



 HURLEY FOUNDATION

# SHIFTING PERSPECTIVE

**THE NEW AGE OF INSPIRED GIVING**

**2020-21 INSIDE REPORT**



## FROM HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER PRESIDENT & CEO

It is hard to believe we are entering 2022! Many of us continue to yearn for a return to “normal”, yet with every month that passes, that “normal” gets harder to recall as we delve into what have become very familiar, albeit different, routines. The resiliency and adaptability of individuals has never been so evident as the pandemic has forced these characteristics to be front and center in our lives. People are pivoting in how they live their lives and how they support those causes that are important to them.

We continue to be in awe of all the support the Hurley Foundation receives allowing the furthering of the mission of Hurley Medical Center. This new age of giving is exciting to watch unfold. We will forever remember the in-person events with many individuals sitting or standing close together in crowded ballrooms. Now we think of those days and think more about the infection control hazards of such a setting! Although we look forward to a day in which those events resume, we realize how far our reach can truly be by involving so many more through virtual connections. Virtual giving and virtual participation have become commonplace in our new age.

We sincerely appreciate the Hurley Foundation supporters who continuously adapt to the limitations placed on us by the pandemic, and don't see those as limitations, but simply a nudge to consider how we might go about doing what we do in a different, adaptable manner. I watch this adaptability day in and day out amongst the individuals who work at the Medical Center, ensuring we continue to provide high quality safe patient care. This admiration of adaptability to a new age of giving is further extended to you, our Hurley Foundation supporters, whose efforts and donations continue to make such an amazing difference in the care we are able to deliver to so many.

Thank you for your resiliency and adaptability and know that without your efforts, Hurley Medical Center could not continue to do all that we do.

Sincerely,

Melany Gavulic, RN, MBA  
President & Chief Executive Officer



## FROM HURLEY FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

I'd like to put a calendar of 2021 on a milk carton and ask if anybody knows where it went? Maybe time flies from the absence of old routines or from not knowing what's around the next corner? It seems that change has become a constant as we distill through the last couple of years and decide what works and what we don't really care for. This notion might resonate a little with our subtitle for the 2021 Inside Report as we celebrate our donors and Hurley family. “The New Age of Giving” may mean different things to different people. Perhaps like me, you'll read these stories and marvel at the sense of purpose our supporters have and the creative ways they find to enhance the care of someone's grandchild, mother, or a cancer survivor. Or, you'll appreciate the gift of time given from our volunteers, board members and Hurley family of patients who are always anxious to share a story of a life changed. We are also lucky to have the gift of talent from our sewers, our pet therapy heroes, and ceramic tile masters. And then, for good measure let us tell you about the rock

band, the toy collection, and the lemonade stand! While the stories may not sound all that “new age”, it's the giving that has so much more heart. It's evident to me that the passion, empathy, and connection to purpose endures from our supporters. Despite the news, I see people who care more, who care deeper, and they're doing so at a time when they face their own life challenges. The spirit of giving is alive and thriving among our supporters. This is how I see the new age of giving and changes I really do care for!

Gratefully,

Mike Burnett, MSW, MBA  
Foundation President

# NEW AGE OF INSPIRED GIVING

## TOY COLLECTION

Stuart and Sandy Jennings of Fenton, wanted to make a difference. After 40 years of collecting toys from Batman to Pokemon to Hot Wheels, Stuart and Sandy were ready to make a difference. After considering options, their financial advisor suggested they donate the items to Hurley. Foundation President, Mike Burnett, and Senior Managing Director, Liz Williams, arranged to visit the home and work with a collectible toy store owner and appraiser to get the value of the items and find ways to best use this special donation. This unique and fun way to make a difference was truly special as the Foundation ensured each item was specially used in the best way possible to make the biggest impact for our kids.



## MAX'S LEMONADE STAND

Six-year-old Max wanted to have a lemonade stand all summer to help raise money for the “sick kids at Hurley.” Summer passed in the blink of an eye, so Max and his mom decided to have a VIRTUAL lemonade stand- everything else has been virtual in some capacity, so why not try it? Max called and texted family and friends to raise money and quickly surpassed his goal. He was featured on CARS 108 and presented his check for \$1,200 at the “Let’s Make Miracles Radiothon.”

## BUICKTOWN POKER RUN

For the past several years, the Buicktown chapter of the Buick Club of America (BCA) in Flint has hosted a poker run to raise money for CMN programs at Hurley Children’s Hospital. Chapter leaders were unable to host this event in 2021, but they didn’t let that hold them back! At their summer member meeting, they gave donation envelopes to each member and asked everyone to make a personal donation of whatever amount they were able to give to the kids at Hurley. The envelopes were sealed and delivered directly to Hurley Foundation staff who opened them and reported the final total back to the group. Collectively, the group raised more than \$600. The leaders of the Buicktown Chapter of the BCA look forward to bringing their poker run back in 2022, and are proud of their members for making a difference in the lives of Hurley kids again this year!

## MAKE SOMEONE SMILE DAY

Hurley received a generous “Make Someone Smile Week” donation of 2,800 floral bouquets and plants from Waneita Bovan, owner of Bovan Floral Group (which includes Bentley Florist, June’s Floral & Baking Co. and Ketzler Florist) to kick-off Employee Appreciation Week.

It was important to the Bovan Floral Group to show appreciation to our frontline staff after their resilient efforts over the course of the pandemic. All Hurley staff received Smile Bouquets. Thank you to the Bovan team, along with Kenny Belcher of Rock Bottom/Ideal Transport, Lauren Ruth of ServPro Flint, and Mike Barrett from EXP Realty for volunteering and for this generous donation.



Donations and stewardship have evolved since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Donors are becoming more creative and collaborative. Philanthropy has always been a way to deepen a relationship with Hurley and focus on the health and wellness of the community. We have seen an outpouring of support to give back and make a difference. Donors are taking an active approach to transform giving to see the direct impact of their gifts. Many of our donors have found unique ways to engage in more hands-on ways. They want to “go all in” by giving their time and talent, not just their treasure. They aim to develop closer, more candid, and long-term relationships with the Foundation.

## MOSAIC ARTISTS OF MICHIGAN PRESENT ART TO HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER

The Mosaic Artists of Michigan donated this unique “quilt,” featuring Michigan flora and fauna, as a soothing piece to comfort Hurley families and visitors.

Delphi Glass of East Lansing contributed the background art glass, the substrate was courtesy of Genesee Ceramic Tile of Burton, and the quilt-style squares were created by individual mosaic artists from around the state. The artwork was hung in the Main Lobby of the Medical Center, across from the Lobby Shop to be enjoyed by visitors and employees alike.

“We wanted families dealing with trauma and fear to have something beautiful to look at. I have spent time at Hurley for members of my family, so it was natural to think of the Medical Center for this donation,” said artist Virginia Stevens.

The Hurley Foundation thanks the Mosaic Artists of Michigan, specifically Rande Pieper and Virginia Stevens, for their leadership and donation.



## GRETA VAN FLEET: ALBUM RELEASE PARTY

Grammy-award-winning, American rock band, Greta Van Fleet, released a new album on April 16, 2021. Fans came together in a big way to help pediatric patients and families at Hurley Children’s Hospital.

