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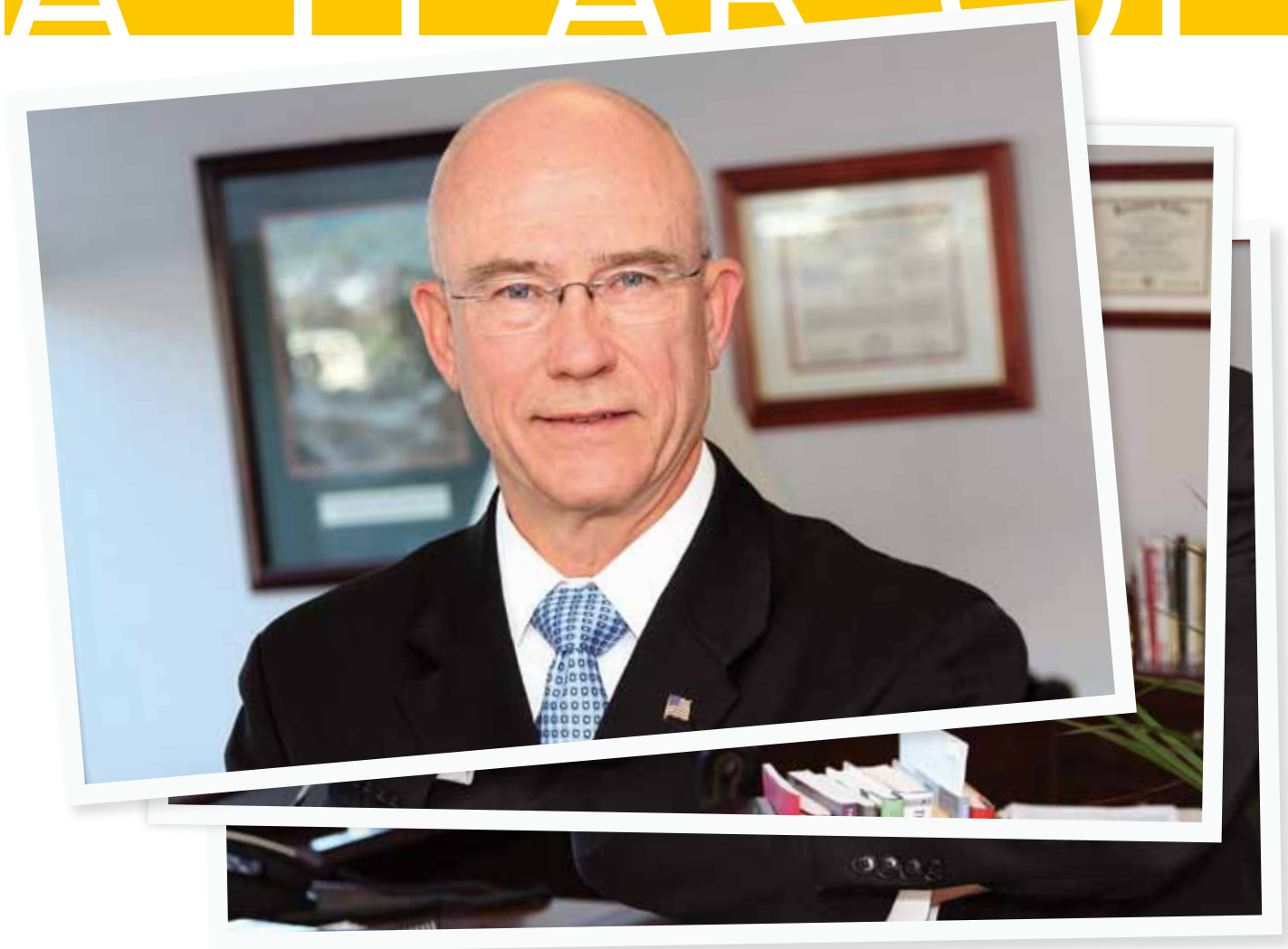


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BLESSINGS

Susquehanna Health has much to be grateful for this holiday season!

Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, we completed the largest capital campaign in our history culminating in the opening of the new Susquehanna Tower at Williamsport Regional Medical Center. Project 2012 has enabled us to modernize all three of our hospital campuses including the new Breast Health Center at Divine Providence Hospital and private patient rooms at Muncy Valley Hospital.

With your support, Susquehanna Health is positioned to be central Pennsylvania's leading healthcare provider, delivering nationally recognized medical services with hometown, personal care to all we serve. Despite the pending changes and challenges in the healthcare industry, we provide the highest quality care more effectively with renewed patient safety.

We have also successfully completed our affiliation with the Laurel Health System. We are now the primary health system in two counties with a strong regional presence covering 11 counties. We have a greatly expanded, increasingly integrated healthcare network.

Our efforts have also garnered ongoing national and state recognition, including commendation from the Leapfrog Group as the only healthcare provider in our region to receive an "A" in hospital safety; Blue Distinction center of excellence in orthopedics, spine and cardiac care; Pennsylvania's low-cost Medicare provider; LEED Gold Green Building certification; and one of the Top 100 Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania.

These achievements would not be possible without our entire community of caring—physicians, nurses, employees, volunteers, board members and, of course, you, our donors.

