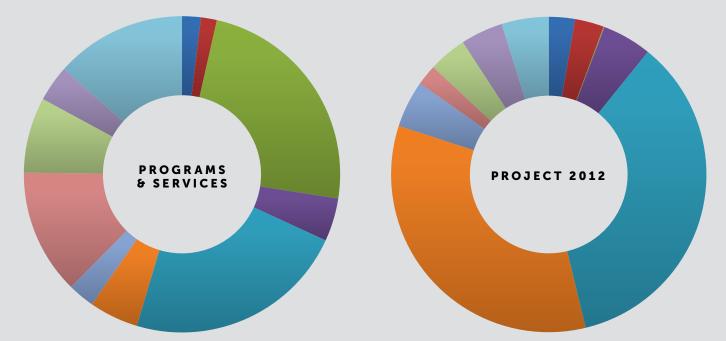
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Dialysis	309,260	23.9%
The Gatehouse	294,163	22.8%
Other	173,175	13.4%
Home Care & Hospice	165,368	12.8%
Skilled Nursing Unit	100,050	7.8%
Greatest Need - Susquehanna Health	65,143	5.0%
Williamsport Regional Medical Center	57,018	4.4%
■ The Birthplace™	48,031	3.7%
Scholarships & Awards	35,291	2.7%
Breast Health Center	24,874	1.9%
Cancer Center	20,974	1.6%
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Emergency Department	1,000,250	35.4%
📕 General - Project 2012	953,116	33.8%
Divine Providence Hospital	143,391	5.1%
Williamsport Regional Medical Center	136,363	4.8%
Muncy Valley Hospital	135,886	4.8%
■ The Birthplace™	122,408	4.3%
Skilled Nursing Unit	110,794	3.9%
Cancer Center	84,218	3.0%
Breast Health Center	75,685	2.7%
Orthopedics	59,568	2.1%
Cardiac Services	2,345	0.1%

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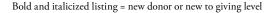
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## Planned Charitable Giving:

Helping You Help Your Community

By: Dale A. Tice, Esq., Marshall, Parker & Associates

## When families contemplate estate planning, the initial focus is usually on passing assets from the parents to their children.

But when talking with a professional estate planner about their goals, many families will discuss the importance of giving back to the local community. Indeed, when presented with the possibility most people favor the idea of making a philanthropic gift that will provide a tangible benefit at a place where it will be appreciated. What they might not realize is while helping their charity they can also experience significant tax savings as an added benefit.

Planned charitable giving can be accomplished in a variety of ways. While many individuals choose to include a charitable bequest in their wills, others enjoy the satisfaction of seeing lifetime gifts help the charity of their choice. Gifts can be made of cash, real estate or even the right to receive oil and gas royalties. From the perspective of tax savings, gifts of highly appreciated property are often very effective. Tax benefits can include an immediate reduction in income taxes or long-range estate tax savings. By making a gift of property that has increased in value, very significant capital gains savings can be realized. Though planned charitable giving might seem complex, working with a team of professional planners will give assurance that you will achieve your goals. Options for lifetime giving that might be considered include:

- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity

Your estate planning professional can help you understand which of these planning options makes the most sense for you. Truly, planned charitable giving can create a "winwin" by allowing you to help your local community today with the potential for significant tax savings for your family both now and in the future.

#### Lifetime Giving Options Explained:

Charitable Remainder Trust – Planning with this type of trust involves a gift of income-producing property or the purchase of an annuity. You will receive income from the trust for your lifetime or a term of years, and the property will then pass to the designated charity upon termination of the trust.

#### Charitable Lead Trust -

This trust works as the opposite of the Charitable Remainder Trust. The charity will receive the income during the term of the trust, with the property gifted to the trust passing to the donor's family when the trust ends.

#### Charitable Gift Annuity -

This plan involves making a gift to a charity that will in turn provide a charitable donation, an income tax deduction and a guaranteed lifetime income stream.