Melissa Hager (YouTube channel Melissa Hager TV) hosted a live stream album release party. The band members’ parents: Karen and Kelly Kiszka, and Dan and Lori Wagner, drew attention to the good work of Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals programs at Hurley Children’s Hospital. More than \$10,000 was raised from donors around the world!

After the party, band members Josh and Jake Kiszka, younger brother Sam, and longtime friend Danny Wagner, announced they would match the total raised by their fans. They made an additional \$10,000 contribution for Hurley kids, for a grand total of \$20,098!



# LEADING THE CHANGE

There is no guidebook for an international pandemic. In March 2020, Hurley Medical Center staff did what they do best: they put their boots on the ground and got to work.

In navigating the uncharted territory of COVID-19, clinicians and non-clinical staff looked to Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Mike Jaggi, as one of Hurley's guiding lights and leaders. During the pandemic, Hurley staff listened to daily safety huddles in a virtual format. Central topics included masking procedures, patient numbers, CDC updates, and infection control recommendations. Guidelines changed rapidly and this call gave staff a consistent forum in which to ask questions. Nearly 30% of staff listened to this call each day.

"Communication became broad, inclusive, and effective," noted Dr. Jaggi. "Melany Gavulic, our CEO, was very involved in everyday communication, as was senior leadership, infection control/disease departments, and medical staff. Transparent and truthful communication was a priority. Our aim was to soothe anxieties and stop the spread of false information. It was important to eliminate rumors by communicating directly to the frontline, after clear info was received from the infectious disease physicians. The Medical Staff looked to them for leadership and guidance."

When the need to change a unit's function arose, the Chief Medical Officer, infectious disease doctors, and nursing leadership spoke directly to the team on the unit to discuss changes before they occurred. The result was a well-coordinated, standardized, and rational approach in which everyone had a seat at the table. Weekly strategy meetings also occurred among environmental services, supply chain, marketing, and the CEO.

As communication evolved, so did the way the supply chain was viewed. Like every other hospital, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies needed to combat COVID-19, had a large cost increase and were in short supply.

"From a provider perspective of the supply chain, realizing its daily function in clinical care and thinking less of it like an arm of an organization, but instead a vital organ. As we became more dependent on basic supplies, the supply chain was vital to the bedside conversation," noted Dr. Jaggi.

"The Hurley Foundation was as close to clinical care as they could be during the pandemic," said Dr. Jaggi. "With the increased need for PPE, the Foundation hosted drives and received many donations of medical supplies. This increased awareness of Foundation staff and donation practices. Rehabilitation services were also in the spotlight, since they ensured that patients who spent multiple weeks on ventilators were rehabilitated before going home. Telemedicine, which had been on the brink of engagement, was forced into engagement. As a specialty, infectious disease received renewed interest and increased attention by resident physicians."

Care delivery has changed. "Disruptions create innovation and opportunity, and this moved exceptionally quickly," describes Dr. Jaggi.

Three major points taken from the continuous battle against COVID-19 were: 1) Being an educational teaching institute is important, as we relied heavily on our resident physicians, 2) Treatment was standardized quickly and effectively, with instructions from infectious disease and pulmonology doctors, and 3) Camaraderie and team spirit during this pandemic has brought us all closer together.



DR. MIKE JAGGI

The Hurley Foundation takes pride in working with “Fund Champions” from the Medical Center to ensure funds and interest from endowments support services, programs, capital projects, navigation, and education/training as designated.

All donations made to the Foundation benefit Hurley Medical Center and Hurley Children’s Hospital which benefit the patients, families, and community we serve.

**ADULT/SENIOR FUNDS**

- Adult Diabetes Services
- Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Services
- Adult Intensive Care Unit
- Adult Women Inpatient Psychiatric Services
- Bariatric Services
- Breast Cancer Navigation
- Burn Services
- Cancer Services
- Cardiovascular Services
- Covid-19 Response
- Emergency Department Services
- Hemophilia/AIDS Services
- Mother/Baby Services
- Palliative Care Services
- Population Health & Wellness Services
- Prenatal Services
- Rehabilitation Services
- Renal Care Services
- Respiratory Therapy Services
- Senior Services
- Sickle Cell Services
- Transplant Services
- Trauma Services

**PEDIATRIC FUNDS**

- Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatric Services
- Big Heart Book Project
- Burn Services
- Child Life Services
- Children’s Center Services at the Flint Farmers’ Market
- Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals/Pediatric Services
- Emergency Department Services
- Hemophilia/AIDS Services
- Infant Remembrance & Bereavement Services
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- Pediatric Cancer Services
- Pediatric Diabetes Services
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
- Population Health & Wellness Services
- Respiratory Therapy Services
- Sickle Cell Services
- Trauma Services
- Youth Injury Prevention

**RESEARCH/EDUCATION FUNDS**

- Continued Medical Education
- Cultural Diversity
- Graduate Medical Education
- Internal Medicine Resident Research
- Library Services
- Nursing Education & Professional Development
- Pediatric Cancer Research & Education
- Pediatric Residency Education
- Radiology Education
- Senior Services Training & Education

**CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

- Dr. John Hebert III Labor & Delivery Unit
- Dr. R. Roderic Abbott Medical Education Center
- Pediatric Private Rooms

**DONOR DIRECTED FUNDS**

- Clay David Elliott Memorial
- Sheppy Dog

**ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

- Cancer Services Endowment
- Dr. & Mrs. Mathias Pediatric Residency Education Endowment
- F. Wade Burn Endowment
- Graduate Medical Education Endowment
- Pediatric Services Endowment
- Pharmacy Services Endowment
- Population Health & Wellness Services Endowment
- Shaker Hemophilia/Aids Endowment
- Sheppy Dog Child Life Services Endowment
- Sue Wright Nursing Scholarship Endowment
- Undesignated Subsidy Endowment

**OTHER**

- Laboratory Services
- Pharmacy Services
- Volunteer Corps



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**ONE TOUGH COOKIE:  
CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND RAISING FUNDS FOR REHAB**

The Tough Cookie Award was inspired to recognize and honor amazing patient success stories and therapy clinicians who provided their outstanding care at Hurley’s Inpatient Rehabilitation facility. During the initial and subsequent surges of patient cases during the COVID-19 public health emergency, Hurley’s facility was the only one in our area that remained open, and actually expanded its available coverage for patients in need from the greater Genesee County area.

Rehab Therapy Coordinator, Josh Carlson. PT, DPT, was inspired by a presentation given by the Hurley Foundation to get involved in fundraising. He saw a need for his team’s continuing education and met with the Foundation to explore available opportunities.

“It is important to the Foundation team for our colleagues in the Medical Center to be aware of the tools and connections we have to help them raise money,” said Jordan Brown.

“Given the amazing support from the Foundation, the process was extremely easy. Jordan helped guide us in a joint celebration and fundraising event for our rehab patients and therapists. We started with a big-picture goal, then translated into keeping our collective ideas simple, clear, and fluid as we ironed out the next steps,” said Carlson. “I would encourage anyone in a similar position to reach out to the Foundation team and let the magic happen. The process was very easy and rewarding, to which our whole team is thankful.”



**WATCH** >

Scan here to watch patient testimonials videos.