Looking ahead, we will continue to streamline our operational efficiency, grow our network and increase our programs and services to meet the ever-changing needs of our region. We have a well-defined strategic road map to help us expand access to key services, improve care coordination and lower the cost of healthcare.

As we reflect on our many blessings this year, I want to personally thank each of our donors for contributing to the well-being of our community and advancing the healing mission of Susquehanna Health.



HELPING A LIFELONG CYCLIST CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY





Bill Faust, 69, of Linden, says he's got a lot of living left to do. He promised his father, who died at age 95, that he'd make it to 100 for him. Bill hit an obstacle to keeping that promise last March when he suffered a serious head injury in a bicycling accident. He is thankful for the doctors and nurses at Susquehanna Health who helped him get back on the road again.

A retired postal worker, Bill lives on a small farm with his wife, Donna, and likes traveling, swimming and water aerobics. A bicyclist all his life, he has been averaging 2,000 to 3,000 miles per year since he began keeping a log a decade ago.

He was riding with the Williamsport Bike Club in "The Chili 50," an event he participates in each year to raise money for children's charities, when he got too close to the cyclist in front of him.

"I began to turn away, and the next thing I knew paramedics were standing over me," Bill recalls. The cyclists around him said he fell very hard on his left side. There was just a small crack in his bike helmet and a little road rash on his leg. Because he was knocked out, paramedics transported him to the Emergency Department at Muncy Valley Hospital for evaluation.

An X-ray showed his knee was fine, but the CT scan revealed a subarachnoid hemorrhage, or bleeding in the area between the brain and the thin tissues that cover the brain. **Dr. Paul Leber** in the emergency room referred Bill's case to neurosurgeon **Dr. Hani Tuffaha**, who ordered a

follow-up CT scan for three days later when the initial showed no emergent issues. That scan showed no additional bleeding, and it seemed the slight amount of blood would be reabsorbed into his system without intervention.

About 10 days later, some bike club members encouraged Bill to take a ride with them. Sporting a new helmet, Bill rode 20 miles without any difficulty and was soon comfortable returning to all his usual activities.

He started having headaches three weeks later toward the end of April. While working in his yard one afternoon, he bent down and lost his balance. Certain that something was wrong, he called **Dr. Dakshina Walgampaya**, his family physician, who immediately sent him to Williamsport Regional Medical Center for a 3T MRI scan.

From there, a consult with Dr. Tuffaha was scheduled. Bill was diagnosed with bilateral subdural hematomas, bleeding between the brain and the dura (brain cover) on both sides of his head, likely resulting from his accident. Dr. Tuffaha admitted him to the hospital for emergency surgery and drained a half liter of blood from around his brain.

"Dr. Tuffaha was wonderful," Bill says, "He performed the surgery on a Sunday because he was leaving town later that week and wanted to be close by following my surgery. Even after he left town a couple of days later, he called several times to check on my progress. He is an excellent neurosurgeon."

In the hospital for nine days following his surgery, Bill felt like he made new friends among the staff.

"They were just wonderful; I got very good treatment, I can't say enough," he says. "The nurses really seemed to care about me. I looked like I had two grenades coming out of my head, and I was quite a sight with my hair shaved and a cloth over my head to protect me from infection. They helped me feel better—even sang to me."

Bill didn't need much physical therapy because he was in good condition from bicycling and swimming. After being discharged from the hospital, he had follow-up visits with Dr. Tuffaha and regular CT scans to monitor the level of fluid outside his brain.

His return to cycling began with a stationary bike. When he got the green light from Dr. Tuffaha to ride in July he logged 445 miles and hasn't looked back—except to think about

the wonderful people who took care of him.

"I want to tell them, 'You don't know how much you help people. A lot of people are scared to go to the hospital. But to be in your care and see the confidence you have and how knowledgeable you are about these injuries, it just makes you feel good,'" Bill says.

WEARING A BICYCLE HELMET CAN REDUCE SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES BY 85 PERCENT.

BIKE HELMETS SAVE LIVES.

Bill Faust is an experienced bicyclist who was on a routine bike ride when he fell and sustained a serious head injury. He wasn't riding fast or on dangerous roads, and the accident happened in an instant. Now Bill goes out of his way to encourage other bicyclists to wear their helmets.

"If you don't wear a helmet, you're risking your life," says the president of the Williamsport Bike Club, who doesn't want to think about what would have happened if he wasn't wearing his helmet during his accident. His experience has prompted many bicycling enthusiasts to share stories about how helmets have saved them from injury, but there are always some who confess that they don't wear helmets.

In Pennsylvania, children under age 12 are required by state law to wear a bicycle helmet, but helmets are an important piece of gear for adults, too. According to SafeKids USA, wearing a bicycle helmet can reduce serious head injuries by 85 percent.

"People complain that it's uncomfortable, but it's something you just get used to," Bill says. "It's certainly more comfortable than an injury."

Today's bike helmets include venting for comfort and are made of much lighter materials. Make sure you choose a helmet designed for cycling that's certified to withstand impact. At a bike shop you can usually get assistance to find the appropriate fit.



Remember to replace your helmet after a crash, even if you can't see any damage. Helmets should be replaced when they have cracks or dents or when they are three to five years old because the internal materials naturally weaken.