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#### Pediatric Unit Benefits from Holiday Donations

Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles - Williamsport Aerie #970 are committed to Susquehanna Health's Pediatric Unit. For more than 10 years they have donated toys, games, dolls, puzzles, televisions, DVD Players/VCRs, stuffed animals, etc. at Christmastime. This year Michael Hook and Diane Ogden delivered more than \$2,000 worth of gifts for the staff to hand out to sick children and to also have on hand for the children to play with while they are being cared for in the hospital.



## ARTIST FLORENCE PUTTERMAN

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Through her foundation, Florence Putterman, 84, of Selinsgrove, donated twelve pieces of her original artwork to Project 2012. The work is valued at \$10,000, but she hopes those who see it will appreciate an even higher value.

"I think it's important, and I know this from experience, that when you are in a hospital and not feeling well, you don't want to be looking at something dreary or that doesn't speak to you," says Florence. "When you see something that's interesting and warm and colorful, that can really lift your spirits."

Inspired by her own hospital experiences, she decided to offer a selection of the prints she has created over the years to be used in hospitals and other nonprofit settings. Since she began donating her artwork 10 years ago, she has received many thankyous from individuals who have found inspiration and joy in her work.

"I love doing this; it's very rewarding. I have given my work to be used at locations all over the United States, and I have gotten a lot of good thoughts from different people over the years," says Florence. "It is nice to have these pieces out where they will be seen and enjoyed."

Florence got a late start to her art career. As a young woman growing up in Brooklyn, she was discouraged from pursuing her passion. Though she dabbled over the years, it wasn't until her forties, when she and her husband moved to Milton, PA, to build a shoe factory, that her hobby grew into something more. She took art classes at Bucknell University and The Pennsylvania State University, earned her MFA from Penn State and became an art instructor at Susquehanna University.

Thousands of paintings, sculptures and prints later—she continues to create original work today—the former art instructor has been featured in more than 100 solo art exhibitions at museums and art galleries around the world and has gained a reputation as a postmodern painter and printmaker.

Look for Florence's work, featuring hearts, flowers and landscapes, throughout Divine Providence Hospital and in the new Susquehanna Tower.



## Local Artists' Work Enriches Project 2012

With Project 2012, nearly 400 pieces of art are displayed in renovated and newly constructed areas of all three of Susquehanna Health's hospitals. What makes the collection unique is that artists from within a 50-mile radius of Williamsport created every piece.

"It's thrilling to have local artists represented. We have a thriving art



community that includes multiple generations of artists," says **Roger Shipley**, Lycoming College Emeritus Professor of Art, who serves on the art committee assembled by Susquehanna Health President and CEO Steve Johnson in 2007.

Roger, **Sister Ann Marie Paul** and three other community artists and art enthusiasts identified and reviewed the work of more than 150 artists from the community and visited more than 30 studios. In addition to an appeal to the community, they often discovered new artists through other artists.

"As a committee, we wanted to include original artwork, pieces of good quality that would be inspirational and healing, influential and informative, but not too edgy," explains Roger. "We were looking for artists who were established and had more than just one or two pieces we could review."

Leslie Watkins, president of The Art Partnership, made the final selections to keep the process impartial. About 75 percent were selected from existing works including paintings, photographs, sculptures, textile pieces and others. The other 25 percent were commissioned. Many of the artists offered their work at a discount or donated additional pieces to the project.

Many of the pieces depict scenes from nature including recognizable local venues. In the atrium outside the conference center in the new Susquehanna Tower, a large metal sculpture by Mike Patterson reflects the movement of the Susquehanna River. This theme is carried out in many ways throughout the building.

Other notable pieces can be found throughout the three hospitals of Susquehanna Health. In the Healing Garden at Williamsport Regional Medical Center there is a bronze sculpture of Joanne "Johnny" Lamade, the first female board member for then Williamsport Hospital, sculpted by Zenos Frudakis. A unique textile piece depicting good health was created by nine area women and is featured in the radiation oncology unit. Pictures of children and scenes from familiar stories provide a pleasant conversation starter in pediatric waiting areas in Divine Providence Hospital's same-day surgery area, while crosses made from local hardwoods grace the lobby of Muncy Valley Hospital, depicting Susquehanna Health's faith-based healing mission.