*“Given the amazing support from the Foundation, the process was extremely easy. We pursued a joint celebration and fundraising event for our rehab patients and therapists.”*

*-Josh Carlson*

# A CANCER WARRIOR

On February 18, 2018, three-year-old Charlie Paraschos was admitted to Hurley Children's Hospital with a high fever. His parents, April and Tim, thought it might be pneumonia. Because of a discrepancy in his white blood cell count, Charlie's parents agreed to a bone marrow biopsy. Seventy-two hours after his admission, the Paraschos family heard the words no parent ever wants to hear: "Your child has cancer." Charlie was diagnosed three days later with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Type B.

"Our lives were changed forever," April said. "The world was crumbling around us." For a family who had never been to Hurley before, the hospital became a second "home." Between Clinic visits to receive chemotherapy and unexpected overnight stays due to his immuno-compromised condition, Charlie spent 100 days at Hurley during the first year of treatment.

Battling cancer during COVID posed additional challenges for the Paraschos family. "We felt the unwavering support of Hurley," April explained. "They gave us the comfort we needed. From the doctors and nurses, to the Child Life Specialists, the front desk people, and Jazzman's Café, they've become our family. They make you feel like your child is the only patient in the building."

After 1,214 days, the BIG day finally arrived! On June 22, 2021, April and Tim heard the sweetest sound you can imagine. Charlie rang the bell in the Clinic signaling the end of his cancer treatment. The entire family, including 12-year-old Sam, and 13-year-old Brady, are forever grateful to the countless people who helped them through their journey.



**WATCH** 

Watch Charlie's Special Bell Ringing Day.

*"I want to pay it forward to the next family who will be coming here. I am a passionate ambassador and as a "miracle mom," I am honored to serve on the Hurley Foundation Board of Directors."*

*-April Paraschos*



CHARLIE PARASCHOS

# CHARLIE LASH

On December 2, 2020, Kimberlie Wright rushed her seven-year-old daughter, Charlie Lash, to Hurley's Pediatric Emergency Department. Charlie had a full body scan and although all signs pointed to appendicitis, nothing showed up. Her COVID test came back negative. The doctors thought it was wise to admit her. They were right.

Within a few days, Charlie developed a rash on her little finger that rapidly spread across her entire body within hours. She couldn't move her neck. Her condition deteriorated rapidly. A spinal tap was performed. Meningitis was ruled out, as was Kawasaki Disease. Surprisingly, another COVID swab showed antibodies. How could this be? Apparently, Charlie was asymptomatic for COVID-19 just before December and no one knew.

Hurley doctors diagnosed Charlie with MIS-C (multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children), which is a rare but serious complication associated with COVID-19. It was first identified in children's hospitals in the United States and the United Kingdom in April, 2020. MIS-C is a condition where different parts of the child's body become inflamed. The inflammation can limit blood flow, damaging the heart, kidneys, and other organs.

After nine long days at Hurley, Charlie was discharged. However, this was not the end of her journey. Life for the second grader was filled with doctor appointments. Dr. Nancy Cutler, Pediatric Cardiologist; Dr. Shannon Dennis, Pediatric Neuropsychologist; and Dr. Yaseen Rafee, Infectious Disease Specialist; each played an important role in Charlie's life.

Both Kimberlie and Charlie's dad, Joseph, are grateful to the medical team at Hurley as well as the Child Life Specialists who made such a difference. Today, this bright little girl is back to being the "light" in her world. She's a whiz at math and enjoys arts and crafts again.

Without a doubt, Charlie is truly a miracle!



**LISTEN** 

Listen to Charlie Lash's Radiothon Montage.



# APRIL LAGRONE

April LaGrone's mom, Tonya, became concerned when her 7-year-old daughter was hungry and thirsty all the time. April began to lose weight and was constantly tired. She ended up in the Pediatric ICU at Hurley Children's Hospital and was diagnosed with Type I juvenile diabetes. During two days in the hospital, she learned to give herself insulin shots (four a day!) and how to check her blood sugar by poking her finger four to six times every day. She learned how to record her blood sugars in her log book and how to track a food journal. April was brave and a quick study. Her discharge on Christmas Eve was the family's best Christmas present!

Tonya observed that Type I diabetes is uncommon in African American children. She hardly ever saw kids who looked like April at Dr. Jabbar's Pediatric Endocrinology office, at support group meetings, or at educational seminars. Like many diagnosed with Type I Diabetes, life became somewhat of a roller coaster. In 2009, at the age of 10, April was

hospitalized four different times due to difficulties in regulating her diabetes. She received an insulin pump. Although more convenient, it also required some psychological adjustment. Being connected to the pump 24/7 was a constant reminder of her condition.

April didn't let her disease get her down. She excelled in school and enjoyed tap and ballet lessons. She graduated from Westwood Academy. Currently, April is a first-generation college student in her junior year at Michigan State University. She's studying public health to become an epidemiologist. This past summer, she was one of only ten students in the country selected to be part of the prestigious Stanford Population Health Summer Research Program. Her passion for health stems from her lived experiences within the healthcare field, as well as witnessing the impact that the Flint water crisis had on her community. She plans to study health disparities and health equity in grad school.



# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS



# BOWLATHON

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## COLONIAL LANES BOWLING CENTER: HELPING KIDS FOR 30 YEARS!

Partnering with the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) at Hurley Children's Hospital has been a family affair for the Doyles at Colonial Lanes Bowling Center in Flushing. Betty (the owner) along with her husband, Jerry, and son, Joe, decided to host an annual Bowlathon to raise money to help hospitalized children. Thousands have supported the event throughout the years. The 30th Annual Bowlathon was scheduled for 2020, but was canceled due to COVID. That year suffered another loss when Betty passed away on March 21 at the age of 89.

Fortunately, the 30th Anniversary Bowlathon was held on August 17-19, 2021. Although the event was scaled back due to COVID concerns, the same energy and enthusiasm were on full display. We salute Joe Doyle and his staff for their commitment to Hurley's CMN!



**WATCH** Watch the Bowlathon Recap Video.

## WCMN: KIDS ONLY NEWS NETWORK

Early 2021 marked the launch of our kids-only news network: WCMN. Anchors Max and Charlotte blazed the trail in our new virtual world by informing Hurley Foundation supporters of important announcements, campaigns and event updates. Through a new video stewardship platform called ThankView, the WCMN team was able to send out several customized video messages to donors throughout the year that kept them informed about all the incredible things happening at Hurley Children's Hospital.



**WATCH** WCMN Episode #1: Mother's Day



**WATCH** WCMN Episode #2: Father's Day

# MOLINACARES MIRACLE PICNIC



We were so thrilled to be able to host the MolinaCares Miracle Picnic at Longway Planetarium on September 27! We gathered together to celebrate the miracles that happen every day at Hurley Children's Hospital: one of just four Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Michigan, and one of 170 across the United States and Canada.

Our Hurley miracle families had a great time watching the custom video on the Planetarium Dome, enjoying yummy food trucks, participating in activities like face painting and balloon artistry, and visiting special fairy tale characters.

They also got to spend some quality time with our certified Child Life Specialists who guided them through an activity with medical play dolls and an adorable fall craft.

Proceeds from this event benefited the Sheppy Dog Child Life Endowment at Hurley Children's Hospital which will help ensure our Child Life Specialists can care for patients and their families for years to come.

We are grateful to our friends at the MolinaCares Accord for their commitment to this event and to the pediatric patients and families treated at Hurley Children's Hospital.