**Find out more about
bicycle safety and helmets at
www.nhtsa.gov/bicycles.**

The Donor REPORT

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 donor recognition levels within each category.

Donors are listed through August 31, 2012.

SIGNATURE GIFTS

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

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senior care

A Tradition of Senior Care Continues
with the Help of The Park Home

Three Susquehanna Health service areas that provide care to older citizens in the community are benefiting from a \$450,000 gift from The Park Home, Inc.

“We have a long tradition of taking care of older citizens in the community, and we believe strongly in giving our support to other organizations who share our commitment,” explains **Jeff Sims**, The Park Home board president. “We felt strongly about making this gift for several reasons. Years ago, when The Park Home vacated its retirement facility, our residents went to Muncy Valley Hospital, and they did a fantastic job with the care they provided,” Jeff says. “Many of us have had personal experience with the extraordinary care provided to loved ones by Home Care & Hospice in addition to The Gatehouse, which has an excellent reputation in the community.”

A large portion of the gift amount is being used for an expansion and upgrades at The Gatehouse, Susquehanna Health’s inpatient hospice unit. These improvements include a larger family room, hospitality room with a nursery area, computer workstation for visitors and a new children’s playroom. Additionally, a portion of the gift will help Home Care & Hospice purchase new telehealth equipment, which allows a patient to maintain independence and receive care in the comfort of their home. The device takes the patient’s vital signs every day, reminds the patient to take medication and asks questions about their condition. The patient transmits their results for review. If any readings are outside the parameters set by the physician, an

immediate home intervention takes place to address the patient’s needs. The remaining funds will benefit

are pleased to help Susquehanna Health keep its facilities comfortable and in top condition

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—JEFF SIMS, THE PARK HOME BOARD PRESIDENT

residents of the Skilled Nursing Unit at Muncy Valley Hospital. Renovations to the second floor dining room are in process to create a home-like atmosphere and enhance the residents’ quality of life.



Jeff Sims

“We were inspired to make this gift to Susquehanna Health because many people on our board have had older family members or friends who have experienced the thoughtful care they provide,” says **Mary Gibbs-Smith**, a member of The Park Home board. “We

while offering the latest technology for the care of older community members.”

The Park Home has a mission to take care of and make life better for senior members of the community. From the late 1930s to early 1990s, The Park Home was a retirement facility for elderly women on West 4th Street in Williamsport and later operated The Meadows in Loyalsock, now operated by Susquehanna Health. The Park Home is developing an independent living facility to meet the growing need for senior housing in the community and intends to continue giving support to initiatives aimed at improving the lives of older citizens.

In addition to Susquehanna Health, The Park Home has recently supported Hope Enterprises, the Red Cross, STEP, Inc., Williamsport Home and Saint Anthony’s Center.

See page 33 for more information on The Gatehouse renovations.

CORNERSTONE SOCIETY

The **Cornerstone Society** recognizes individuals who supported Susquehanna Health Foundation with a contribution of \$10,000 – \$99,999.

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The Caduceus Society recognizes physicians who made a commitment of \$2,500 or greater to Susquehanna Health Foundation.

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HOSPITAL ADVANCEMENTS & FAMILY INSPIRE

Physicians' Giving

Four years ago, when **Drs. Sai Sajja and Renuka Kakarala** first visited Susquehanna Health, the health system was in the midst of Project 2012. Several renovation and expansion projects were complete and many exciting changes were ahead, including the creation of Susquehanna Tower at Williamsport Regional Medical Center. They were impressed by the health system's progressive attitude.

"You could see they put an emphasis on quality. They really value physician input, which is important to us," says Dr. Sajja, a vascular surgeon.

Dr. Sajja and his wife, an internal medicine specialist, wanted to move to a mid-size community similar to Hershey, where he had recently completed a fellowship, and were pleased with what they found in Williamsport both professionally and for their family.

"When you're a physician, you're looking at a healthcare organization not just as the place where you are going to work, but also as a place where your entire family will receive medical care, so that quality was really important to us," Dr. Sajja says.

What they found in the Williamsport community was a great place to raise their two sons and pursue their interests in gardening and travel. They also found a health system that wanted to optimize services and have a patient-centered approach. They

noted that Susquehanna Health was attracting highly skilled and respected physicians, including vascular surgeon Dr. Karla Anderson, Dr. Sajja's teacher during his fellowship at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. This prior relationship directly impacted Dr. Sajja's choice to practice at Susquehanna Health, as Dr. Anderson is well respected among her peers.

"In a specialty like vascular surgery that was definitely an important factor. I believe that when good people come to a health system, they attract more good people," Dr. Sajja says. Since their arrival, Drs. Sajja and

"Before the new MRI, we would send patients to Divine Providence Hospital to get precision diagnostics, which wasn't always efficient or convenient for the patient," Dr. Sajja explains.

The new hybrid operating room, opened in July 2012, impacts just about every aspect of Dr. Sajja's work. The doctors also value improvements to the Emergency Department and the addition of more private patient rooms, which they see as a major benefit to the overall patient experience.

The physicians knew from the beginning that they would like to make a financial contribution to

"We believe in what they're trying to do, and we feel that since we are blessed and in a position to be able to give something back to the organization, that's something that we want to do."