The only exception to the 50-mile rule was the work of sculptor Talley Fisher of the Rob Fisher Studio. Talley created the dramatic ceiling installation at the entrance of Williamsport Regional Medical Center. A national search for that commissioned piece led the committee to Bellefonte, 62 miles away. There's still a nice local connection, though, because Talley was born at Williamsport Regional Medical Center.

"This has been a wonderful opportunity for our committee to work together. It has been rewarding to see the work of so many artists in the community and to know that these pieces will be a source of inspiration to so many," says Roger.

"The committee and the project team have been amazing to work with," adds Leslie. "There is an extraordinary commitment here that is a benefit both to the patients and the local art community."



## with Dr. Hoffman



#### Dr. Michael Hoffman

is an orthopedic surgeon at Susquehanna Health. He is a graduate of the University of Utah School of Medicine and completed his residency at Dartmouth/Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Hoffman completed a fellowship at the University of Utah and is board certified in orthopedic surgery.

#### What makes the new Joint Replacement and Spine Center a good environment for recovery and rehabilitation following surgery?

A. Everyone involved in the care of joint and spine patients looked at the unique needs of these patients and their barriers to recovery and designed the unit to address them.

Because the unit is exclusive to joint and spine patients, caregivers will interact more to collaborate on each patient's care. This is ideal for incorporating best practices and clinical pathways to provide the best outcomes and highest standard of care for our patients.

Also unique to this environment is the camaraderie fostered among patients when they are together in a unit. They often meet each other in class prior to surgery. Then they will be together during rehabilitation and become a great support to one another.

## . How do you describe the "wellness" approach on this new unit?

A. The environment we've created is more like home than like a hospital, and we will treat patients more like they're at home. There are special chairs so they can spend more time out of bed, and instead of hospital gowns patients will wear T-shirts and other sports attire.

A lot of recovery is based on mindset. The majority of our orthopedic and spine patients are healthy people who have one isolated problem. Their treatment as a "well" person puts the emphasis on their recovery and rehabilitation so they are immediately working to regain mobility and independence at an appropriate, measured pace. Our goal is to get them back to their lifestyle or, with the improvements of surgery, an even better lifestyle.

## What features of the unit do you see having the greatest impact?

A. Every feature is designed to make an impact starting with the education, training and preparation that patients receive before surgery.

The nurses' stations are very close to the patients for quick assistance, and each patient has a private room with walk-in access to its own bathroom. The 24 private rooms also have space for family or a coach to be there and support the patient. The rehabilitation gym, with its wall of windows, is easy to access on the same floor as the patient rooms.

## Q. Has the new unit impacted caregivers?

A. Building a unit like this made everyone take a closer look at how they do their jobs—from the patient transporter to nurses and social workers, therapists and the surgical team—and it gave everyone an opportunity to provide input to improve the process and make sure the quality is there to help patients have the best possible outcomes. That input and ownership of the process elevates the structure to make each team member more effective.

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## Introducing the HANA table

Now at Susquehanna Health orthopedic surgeons use the HANA table, which is specially designed to improve the outcomes of anterior approach hip surgery, along with several other orthopedic procedures. This revolutionary table allows a surgeon to precisely position a patient's hip for surgery and then accurately position the replacement



components for proper hip joint mechanics. Special instruments and implant components allow for less tissue disruption by separating the muscles at the hip rather than cutting them. Overall, the patient benefits from a faster recovery, less pain, a smaller incision, less blood loss and less scarring. The table is also used for pelvic fractures and hip revisions.

## Recovery is the Main Event at the Joint Replacement and Spine Center



A photograph of the River Walk is superimposed on a large white board prominently displayed outside the bright, spacious gym in Susquehanna Health's new Joint Replacement and Spine Center. It's a symbol of the journey each patient must make to recovery.

"Rehabilitation following major orthopedic surgery can be challenging. We want to put the patients' focus on moving forward to reach daily goals so they can keep their recovery on track and return to their lifestyle as quickly as possible," explains **Lori Beucler**, administrative director of Perioperative, GI and Orthopedic Services.