**WATCH** Watch the Miracle Picnic Recap Video.



"LETS MAKE MIRACLES"

# RADIOTHON



The second annual "Let's Make Miracles" Radiothon benefitting Hurley's CMN program was held at Townsquare Media in Burton on September 16 and 17. The title sponsor for the event was Dort Financial Credit Union. Participating stations were CARS 108, Club 93.7, Banana 101.5, 1470 WFNT, and US 103.1. A total of \$66,775 was raised to help Hurley kids.

During the Radiothon, listeners heard heartwarming, inspirational stories of doctors, nurses, and Child Life Specialists who make miracles happen for families at Hurley Children's Hospital. Proceeds fund valuable children's services and programs.



**WATCH** Watch the Radiothon Recap Video.



# GAMING FOR KIDS



Isaac Wilson IV has been a lifelong gamer, ever since his family's first computer graced the old farmhouse in Montrose when he was six years old. As technology has improved, he has done his best to keep up with it personally and professionally. He now lives in Silicon Valley, California.

Over 30 years later, he hasn't lost that spark. Gaming through Extra Life (a 24-hour gaming fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals) has given him the ability to share that spark with others, while helping those who need it most at Hurley Children's Hospital.

"This is one of those things I know that one can't do alone, which is why this year, I'm dedicating my campaign to getting as many of my fellow gamers together to support Hurley's mission, and showing everyone how important Hurley is to not just the families of the Flint area, but to my home state of Michigan. I'm thoroughly grateful for the privilege of being Hurley's Extra Life Ambassador. I sincerely hope that together, we can make 2021 the best year yet for all the kids served at Hurley, as well as everyone who loves them."

In July 2021, we received the surprise of a lifetime when Isaac stopped by Hurley Children's Hospital during a cross-country road trip on his motorcycle. In November 2021, Isaac helped kick off fundraising for Hurley Children's Hospital by raising \$2,500 during his Extra Life Game Day event.

We are grateful to our ambassador, Isaac, and all our Extra Life gamers who went above and beyond to help Hurley kids this year.



**WATCH**

Watch "Extra Life: Meet Isaac"



# FUELING MIRACLES

The 30th annual Speedway Miracle Golf Tournament was held in Dayton, Ohio on August 23-24, 2021. The tournament is at the forefront of Speedway's fundraising efforts for CMN hospitals like Hurley. Funds raised help children's hospitals provide critical equipment and resources to help treat sick and injured kids in the communities Speedway serves.

Our 2021 CMN champion, Lydia Bollinger, and her family were invited by Speedway and our corporate sponsor M.E.M Construction and Contracting to attend the Miracle Tournament. Lydia met miracle kids like her from across the country and even got to have a very special meet and greet with CMN co-founder, Marie Osmond.

We are grateful to our friends at Speedway for always going above and beyond to make this event so memorable for Hurley families like the Bollingers.



**WATCH**

Watch Lydia's Grand Entrance to the Speedway Miracle Dinner.

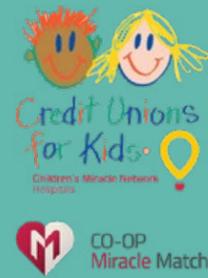


# CREDIT UNIONS FOR KIDS + CO-OP FINANCIAL SERVICES

For its second year, our Credit Unions for Kids (CU4Kids) Advisory Council collaborated on some incredible initiatives for Hurley kids. Founded in 2019, this group of credit unions from across mid-Michigan take their responsibility as a CMN national partner very seriously, and meet quarterly to plan and execute events that benefit Hurley's CMN program.

In 2021, seven area credit unions partnered to raise awareness and much-needed funding for Hurley during Children's Hospitals Week. From sharing Hurley miracle stories and raising awareness on social media, to making monetary donations and collecting some high-demand items for our Child Life Services team, our area credit unions really went above and beyond to celebrate Children's Hospitals Week.

Members of our CU4Kids family from Dort Financial Credit Union and Sovita Credit Union partnered with us on a variety of local events including the CMN Bowlathon, Radiothon, and Miracle Picnic, and hosted their own events for Hurley. The ELGA Credit Union Foundation for Impact also hosted its inaugural "Raise the Purse" event, which raised more than \$45,000 for the kids thanks to help from the Williamson Family Foundation and the CO-OP Financial Services Miracle Match program.



# MIDLAND COSTCO RAISES FUNDS FOR CMN



Each year, Costco warehouses across the nation participate in a month-long campaign to raise critical funds for their local CMN hospitals. Midland Costco warehouse #1420 is the only warehouse in Hurley's CMN Hospitals market. All funds raised during their month-long campaign are vital to CMN programs at Hurley Children's Hospital.

Costco Wholesale has raised more than \$240 million for CMN Hospitals since its partnership began in 1988. At the end of May, Hurley's 2021 CMN Hospitals Champion, Lydia, visited Costco in Midland and had the best time celebrating her 7th birthday with the team.

The visit was full of excitement, and included a special tour of the warehouse from Princess Elsa, employees singing "Happy Birthday" to Lydia, and a kind stranger making a \$200 donation. Lydia worked the register and a Costco team member gave her a special birthday serenade in the breakroom.

This year, the Midland team's goal was to raise \$30,000 for Hurley kids. Within 24 hours of Lydia's visit, they surpassed that goal!

Costco's commitment and dedication to helping CMN Hospitals is remarkable. We are so grateful to have them in our neck of the woods and are honored to welcome them to our CMN family.



**WATCH** Lydia Visits Costco - Midland

## CMN NATIONAL PARTNERS



We joined our friends at Panda Express locations across mid-Michigan to celebrate the Lunar New Year! We recognize the good fortune Panda associates and guests bring to Hurley patients and their families by fundraising at their locations year-round. We are grateful for the partnership with Panda and the many ways they address the physical, social, emotional, and mental needs of children, bringing them courage and hope to heal and thrive.



In 2019, Speedway was named the "Corporate Partner of the Year" by CMN. Speedway was recognized for their extraordinary commitment to CMN Hospitals or foundations through innovative fundraising and awareness initiatives.

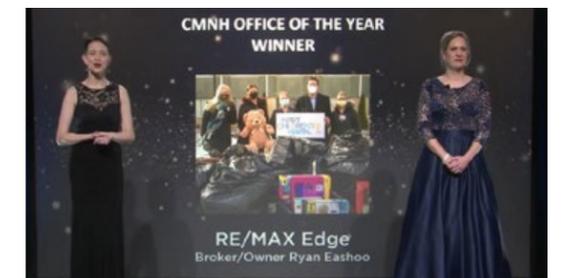
We are so proud of our amazing friends at Speedway for earning this well-deserved honor, and thank them for going above and beyond to support our heroes on the front lines throughout the COVID pandemic by delivering water, snacks, and sports drinks donated by their customers to Hurley.



Walmart and Sam's Club associates know how important it is to have the resources of CMN Hospitals available when the need arises. They were proud to help raise awareness and money for Hurley Children's Hospital this summer during their annual fundraising campaign.

Lydia, our 2021 CMN Champion, spent a sunny summer day delivering smiles (and some pretty flowers) to Walmart and Sam's Club associates throughout mid-Michigan. It was a very memorable day for them and for Lydia!