—DR. SAI SAJJA

Kakarala have both benefited professionally and see many positive changes for their patients through the enhancements of Project 2012. The updated imaging equipment, which includes the new 3T MRI at Williamsport Regional Medical Center, impacts their abilities to diagnose patients efficiently and confidently on site.

assist the health system with the planned improvements.

"We believe in what they're trying to do, and we feel that since we are blessed and in a position to be able to give something back to the organization, that's something that we want to do," Dr. Sajja says.

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WINNING

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for His Heart and Yours Too



Bill Burd, 57, of Williamsport, runs for his heart. Years ago he realized his father's heart problems were a direct result of a poor diet and lack of exercise. Bill's desire to choose a different course led to the creation of a race that supports Susquehanna Health's Heart & Vascular Institute. Now in its eleventh year, Bill's race, "Run for Your Heart," has raised more than \$17,500 for the Heart & Vascular Institute, helping to make state-of-the-art heart care available to the region.



Active with biking, swimming, playing softball and coaching his children's sports teams, Bill didn't begin running until he was 45. He started running with friends during the work day to relieve stress and quickly became hooked. When he began running in races, he noticed there weren't many in the area, so he decided to create one and use it to raise funds for a good cause.

"I mentioned my idea to a friend, Paul Roman, who suggested that I talk to my childhood friend Kirby Smith who, at the time, was President and CEO of Susquehanna Health. They had just completed a new Heart & Vascular Institute, and he gave me a tour," Bill says. "We agreed it was a perfect fit to link the race's proceeds with the new unit. All we needed was a name, and my friend suggested 'Run for Your Heart.'"

So with support from Susquehanna Health, Bill launched his first race in 2001, attracting 44 runners. The race has grown to include nearly 200 participants and is held every Labor Day.

Runners, and now walkers, too, begin and end the 3.1-mile course at

Williamsport Regional Medical Center, where the Heart & Vascular Institute resides.

Bill, who manages the entire race with help from friends, family and Susquehanna Health volunteers, is constantly improving the event by bringing the best ideas back as he participates in other races. Last year the race went digital with runners wearing computer chips on their race bibs or shoes to record their times and provide instant results.

Some runners participate because a loved one had to be treated at the Heart & Vascular Institute. Others don't run but provide donations to support the cause. Among the participants, he knows there are some who are running their first race like he did 13 years ago. He provides trophies for the winners and includes door prizes and other perks to keep the participants motivated. He hopes the event inspires others to get up and start running for their hearts.

Recently retired from his job as Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts for Lycoming County, Bill is humble about

the impact of his event, saying "it's just a drop in the bucket." Still the proceeds support patients of the Heart & Vascular Institute with educational materials, new technology and expanded services. While he doesn't plan on needing it, he appreciates the high-quality heart care the Heart & Vascular Institute brings to the community.

"Especially with the heart, when every second counts, I think it's important to have that kind of care right here."—Bill Burd

"More than 30 years ago, when my father had his three heart surgeries, he had to go to Sayre, more than an hour away. For his third procedure he was life-flighted to Pittsburgh," Bill explains. "Now I have a Heart & Vascular Institute just four miles from my home. Especially with the heart, when every second counts, I think it's important to have that kind of care right here."

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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 August 31, 2012.

Keystone Society Members

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GOLF TOURNAMENT GETS PATIENTS BACK INTO THE GAME

SUSQUEHANNA HEALTH INVITATIONAL



More than \$107,600 raised by the tournament will benefit patients with musculoskeletal disorders and sports medicine injuries.

The 31st Annual Susquehanna Health Invitational Golf Tournament was held August 13 at the Williamsport Country Club. This year 124 players participated in the fundraising event hosted by Stevens & Lee, a law and consulting firm. Proceeds will go towards a state-of-the-art Outpatient Rehabilitation Gym in the new Health Innovation Center to be constructed next year on the campus of Williamsport Regional Medical Center.

Each year since its inception in 1981, the Susquehanna Health Invitational Golf Tournament has dedicated its proceeds towards hospital advancements that keep us at a

nationally recognized, top-quality level. More than \$1.36 million has been raised.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all our generous sponsors and players. Our success would not be possible without their support and the leadership of our volunteers. The 2012 Committee, chaired by Larry Allison Sr., consisted of Sam Aloisio, Donna Bastian, Tony DiSalvo, Brent Fish, Mary Ann Johnson, Paul Rooney, Beth Schluter and Steve Sleboda.



The first place net winners with a score of 40.7 are pictured above (left to right): Jan Faust, Larry Allison, Tournament Chairman, and Dan Forrestal. Foursome members not pictured are Jim Wolyniec Jr. and Hal Gee.

Low gross winners with a score of 56 were Michael Leicht, Christopher Leicht, Tom Harrington and Fred Sunderland.

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LEAVING A LEGACY OF CARE: THANK YOU, DR. TIMOTHY PAGANA



After 30 years with Susquehanna Health, a tenure that included the founding, enhancement and visionary leadership of the Kathryn Candor Lundy Breast Health Center, nationally recognized breast care expert Dr. Timothy Pagana, FACS, retired as Medical Director of the Breast Health Center in September. A surprise retirement celebration held in the lobby of Divine Providence Hospital in late August featured comments by Dr. Pagana's colleagues and Susquehanna Health President & CEO Steven Johnson.