With each goal achieved, patients will celebrate as their icon magnet moves forward along the River Walk path. They will progress until they can continue their journey at home.

Supporting them in their journey is a staff of caregivers and therapists dedicated solely to the care of orthopedic and spine patients. In addition, patients can designate a coach from their family to be trained to assist with their care and to be a source of encouragement and support especially as recovery continues at home.

Everything on the unit is designed to motivate, from the patient's attire—T-shirts, shorts and sweats—to activities such as baking in the fully equipped occupational therapy kitchen and the gym's beautiful views of the mountains. Even the specially designed ergonomic chairs in each of the 24 private rooms prompt patients to spend more time out of bed.

Before surgery both patient and coach attend educational sessions to prepare for everything from surgery to hospitalization and recovery at home. A network of caregivers ensures that everything necessary is in place before surgery so the patient can set and meet specific recovery goals and return home following hospitalization without unnecessary delays or interruption to their therapy.

"This wellness model of recovery is a unique concept for the region," explains Lori. "Each patient will have a tailored plan for recovery with established daily goals and criteria. The emphasis here is truly supporting the patients as they reach their goals."

## Coming Soon

Look for details about Meet and Greet sessions with our orthopedic surgeons as well as tours of the new Joint Replacement and Spine Center beginning in April.



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Donations helped to fund the Trilogy Linear Accelerator, which brings power, precision and versatility to cancer care at the Susquehanna Health Cancer Center. This stateof-the-art radiation treatment machine uses electronic image guidance technology allowing doctors to see exactly where tumors are and to fine-tune powerful radiation treatments to eliminate cancerous cells while protecting healthy tissue to reduce side effects.

Located in a specially designed room on the ground floor of Divine Providence Hospital, the radiation treatment

machine gives doctors versatility to provide high-quality treatments for most types of cancer. Highly trained therapists create a calming environment for the patients while making their treatments comfortable and efficient.

Having this advanced technology in our community is a tremendous benefit to many residents of our region. The capabilities provided by the Trilogy allow patients to avoid traveling several hours for their daily treatments and keep them close to home and their support team.

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## Consistency, Professionalism Earn Patient's Confidence in Cancer Care

For several years **Vernon Gibson**, 59, and his urologist, **Dr. Glenn Bloiso**, monitored Vernon's enlarged prostate, even treating it with transurethral microwave therapy.

When Vernon's PSA (prostatespecific antigen) levels spiked in 2010, Dr. Bloiso performed a biopsy and confirmed that Vernon had prostate cancer. After carefully considering his options, Vernon had his prostate surgically removed in August 2010.

Just a little less than a year after his surgery, Vernon's PSA levels spiked again. This time Dr. Bloiso recommended precision radiation therapy.

"Dr. Bloiso was concerned that trace amounts of cancer cells remained. Rather than allow them to fester and grow, he sent me for radiation treatment," says Vernon.

For 45 days, Vernon and his wife came to the Susquehanna Health Cancer Center at Divine Providence Hospital so he could receive precise, powerful radiation treatments from the Trilogy Linear Accelerator. His 8 am appointments typically took just 15 minutes, allowing him to be back to work by 9 or 9:30 am.

"It was so efficient. I used a bar code to check in and within a couple of minutes someone would come to the waiting area and take me back for treatment," says Vernon. He says the machine looked a bit intimidating at first—like something from Star Trek—but the staff that worked with him quickly put him at ease.

"It was all 'good morning' and smiles—no drama. They made me so comfortable and answered all of my questions. I was just in a complete state of confidence the whole time," says Vernon.

What really impressed him was the consistency and professionalism of the staff. The procedure was exactly the same every time. He also appreciated the convenience of having weekly visits with **Dr. Kenneth Glaser**, his radiation oncologist, in conjunction with treatments to address any concerns or side effects.

Vernon's treatments ended in October, and in December he had a follow-up exam to confirm its effectiveness. He urges all men to be proactive with their prostate health because prostate cancer symptoms can often go undetected.

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