## CMN NATIONAL PARTNERS



RE/MAX has been a CMN Hospitals partner since 1992. Donations stay local, which means RE/MAX agents who participate in the program help kids in their own communities. On February 5, during the 2021 virtual RE/MAX of Michigan Regional Conference, the CMN Office of the Year was announced. This award was presented to the RE/MAX office that has shown through office events, regional participation, and funds raised, outstanding commitment and dedication to CMN. The 2020 winner was RE/MAX Edge, Broker/Owner Ryan Eashoo. Congratulations to the entire RE/MAX Edge Davison and Goodrich offices on this outstanding accomplishment!

# REMEMBERING THE DISMONDS

Dr. Samuel R. Dismond, Jr. was affectionately known as the “Voice of Hurley ” due to his easily recognizable and commanding voice, combined with his passion for Hurley. When he walked into a room, his charismatic energy uplifted everyone. In January 1995, he was the first African American physician to be voted Hurley’s Chief of Staff, serving in that role until 2000.

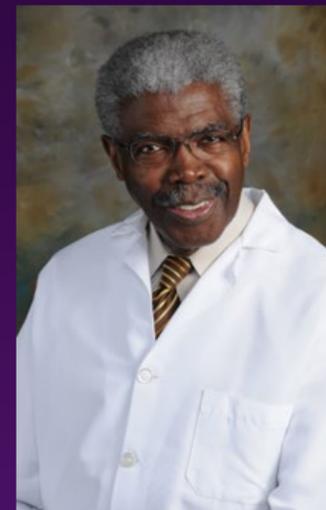
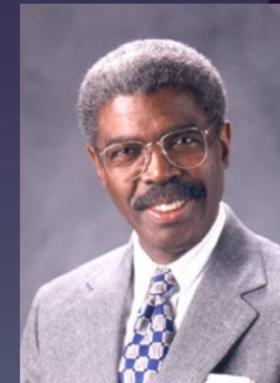
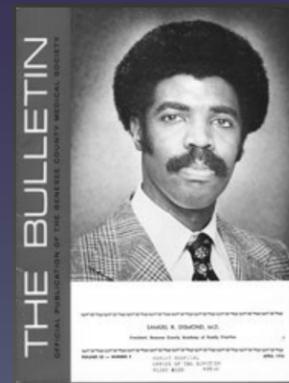
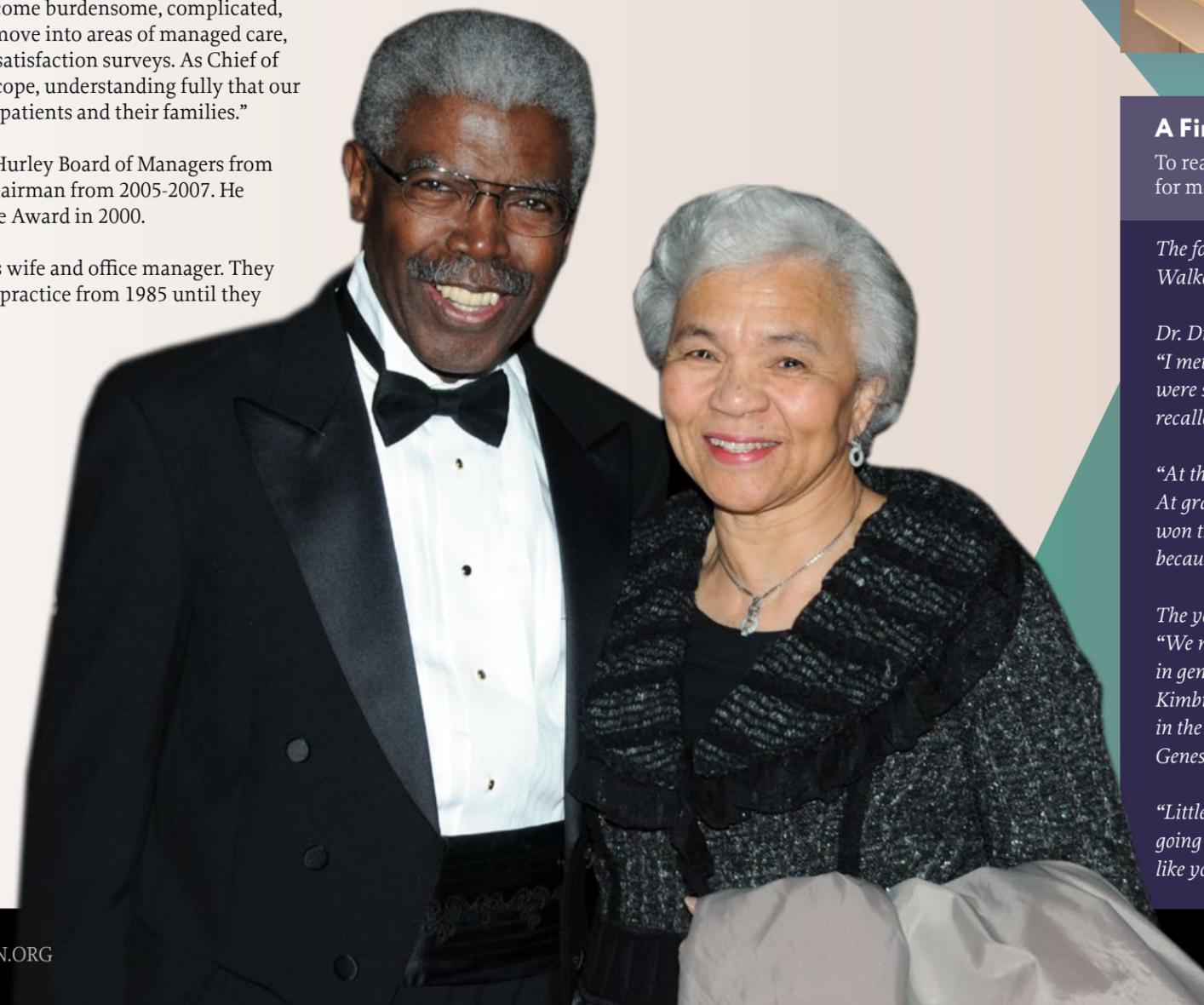
He said, “I hope to help our staff physicians be in step with Hurley’s efforts toward courtesy and cultural diversity. The practice of medicine has become burdensome, complicated, and very demanding as we move into areas of managed care, high litigation, and patient satisfaction surveys. As Chief of Staff, I will help colleagues cope, understanding fully that our basic commitment is to our patients and their families.”

Dr. Dismond served on the Hurley Board of Managers from 1998-2012. He was Board Chairman from 2005-2007. He received the Hurley Pinnacle Award in 2000.

Janice Dismond, RN, was his wife and office manager. They worked as a team in private practice from 1985 until they

retired in 2012. At retirement, Dr. Dismond was 80 years old and had served Flint-area families for 50 years. When patients told him they were sad to see him go (retire), he responded that he’d given them 50 years of time and asked how much more they wanted, which made them smile.

Sadly, Dr. Dismond passed away on February 5, 2021, at the age of 89. Jan died on July 25, 2021. They were married 62 years. Both leave a lasting impression on Hurley.



## A Final Interview with the Dismonds

To read more stories like this, contact [jbrown6@hurleymc.com](mailto:jbrown6@hurleymc.com) for more information on the upcoming release of “The Beacon on the Hill.”