Dr. Pagana's revolutionary approach to breast health care was marked by his sensitivity to the needs of his patients as well as his work in close association with pathology, imaging and cancer care providers. Dr. Susan Branton, who has worked by Dr. Pagana's side for many years and shares his passion for integrated care and a culture of empathy and sensitivity for patients, will assume the role of medical director of the Center.



Susquehanna Health Foundation has asked our patient care managers to share their wish lists—items that operational funding cannot cover this year. The Foundation is asking the community to provide the necessary funds or a portion of the funds to purchase the items below:

- Valet Services (Any Amount)
Susquehanna Health
 Valet parking was started initially to assist patients and visitors during the construction at Divine Providence Hospital and Williamsport Regional Medical Center. Patients and families have requested that Susquehanna Health continue this service. Any donation will help defray the costs and enable us to continue this service.
- Books for Pediatric Patients (\$20)
Susquehanna Health
 Books are provided to all pediatric patients who are having a surgical procedure, treated in one of our Emergency Departments or cared for in our Pediatric Unit. A book offers a child something else on which to focus during what can be an anxious time.
- Grief Support Services For One Child (\$83)
Heartworks
 Heartworks is a free program for children ages 4 to 17 who have recently experienced a loss of a loved one. This gift will assist with providing services for one child for one month.
- Assist Social Services with Helping Those Less Fortunate (\$100)
Williamsport Regional Medical Center
 This program would allow social services and nursing to purchase a variety of items that patients do not have or are unable to obtain. Examples are a discharge prescription that is not covered by insurance, cab fare to return home, clothing to wear home, etc.
- iPod to Provide Music for Chapel Services (\$250)
Pastoral Care
 Pastoral Care is in need of an iPod for playing music before, during and after worship in the new Susquehanna Tower Chapel.
- Laptop for Patients (\$1,000)
Muncy Valley Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit
 A laptop computer for residents of the Skilled Nursing Unit to use and remain in contact with their families.
- Patient Recliner (\$1,700)
Muncy Valley Hospital
 A recliner could be provided to both clinically aid recovery of patients as well as help them to feel at home during their extended stay with us.
- Blanket Warmer (\$3,500)
Dialysis Unit
 A blanket warmer for dialysis patients to utilize during treatments. Dialysis solution is 36 degrees, so patients are constantly cold.

**DONATE TO MAKE
A WISH COME TRUE.**

If you would like to make a gift to purchase one or more of the Wish List items, please enclose your check in the magazine's attached envelope and make a note of which item(s) you wish to purchase. You can also make a gift by going online to SusquehannaHealth.org/Donate and making a note in the comments section.



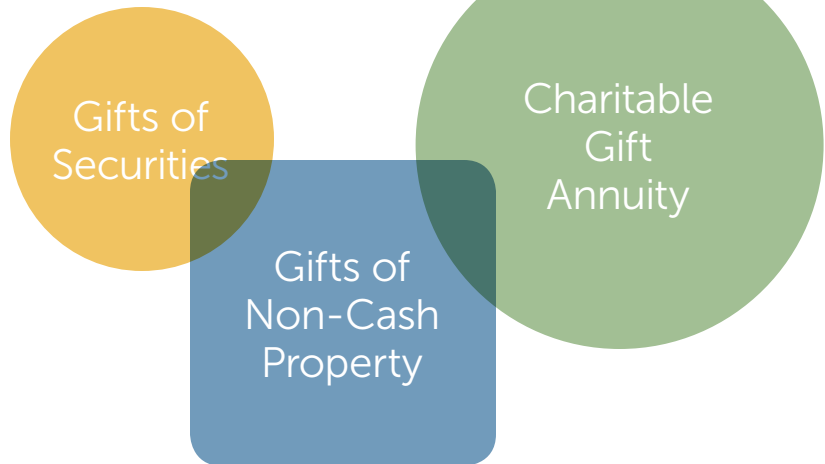
TAX SAVINGS THROUGH PLANNED CHARITABLE GIVING

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

As we transition into fall and the holidays, tax season might seem far away. But if income tax savings are a goal, now through the end of the year is the ideal time to develop a plan to reduce the taxes that will be due in April.

Most people like the idea of tax savings, and as families transition into higher tax brackets, the advantages of proper planning are magnified. In some cases people will receive new sources of income that will push them into a higher tax rate. For instance, landowners in the Marcellus shale region might receive cash bonus payments for signing a gas lease or royalty payments that will be taxable at a significantly higher rate than the families are accustomed to. For these higher income people, the benefits of planning that could result in lower income taxes are self-evident.

For many of these families, planned charitable giving can be a solution. Although it might sometimes seem that the federal government wants to squeeze taxpayers for every nickel, the IRS does allow an income tax deduction for charitable contributions to a qualified organization. While most people are aware of the deduction for cash contributions to a charity, people might not realize that there are other options available to reach these tax savings.



• **Gifts of Non-Cash Property:**

Individuals can donate non-cash property such as real estate or artwork to the charity of their choice. A tax deduction can be taken based on the fair market value of the property contributed. Did you know there is a way to gift your home and continue living in it?

