We’re STEPPING UP our cancer care.
We’re excited for cancer care!

We are so very grateful for all of our volunteers, board members and donors here at Hancock Regional Hospital. This community never ceases to amaze me with their generosity and kind-heartedness that is shown to me every day! This fall has really been a special time for us. We started off with our Cancer Care Campaign kick off event held in the parking lot of the hospital, adjacent to where the new cancer center is being built. We had over 150 community leaders in attendance and wonderful program presenters, including Steve Long, Hancock Regional Hospital CEO, Dr. Fad Hayek, Medical Oncologist, Dr. Julia Compton, Radiation Oncologist, Stephanie Probst, community member and cancer patient and Susie Billings, Foundation Board member. The event presented an overview of the new cancer center and the comprehensive treatments that will be available to our patients this summer.

Soon after the event, we started talking with members of the community to garner support for this very important project. We are thrilled to report that we already have over $1 million committed to the Cancer Care Campaign! We are so excited and eagerly awaiting the opening of the new cancer center. As many of you know, we have the very best caregivers here in our oncology department, and with this new center we will be bringing the kind of cancer care normally reserved for larger, metropolitan areas right here to our community!

This campaign is about bringing together, in Hancock County, world-class treatments but still maintaining our comforting personal touch. It’s about providing care that’s closer to home, and it’s happening now! We hope you’ll help.

- Nancy Davis

Who We Are

Hancock Regional Hospital has a rich history of philanthropy and community support. What started as the dream of one woman to make quality healthcare available within her community, resulted in the donation of land on which the hospital was built. Since 1982, the Hancock Regional Hospital Foundation has raised funds, built relationships and generated awareness to enable the hospital to continue her vision.

Hancock Regional does not receive tax dollars, so philanthropy efforts of the Foundation help to bridge budget gaps, support ongoing community outreach efforts and care for those with limited resources or without insurance. We are proud to support the advancement of healthcare and wellness in the communities we serve.

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We’re excited to announce the Founding Members of our new Patrons of Health giving club. Membership in Patrons of Health is offered to individuals who make an annual cumulative contribution of $100-$999 to the Hancock Regional Hospital Foundation. Thank you to our Patrons of Health for your dedication to improving health care in our community.

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If you’d like to become a Patrons of Health member, please contact the Foundation office at 317-468-4106 or visit our website for more information.

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**A new Cancer Center is Opened!**

Hancock Regional Hospital has been providing hospice care to our community for more than 20 years. Whenever possible, patients are treated in their own homes, and last year alone HRH provided hospice care to more than 200 individuals through its home-based services. However, sometimes a patient’s symptoms cannot be managed at home, or perhaps their caregiver needs a break. For these patients and families, we have a dedicated space within the hospital where hospice care is provided. This area has a family living room, dining area, children's play room and many other amenities that make it feel more like home. Since this area opened in 2011, more than 400 patients and families have experienced hospice care at Hancock Regional. Jill Birbas, the new director of hospice care, has spent her entire career working with the senior population. Even before joining the hospice team at HRH, she knew what a special place it was. “Some of our patients don’t have many days, but we are making the quality of each day the best,” said Jill. “None of us know when our time will end, but making the best of every day and everyone we touch is the most important.”

**Community Rally to Support New Cancer Center**

**Meet Our Physicians**

**Community Rallies to Support New Cancer Center**

**Prospective Program Helps Patients and Families**

**Healthy Community Awards Presented to Deserving Recipients**

Susie Broome and Susie Billings have been awarded the 2014 Bert Curry Healthy Community Awards. Named in honor of the former Executive Director, this award is given each year to an individual for exemplary and innovative efforts to create positive change in the health of our local communities. The recipient of the 2014 Bobby Keen Healthy Community Award is the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen. The Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen is a faith-based organization with a mission of feeding and serving the hungry. In the 5 years since it opened, the soup kitchen has served over 100,000 meals to food-insecure men, women and children in our community.

The Soup Kitchen will receive $1,000 with their award, and Susie Broome and Susie Billings each have $1,000 to donate to the charity of their choice. Susie Broome and Susie Billings have established the Rex A. Pasko Hospice Endowment. It is given to HRH to support hospice patients and families for years to come. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the Hospice Endowment.

Pictured: Jill Ebbert, Executive Director of the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen, Susie Billings, Bert Curry, and Susie Broome

Because reimbursements for inpatient hospice do not cover the cost to provide the care, the HRH Foundation established the Rex A. Pasko Hospice Endowment to support this program. Thanks to the generosity of the people in our community, and the families who have experienced this care, the Foundation has raised nearly $3 million for the Endowment. These gifts will allow us to continue providing care and support to hospice patients and families for years to come. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the Hospice Endowment.
Grant Awards

The HRH Foundation awarded 11 new grants during the second half of 2014, for a total of $27,493.22. These grants are made possible by generous contributions and bequests that are designated for this purpose. Grant applications are accepted at any time. The 2015 deadlines are January 21st, April 22nd, July 22nd and October 21st. For more information or to download an application, visit our website at hancockregionalhospital.org/foundation.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 233 $1,759.66
Purchase of a trauma kit which will help with disaster preparedness training.

HRH Acute Care Unit $4,570
Purchase of a bariatric lift for patients who cannot safely be lifted with traditional hospital lifts.

HRH Women’s Center $5,000
“Pink Glove Dance” video which will provide education and awareness for breast cancer services.

Girl Scouts of Hancock County $1,150
Camporee event for the girls.