The following information was obtained from an interview of the Beacon on the Hill, by author Julie Walke with Dr. and Mrs. Dismond on January 15, 2020.

Dr. Dismond and Jan met in college.

“I met Jan in Pennsylvania while studying at Howard University, School of Medicine. Both of us were students working at Freedman’s Hospital in Washington D.C. She was a nursing student,” recalled Dr. Dismond.

“At that time, they would not allow student nurses to be married and live off campus,” said Jan. “I had to be in before midnight. At graduation, I was six months pregnant and was told that I could not walk across the stage (because of my pregnancy). I won the award for Best Nursing Care, but the photographer was told to photograph my head and shoulders only. I say this because times have changed since then, and it is good to remember these things.”

The young couple first moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the internship and then to Flint for the residency program. “We moved here for the training excellence at St. Joe’s Hospital,” said Dr. Dismond. “It was a two-year residency program in general practice. I came to Hurley for part of the rotation for high-risk obstetrics and psychiatry. I met Dr. Clarence Kimbrough, the Chief Medical Resident, who was from my college class. I set up private practice with him on Saginaw Street in the heart of Flint. At that time, physicians commonly used more than one hospital. We used McLaren, St. Joe’s, Hurley, and Genesee Memorial.”

“Little kids would ask for Dr. Dismond,” said Jan. “I will never forget one seven-year-old boy in particular whose parents were going through a divorce. He ran back into the office and hugged Dr. Dismond and said, ‘when I get big, I am going to be just like you’ all the while holding hard around his knees. Kids just loved him.”

# A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteers make Genesee County a special place to live and work. For 12 years, volunteers in our community have been honored with the Sybyl Award, a tribute to Sybyl Atwood, who served as program director for Volunteer Information Services at Resource Genesee. Recent recipients include Sally Shahan Joseph, Karen Church, Wade Pyles, Ingrid Halling, Amy Cuneaz, and Thomas Yeotis.

The awards are currently hosted by the Hurley Foundation's Volunteer Department, with co-chair Dale Weighill, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Mott Community College.



Dale said, "I became Sybyl's 'boss' when I started as the Executive Director of the Flint-area nonprofit, Resource Center (later named Resource Genesee) in the year 2000. She had done important work in Flint and Genesee County for decades. We hit it off right away and became a great team. I was only 29 at the time. Sybyl was a mentor and sounding board for me as a relatively young person new to Flint and the nonprofit sector."

"The Sybyl Award started after Sybyl passed away in 2007," said Dale. "When Resource Genesee closed, several of us decided to keep the Award going because of our ties to Sybyl, but we also felt that people who emulated her qualities should be recognized and honored publicly. It had been our way of keeping Sybyl's legacy of deep commitment and service to this community alive."

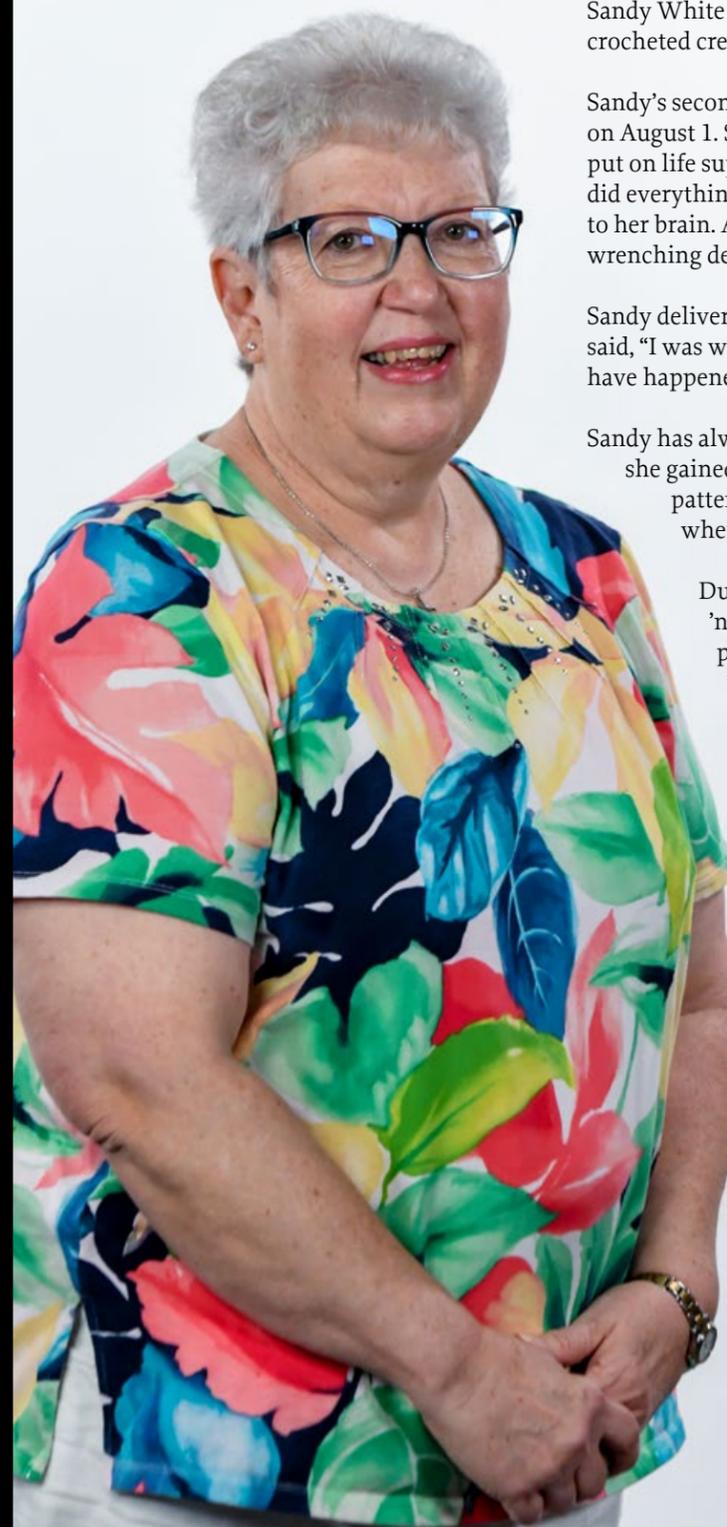
The committee planned on sunsetting the Award on its tenth anniversary, but Dale was thankful Hurley wanted to keep it going.

"I love hearing the stories of the nominees and their service. The event reflects the diversity of the people in Flint and Genesee County. When I stand at the podium each year and survey the nominees and the people there to celebrate them, I think to myself, 'This is the fabric of our community.' I always come away inspired and wanting to do more myself," says Dale.



**WATCH**   
Watch a Livestream of the 2021 Sybyl Awards.

# VOLUNTEER CROCHETS FOR NICU BABIES



Sandy White has become well known at Hurley for her beautiful and unique crocheted creations. Her Hurley story began in 1994.

Sandy's second child, Stephanie Lynn, was delivered via c-section at McLaren on August 1. Sandy's placenta had detached. The baby was in severe distress, put on life support, and transported to Hurley. Dr. Brian Nolan and his team did everything they could, but the lack of oxygen had done too much damage to her brain. After three days, Sandy and her husband made the heart-wrenching decision to take Stephanie off life support.