• **Gifts of Securities:**

In addition to an income tax deduction, donors might be able to eliminate capital gains taxes on gifts of appreciated securities.

• **Charitable Gift Annuity:**

A charitable gift annuity can be a wonderful way to benefit a qualified organization while saving taxes. With this plan, the donor makes a gift of cash, securities or other property to the organization. The gifted funds are used to purchase an annuity that pays income to the donor for life, with the remaining principal passing to the charity when the gift annuity ends. Importantly, the donor receives an income tax deduction and might avoid capital gains taxes if the gift is of property that has appreciated in value.

As always, families and individuals will be best positioned to maximize tax savings when working with a team of qualified professionals who can help determine the ideal planning option for your unique situation. For families who want to save taxes, now is the time to consider planned charitable giving.

Attorney Tice is an Elder Law, Estate & Gas Royalty Planning Attorney with the Law Firm of Marshall, Parker & Associates in Williamsport and Jersey Shore. His practice focuses on helping families protect their land and assets from long-term care costs and estate taxes. He can be contacted at (570) 321-9008 or dtice@paelderlaw.com.

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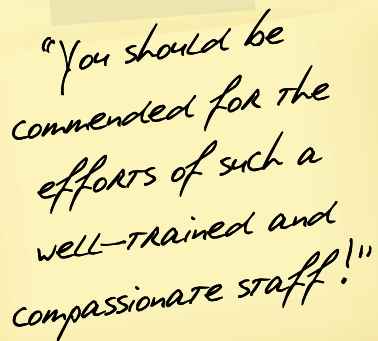
The final phase of the new Emergency Department at Williamsport Regional Medical Center is complete and emergency physicians, nurses and staff are positioned well to provide outstanding care to the community in a center designed for safety, quality and efficiency.

With 38 private treatment rooms, more than double the original capacity, the new design has aided in controlling infection, reducing noise and improving patient confidentiality. Each room is equipped with a comfortable bed, flat-screen television and seating for visitors.

Technology-enabled nursing stations, located just outside the patient rooms, provide direct patient observation and allow for efficient order entry, review of test results and record keeping.

A large, comfortable waiting area, efficient triage and testing protocols will keep patients and visitors comfortable as they progress toward evaluation, diagnosis and treatment in a timely manner.

Patients requiring critical care can be evaluated and treated more quickly in two specially designed critical care/trauma rooms. Equipped just like hospital operating rooms, the suites include imaging technology that allows X-rays to be taken without moving the patient from the bed. Adjacent radiology and CAT scan suites add to the efficiency and high-speed diagnostic capabilities of the new Emergency Department.



"You should be commended for the efforts of such a well-trained and compassionate staff!"

An Emergency Department nurse from Eastern Pennsylvania recently wrote to Susquehanna Health regarding an experience she had with a pediatric trauma patient in the new Emergency Department at Williamsport Regional Medical Center. Because she is an Emergency Department nurse, she watched every aspect of care with a critical eye, and she was impressed. Pleased with the quality, manner and timeliness of care, she gave high marks to the efficient nursing team who assisted in the trauma bay and helped keep the patient calm; to the physician assistant who promptly provided a thorough screening; and to Dr. Thomas Fiero, who performed a patient assessment and kept everything relaxed with his professional and endearing bedside manner. "You should be commended for the efforts of such a well-trained and compassionate staff!" she wrote.



Dr. Geralda Xavier, Medical Director of the Emergency Department at Williamsport Regional Medical Center, enjoys the fast pace and high priority of emergency care. Beyond a prestigious education at UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Dr. Xavier's residency at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City has prepared her to take on any medical emergency with efficiency and excellence.

Q. How does your background qualify you to make the improvements needed in emergency care at Williamsport Regional Medical Center?

A. As a board certified physician in emergency medicine, I understand the best practice standards and exactly how emergency departments function at top-level efficiency. I thrive on the fast pace and the need to deploy life-saving measures.

Having completed my residency at a New York City level I trauma center, I understand the busy patient flow and the need to provide each patient with individualized attention. I have been involved with clinical operations at several major urban hospitals during my career, with noted success in areas such as decreasing wait times and decreasing overall length of stay in the Emergency Department.

I've adopted a process of lean practices in those urban areas as well as smaller community centers, so I'm confident we can continue to improve emergency services and reduce wait times at Williamsport Regional Medical Center. Our hospital

administration and the departments working closely with us have given us tremendous support as we renovate and seek to improve patient satisfaction.

Q. How has the quality of patient care been impacted by the renovations to the Emergency Department? How are you monitoring performance?

A. Fortunately, our quality of care has always been excellent, and we're constantly striving to become even better. Wait times are a common concern in the Emergency Departments throughout the nation, including ours. We have been concerned that opening the new entrance to the Emergency Department would send the message that the project was complete. In fact, we had only 58 percent of the treatment rooms operational. With the final phase complete in November, we anticipate decreased wait times and a significant impact on patient satisfaction.

Q. How are wait times being affected?

A. Our Emergency Department is now more efficient and designed to serve a much larger patient capacity. We're able to keep patients flowing from waiting room to triage to treatment room, allowing them to be evaluated and treated much faster.