Mt. Vernon Education Foundation $3,366.56
Sensory Integration project for students with autism and other sensory needs.

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Fitnessgram10 - fitness tracking program for PE/Health classes

Nameless Creek Youth Camp $2,000
For multi-purpose building project

Greenfield in Bloom $750
Courthouse landscaping project

HRH Pharmacy $15,000
Flu medication for those who can’t afford it

NASA $1,000
Operation Med Safe

HRH Women’s Center $1,005
Patient testimonial video for Women Helping Women and other educational purposes

Board Member Spotlight

For 2015, the HRH Foundation will welcome three new Board members: Tania Cruser, Tom Butler and Dr. Linda Gellert.

• Tom Butler With over 30 years industry experience, a Certified Financial Planner®, Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant, Tom is a frequent speaker in areas of investment planning, insurance planning and estate planning. He is a registered securities representative with Edward Jones. In addition to his investment experience, a Certified Financial Planner™, Tom is a frequent speaker in areas of investment planning, insurance planning and estate planning. He is a registered securities representative with Edward Jones. In addition to his investment experience, a Certified Financial Planner™, Tom is a frequent speaker in areas of investment planning, insurance planning and estate planning. He is a registered securities representative with Edward Jones.

• Linda Gellert Linda moved to Hancock County in 2005, when she was appointed as Superintendent at Greenfield Central School Corporation. Linda retired in 2014 after more than 30 years in education, teaching in Indiana, Oklahoma, Germany and the Philippines. She is a member of Kiwanis, Brandywine Creek DAR, and the First Indiana Company of the Jamestowne Society. Linda’s hobbies include travel, reading and genealogy. Linda and her husband Terry have three children and two grandchildren.

• Tania Cruser Tania is an Edward Jones advisor in Greenfield who has dedicated her career to helping people achieve their financial goals. Prior to joining Edward Jones in 2010, Tania was an investment advisor in the banking industry and has more than 16 years of investment experience. Tania is co-chair of the HRH Foundation’s Business Relations Committee. She grew up in New Palestine, and currently lives in Pendleton with her husband, Donnie, and their three children.

The 16th Annual Women Helping Women Celebration was a huge success! More than 360 individuals attended the event, and helped raise $31,000- the most in the history of the event. Held on October 22nd, this year’s theme was “Pink O’Ween”, and guests enjoyed Halloween-themed décor and music. In addition to the live and silent auction, there was also a photo booth and candy table, which added to the fun!

This year, the committee took a different direction with the program, opting for a more informational presentation instead of simply entertaining. The program began with a video which featured two breast cancer survivors who had been diagnosed and treated through the Women Helping Women program. Nicole Kelso and Marie Pleak (pictured) were in attendance that night, and they viewed their video testimonials together for the first time, hand in hand.

The second part of the program was a “Women Helping Women Talk Show” featuring a panel of HRH oncology physicians: Dr. Julia Compton, Radiation Oncologist; Dr. Fadi Hayek, Medical Oncologist; and Dr. Timothy Goedde, Breast Surgeon. The physicians took questions and shared information about diagnosis, surgery and treatment of breast cancer.

Thank you to all of the donors, attendees and volunteers who made this night a success. The committee is already looking for a new venue because we’ve outgrown the gym at St. Michaels and look forward to an even bigger event next year!

Save the date – October 21, 2015
Save the date
for our Golf Outing, which will be held on Friday, June 12th at Hawks Tail of Greenfield.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE through HRH Foundation

The Foundation is currently accepting applications for three scholarship programs:

The John F. Stickford Nursing Scholarship will be awarded to at least one student who has been accepted into a Bachelors or Masters program at an Indiana public university with the intent to become a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner. The recipient must agree to work for one year as a nurse in Hancock County or Shelby County for each year that they receive the scholarship. The scholarship will cover an entire year’s tuition cost, with an opportunity to renew the scholarship each year that they are in the nursing program. Selection criteria include academic achievement, community involvement and experience in nursing activities.

The Edith Zike Nursing Scholarship program will give up to $2,000 to each recipient to support their continued education in the field of nursing. Applicants must be a resident of Hancock County and/or employed in a health care capacity in Hancock County. Applicants must be high school graduates accepted into a nursing or pre-nursing program, nursing students with partially completed programs, or Registered Nurses pursuing a Bachelor’s degree or other advanced degree. Selection criteria include academic achievement, community or extracurricular involvement and demonstration of interest and/or experience in nursing activities. Former recipients of the Zike scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

The Hancock Regional Hospital School of Radiologic Technology is a competency based program to educate and train students desiring a career in radiologic technology. The School of Radiologic Technology is now accepting applications for the 2015-2017 program through March 2, 2015. More program information is available at: www.hancockregionalhospital.org/careers/school-of-radiologic-technology-program-overview. The Foundation offers scholarships for individuals currently enrolled in the School of Radiologic Technology and living in the hospital’s service area. Selection criteria include academic standing, financial need and school/community involvement. The amount of the scholarship is $1,000 and will be paid to the HRH School of Radiologic Technology to be applied toward the recipient’s fees.

For more information about our scholarship programs, please contact the Foundation at 468-4106. You may download scholarship guidelines and applications from our web site at www.hancockregionalhospital.org/foundation.

Application Due Dates:
- Zike Nursing Scholarship: February 27th
- Stickford Nursing Scholarship: March 20th
- Radiologic Technology Scholarship: April 17th