Sandy delivered her next baby, a healthy boy she named Troy, at Hurley. She said, "I was watched very closely, because what happened to Stephanie could have happened again. I thank God it did not."

Sandy has always loved crocheting. With encouragement from her brother, she gained the confidence to spread her wings and learned how to read patterns. Her brother died in 2004, but Sandy feels very close to him when she crochets.

During COVID, Sandy was inspired to get involved in Hurley's Cut 'n Sew program. She explains, "My daughter saw a social media post about volunteers making things for the NICU babies. She got in touch with me and said, 'Mom, you need to do this!'"

Sandy's crocheted baby holiday outfits have included everything from hats for Nurses Week, hats and ties for July 4, and turkey hats. "When I saw the babies wearing my Thanksgiving hats, I broke down and cried," she said. "Those precious babies brought back many memories of Stephanie. Many people have told me how much it meant to them when their baby received one of my hats."

Sandy is thankful that her crocheting has blessed so many babies and parents. She's also grateful for Hurley's NICU staff who dedicate their lives to nursing babies to health and comforting their parents.



# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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If you are interested in becoming a Community Partner for 2022, please contact [jbrown6@hurleymc.com](mailto:jbrown6@hurleymc.com).

# 2021 HURLEY BENEFIT BALL

The 2021 Hurley Benefit Ball marked the 40th anniversary of this annual renowned event. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on indoor gatherings, the event was a virtual celebration from March 8-13. It centered around reminiscing through shared pictures and memories and reflecting on past departmental benefactors. Supporters honored past or present Hurley employees, physicians or departments with a special recognition leaf on the Tribute Tree as well as live daily raffle drawings, picture/memory of the day, and an online silent auction.

While reflecting on the past, we also looked forward to the future. Proceeds supported the Hurley Foundation's Endowment, which ensures our sustainability to continue exceptional care for our region, regardless of one's ability to pay. Income yielded by the Endowment supports Hurley programs and services that are not covered by insurance. We are so appreciative of our generous sponsors' support, which raised a total of \$89,000 during this year's campaign.

## BEACON ON THE HILL

James J. Hurley's legacy was honored by giving attendees the first opportunity to acquire "The Beacon on the Hill, The Complete History of Hurley Medical Center from 1905-2020."



**WATCH** Watch the 2021 Thank You Video.



HURLEY FOUNDATION 2021 REMINISCENT Ball

Total Raised from Sponsors, Silent Auctions & Donations=

# \$88,981.75

# 2021 ANNUAL FALL GOLF CLASSIC



On September 13, 2021, Hurley's 37th Annual Fall Golf Classic at Clio Country Club raised \$166,425 for Hurley's Trauma and Burn Center. Despite the rainy day, 256 golfers, staff, and volunteers enjoyed contests, food, and fun. A thunderstorm delayed the afternoon shotgun, but guests stayed for a game of nine holes followed by Luigi's Pizza. Proceeds support trauma and burn care at Hurley, which offers the highest levels of care as certified by the American College of Surgeons. The most critically ill adults and children in our region are treated around the clock by:

- Hurley's Level I Trauma and Burn Center: the only one in the region and one of 11 in Michigan
- Hurley Children's Hospital's Level II Pediatric Trauma Center: the only one in Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee counties



## AMBASSADOR, JOHN KELLER

John Keller, quarterback for Central Michigan University's (CMU) football team, was at a party in Mount Pleasant in April 2021 when he was shot through the pulmonary artery in his lung with the bullet coming out his back. Emergency first responders treated Keller at the scene and transported him to a local hospital where he was stabilized. From there, he was flown to Hurley. Keller praises Hurley as the only level 1 Trauma Center serving mid-Michigan, northern Michigan, and the Thumb.

*"What I went through was something I never expected. It really changed my life and gave me a new perspective," he said.*

He is currently undergoing rehab and taking things slow. He will not play football this season, but hopes to resume his college football career. He has returned to the CMU campus for Fall classes.



**WATCH**

Watch the 2021 Thank You Video.

# 2021 VIRTUAL PINK NIGHT PALOOZA

On October 7, 2021, presenting partner, Hurley Medical Center, founding partner, Financial Plus Credit Union, and title sponsors, Regional Medical Imaging and InstaLube, hosted another successful virtual Pink Night Palooza.

The evening started with an exclusive private Pre-Pink Party emceed by Sheriff Chris Swanson and comedian, Melissa Hager. Pass holders were encouraged to engage with their Pink Party Pack that included a t-shirt and sparkle wine glass with cotton candy to make a speciality drink. The party was followed by a live TV broadcast on the CW46, streamed by Mid-Michigan Now and featured videos, a live auction, silent auction, and the iconic bra-artistry fashion show.

Proceeds from Pink Night Palooza benefit Hurley's Breast Cancer Navigation Program, which assists patients with bills and other expenses during treatment. The program helps patients get through this tough time in their lives.

Although the event was virtual, it was still full of passion, love, support, and fun, with lots of pink! Thank you to the community partners, sponsors, mini fundraisers, and virtual attendees for your support!



**WATCH**

Watch the 2021 Pink Night Palooza Livestream.



# COUPLE GIVES BACK AFTER HURLEY EXPERIENCE

Kevin and Emily Elliott are dedicated to raising funds for the Hurley Foundation because of their experience at Hurley. The couple started their own Donor Directed fund to support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Infant Remembrance & Bereavement Services, and Pediatric Services.

On February 27, 2020, Emily was pregnant with twin boys and very excited to attend her 28-week ultrasound appointment with her husband, Kevin, to get the new growth measurements on the boys. Unfortunately, they discovered their son, Clay David, did not have a heartbeat. They were immediately sent to Hurley to get specialized ultrasounds and to meet with the high-risk doctors. They thought they would have to deliver both boys early to keep their other son, Ford Robert, alive. On that day, their relationship with Hurley and its many heroic nurses and doctors began to develop.

Over the next few days at the hospital, they were introduced to their Hurley medical team. At that point, they were grieving the loss of Clay, while at the same time needing to make decisions and focus on keeping Ford alive and healthy. Looking back, the tests, ultrasounds, and meetings with the doctors are all a complete blur; but, one thing they can remember clearly is the love and support they felt from every single person they encountered during their stay.

During the next month, they were in and out of Hurley on a weekly basis for ultrasounds and meetings with the high-risk doctors as well as a few occasional stays when they thought Emily might go into labor. The craziest part was this was also happening during the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. Michigan received a statewide shut down order and residents were told to stay away from family and friends and to only go out if absolutely necessary.

March 2020 was scary for everyone across the world. In the midst of this, the Elliotts were grieving the loss of one child and trying to stay strong for the other. Although they communicated with family and friends on the phone and with facetime calls, they lacked being face-to-face with anyone familiar and craved much-needed hugs. While experiencing a wide range of emotions, the team at Hurley was there for Emily and Kevin. The ultrasound techs, nurses, doctors, and everyone in between became family and went above and beyond to make sure they were doing ok. They took time out of their day to sit and talk to the Elliotts, grieve with them, and brighten their day with a laugh.

Emily said, "The Hurley team were angels to us. Although it was probably against the rules at the time, the physical touch and emotional hugs we received from some of them gave us a feeling that was simply indescribable."