Now we can begin an IV sooner, get them scheduled for imaging or order tests to work toward diagnosis. In addition, the placement of our nurse stations within view of the patient treatment rooms has improved the safety of patients during wait times.

Q. What other measures have you taken to improve patient satisfaction?

A. We have focused on better communication with patients and their family members, ensuring they are informed on what is happening every step of the way. We have staff dedicated to making rounds with our patients to see how they can enhance their comfort during times when they might need to wait.

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YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK



Renovations to the Heritage Building at Williamsport Regional Medical Center

Based on the successful patient- and family-centered focus of the new Susquehanna Tower, major renovations are being completed in patient units within the Heritage Building at Williamsport Regional Medical Center. The changes will create private rooms for most patients with decentralized nursing and supplies to improve staff efficiency. The larger rooms will include the popular family zone with a comfortable place for a family member to sleep overnight.

“The look and feel are really very similar to what we have in the Susquehanna Tower—it’s fresh, clean and quiet,” says **Tammy Anderer**, RN, PhD, CRNP, Administrative Director of Nursing. “We are using the same earthy, healing colors and similar materials including flat-screen televisions, beautiful hardwood floors and pillow speakers.”

The renovation projects are being made possible through gifts from the community. The first unit to be renovated was the Oncology and Medical/Surgical Unit, which opened with 25 private rooms in July. The 32-bed Medical/Surgical Telemetry Unit has a mix of private and semi-private rooms. The final floor slated for renovation is a unit for Neurology, Stroke, Vascular and Medical/Surgical patients, which will have 24 private rooms when completed.

In addition to amenities in the rooms, many other instrumental changes have been made to enhance the patient experience and create efficiencies. The staff will use the vocera and nurse call system to improve communication and reduce noise. Enhanced technology was important in making wireless telemetry available so patients who need heart monitoring can conveniently remain in their unit of origin.

“We are already seeing our patient satisfaction results rising as a result of the changes. It’s a much quieter, healing environment,” Tammy says. “Our main focus was to get the nurses closer to our patients. The biggest challenge for our patients and families is fear and anxiety, so having the nurses stations closer for faster response really helps reduce that and contributes to healing.”

Gatehouse Expansion and Renovations Enhance Comfort

Six years after opening its doors to provide a home-like environment for hospice patients and their families, The Gatehouse received its first major renovation this fall. The plan to expand and update the unit was funded by a gift from The Park Home, Inc.

“The Park Home helped us raise the bar to make patients and their families as comfortable as possible in a truly home-like environment,” says **Ann Packer**, Susquehanna Health Hospice manager.

The renovation tripled the size of the Family Room. The room now accommodates three separate seating areas, including one with a large, flat-screen television. A small children’s play area, visible from the Family Room, is stocked with toys, television, gaming station and other age-appropriate items for infants to teenagers.

A new hospitality room provides a place where a family member arriving in the middle of the night can sleep. This private room can also be used to accommodate napping children and breastfeeding moms during the day.

The former Family Room was converted into a nurses station to provide more space and ensure confidentiality. The former nurses station is now a computer station for patients and their family

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—Ann Packer, Susquehanna Health Hospice Manager

members. The unit has also been equipped with WiFi.

The patient rooms received a fresh new look with relaxing wall colors, light-diffusing shades, wood laminate floors and upgraded furnishings including flats-creen televisions on the walls.

“We are just thrilled,” Ann says. “It means a lot to be able to accommodate the diverse needs of our visitors while keeping everyone comfortable.”

Additional Ultrasound at the Breast Health Center

The Kathryn Candor Lundy Breast Health Center at Divine Providence Hospital purchased a third ultrasound system featuring 3D technology with 4D capability. The new technology was purchased using funds raised by the annual Honoring Women Golf Tournament. The addition of this system along with upgrades to the existing ultrasound systems enables the Breast Health Center to provide timely evaluation for patients even as demand for breast ultrasound is increasing. While a mammogram remains the gold standard for breast cancer detection, physicians are recognizing the ultrasound’s value in diagnosing early breast cancers in women with moderate to extremely dense breast tissue.

“We are so fortunate to have the support of our community,” says **Sue Keeler**, Manager of the Breast Health Center. “Much of our equipment has been purchased with funds raised by the community. This continued commitment points to

“We are so fortunate to have the support of our community,”

—Sue Keeler, Manager of the Breast Health Center

how our community values the personalized care we can provide in a state-of-the-art center that’s close to home.”

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MUNCY VALLEY HOSPITAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunny blue skies and warm temperatures were enjoyed by 128 golfers at the 27th Annual Muncy Valley Hospital Invitational Golf Tournament. It was held at Wynding Brook Golf Club in Milton on September 7, 2012.

The tournament raised nearly \$25,000 in support of Muncy Valley Hospital's extensive renovation and expansion of the current Emergency Department to meet the growing needs of the residents in the eastern region of the county.

Proceeds will also purchase a new patient lift for the Skilled Nursing Unit.



Pictured left to right are the Champion Flight winners Barry Ashfelder, Richard Day, Mark Cromley and Michael Leicht.

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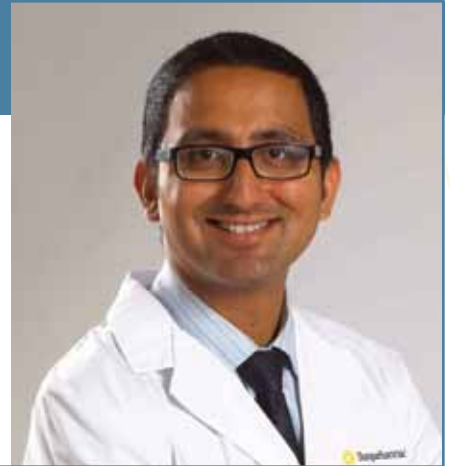
NEW

Dr. Puneet Basi

DIGESTIVE DISEASE CENTER

Susquehanna Health Medical Group welcomes Dr. Puneet Basi to the Digestive Disease Center.

Dr. Basi has more than seven years of post-doctoral training: an internal medicine internship, two years of residency at SUNY Health Science Center and fellowships at Albert Einstein Medical Center and The Brooklyn Hospital Center. He has published a variety of medical studies and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Basi received his medical degree from Dayanand Medical College in Punjab, India.



Dr. Liran Blum

CARDIOLOGY

The Heart & Vascular Institute welcomes new cardiologist Dr. Liran Blum to the team.

Dr. Blum will join Drs. Bering, Burks, Morcos, Nardone, Shafique and Trautwein, specializing in the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease in patients. He received his medical degree from Sackler School of Medicine in New York. Fellowship trained in cardiology through Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, Dr. Blum will provide comprehensive heart care for our patients.



Dr. Edward Gusick

SPORTS MEDICINE

Dr. Edward Gusick joins the Susquehanna Health Sports Medicine team.

Dr. Gusick received his undergraduate degree from The Pennsylvania State University and continued medical study at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Returning to the central PA community, he completed an internship, internal medicine residency and sports medicine fellowship at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. Dr. Gusick is board certified in internal medicine. He specializes in concussion management and has previous experience among local high school and university sports teams.



DOCTORS



Dr. Rachel Hogg

FAMILY MEDICINE

A graduate of the Williamsport Family Medicine Residency Program, Dr. Rachel Hogg returns to Susquehanna Health as a family medicine physician.

Dr. Hogg graduated magna cum laude from Ursinus College. She then continued her education at The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. Dr. Hogg is a member of the American Academy of Family Medicine and Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians. As a Susquehanna Health resident she served in a supervisory role over medical students and trained in obstetrical care and deliveries.



Dr. Kimberly Jones

FAMILY MEDICINE

Another graduate of the Williamsport Family Medicine Residency Program, Dr. Kimberly Jones is welcomed back to Susquehanna Health as a family medicine provider.

Dr. Jones has an in-depth knowledge of clinical laboratory studies dating back to her days as a lab teaching assistant at Lycoming College, where she received her bachelor's degree and clinical lab science certification. She earned her medical degree at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. In our residency program she excelled as both a mentor and supervisor of medical students. Dr. Jones is a member of both the Pennsylvania and American Associations for Osteopathic Medicine.



Dr. Vivek Kumar

DIGESTIVE DISEASE CENTER

Dr. Vivek Kumar joins Dr. David Schaefer and fellow new physician Dr. Puneet Basi at Susquehanna Health's Digestive Disease Center.

Dr. Kumar brings knowledge of advanced endoscopy procedures to the GI team from his three years of fellowships at Norwalk Hospital/Yale University and Yale New Haven Hospital. He received two medical degrees from Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, India, and completed his master's degree at the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Kumar completed an internship and two residencies at Johns Hopkins University and Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Ana May Manuel

FAMILY MEDICINE

Dr. Ana May Manuel is currently accepting patients as a new family medicine physician at Susquehanna Health.

Board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and Philippine Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Manuel specializes in women's health. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Santo Tomas and her doctorate of medicine at Far Eastern University in Manila, Philippines. Dr. Manuel studied as a post-graduate medical intern and a resident of obstetrics and gynecology in the Philippines. She completed her family medicine residency at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV.



Dr. Matthew Souder

GENERAL SURGERY

Dr. Matthew Souder joins Susquehanna Health's General Surgery Department.

Born and raised in Watsonstown, Dr. Souder started his training in surgical technology at Pennsylvania College of Technology. He obtained his bachelor's degree from The Pennsylvania State University and his doctorate of medicine from St. George's University School of Medicine in the Caribbean city of Grenada. Dr. Souder completed his residency in general surgery at Harrisburg Hospital Pinnacle Health. He specializes in laparoscopic surgery, hernia repair and thyroid surgeries.



GROWING HEALTHIER

Laurel Health System Joins our Susquehanna Health Family

As of September 1, 2012, Laurel Health System has officially joined in affiliation with Susquehanna Health. Six Laurel Health Centers, including Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital and the Green Home in Wellsboro, have teamed up with our three hospitals and various other service locations. Through this affiliation we will improve upon our already successful health systems, providing patients

throughout the Tioga-Lycoming region with increased access to specialists. Steven P. Johnson will continue to lead the Susquehanna Health affiliation as President & CEO, while Laurel Health System's senior leaders Ron Butler and Jan Fisher will respectively serve as Executive Vice President/Chief Business Officer and Chief Operating Officer/President of Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital.

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