Their sons were born six weeks early, on April 11, 2020. Clay David was stillborn and Ford Robert was immediately rushed to the NICU. Ford was placed in an incubator as he was having a hard time breathing on his own and had jaundice. After a few days, his breathing became much better, but he couldn't eat on his own. He was given a feeding tube and his parents felt as if they were on a rollercoaster ride for the next 17 days.

The Elliotts say there really are no words to describe the NICU staff, but what comes to mind is: supportive, loving, and heroic. Because of the pandemic, rules changed constantly and sometimes only one of them could go see Ford at a time. Neither will forget the special conversations they had with the NICU nurses that would come to talk to them on their breaks. Instead of taking 15 minutes for themselves, they would make sure Emily and Kevin were alright. Every time they called to check

on Ford, whether it was in the middle of the night or not (and they called A LOT), the nurses gave them a full report to assure them of his well-being. Not once during those 17 days did they ever feel that Ford was not in the best place he should be, with the best staff taking care of him.

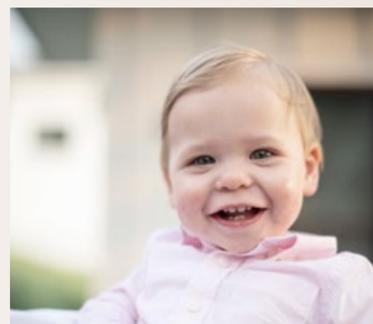
The Elliotts say they will never be able to repay the many men and women they considered family who took care of their family over those few months. One thing they can do though, is continue to ensure the staff at Hurley has what they need to provide the same support and love to many families in the future. Their entire family will be forever grateful to everyone associated with Hurley and will remain dedicated to giving back through their fund at the Hurley Foundation.



LEARN

Learn more about the Elliot's story & donate to their Donor Directed Fund.

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# DR. KLEIN: HELPING HURLEY KIDS

Pediatric dentist, Dr. Alan Klein, is no stranger to Hurley Medical Center or the Hurley Foundation. He has practiced specialized pediatric dentistry at Hurley for over 40 years and says, “Hurley is the best place, not just in Genesee County, but in Michigan, for kids- especially those very young or with special needs who require very special dental care.”

He has also put smiles on faces by helping Hurley and getting the community involved with the Foundation. Dr. Klein started the Sheppy Dog donor directed fund in memory of his beloved golden retriever. He has been directly involved with the fund’s use to support community health initiatives. Donations have enhanced pediatric services at the hospital and at Hurley Children’s Center-Sumathi Mukkamala Center at the Flint Farmers’ Market.

For a decade, Dr. Klein created matching incentives totaling tens of thousands of dollars that motivated the community to help Hurley Children’s Hospital with the Xbox Game Room Makeover contest, the CU Direct contest, and three “Vote for Miracles” contests, presented by Credit Unions 4 Kids. His final matching gift was in 2019 for the “Santa Cares” campaign presented by local credit unions.

Inching towards retirement, Dr. Klein made a generous donation to open the “Sheppy Dog Child Life Services Endowment.” Hurley’s certified Child Life Specialists help kids cope with the stress and uncertainty of being in the hospital through therapeutic play, preparation for procedures, and education to reduce fear, anxiety, and pain. They see 1,000-1,500 patients each month in Pediatrics, Pediatric Intensive Care, Pediatric Emergency, Cardiology, Pre-op Surgery, Gastrology, Oncology, and are on-call for Radiology, Neurology, and Rehab. Child Life Services are not billable or covered by insurance. The new endowment will ensure that Child Life will be around for years to come.

Thank you, Dr. Klein, for always helping the kids!



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*-Dr. Alan Klein*

# A LIFETIME AND LEGACY CONNECTION: BILL & KITTY MOELLER

Bill and Kitty Moeller have had a longtime relationship with Hurley Medical Center and the Hurley Foundation. For almost two decades, Bill has volunteered on the Foundation’s Board of Managers. As Treasurer, he has helped manage the Foundation’s funds to be more in line with the hospital’s mission and ensured transparency of financial reporting. To honor Bill’s involvement and the care their family has received at Hurley, the Moellers decided to make a legacy gift to the James J. Hurley Society. This planned gift will support the Endowment fund, which plays a vital role in meeting Hurley’s future needs.

“Many people just like us have been forever impacted by the medical support we received from Hurley,” said the Moellers. “We still have a son because of Hurley. When he was only eighteen months old, his lungs shut down. He needed a tracheotomy, but they didn’t have equipment small enough back then. The doctors worked tirelessly around the clock until our son made it through. Today, he is a healthy man with his own kids and grandkids.”

Bill recently had a medical treatment at Hurley. “I didn’t mean to do an onsite visit to see how great this hospital is,” he explained, “but, I can’t say enough about how impressed I was about everything that we encountered. I was impressed with Hurley before, but after going to the Emergency Department, followed by surgery and a stay in the hospital, I got first hand experience of how truly amazing the people on the front lines, doctors, nurses, environmental services and everyone in-between truly were. My wife and I didn’t run across one person who wasn’t totally dedicated, courteous, and helpful.”

The Moeller’s planned gift will help Hurley continue its tradition of health care excellence for the care of others.



**WATCH**   
Watch Bill & Kitty’s Legacy Video.



*“Many people just like us have been forever impacted by the medical support we received from Hurley.”*

*-Bill & Kitty Moeller*

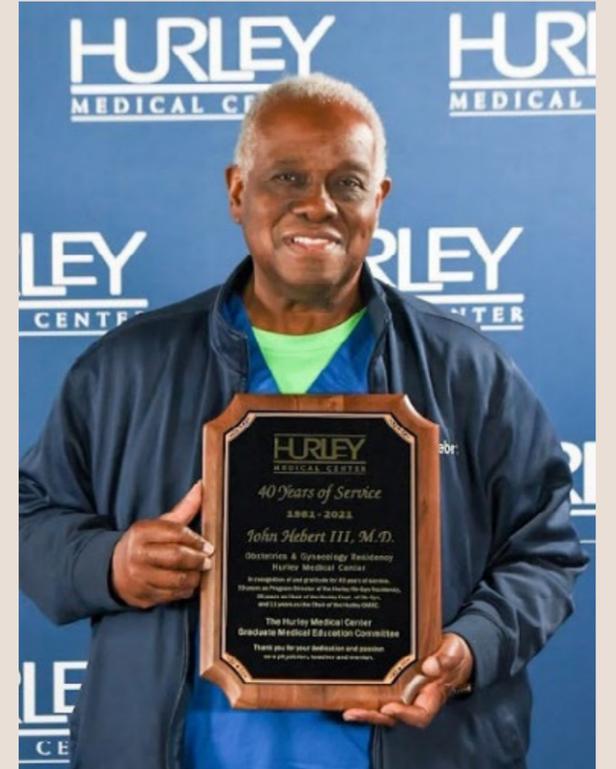


# NEW CAMPAIGN TO RENAME HURLEY'S LABOR & DELIVERY UNIT AFTER DR. JOHN HEBERT III

A surprise retirement celebration took place on June 14, 2021, at the Flint Farmers' Market to congratulate Obstetrician-Gynecologist John Hebert III, MD, on dedicating more than 40 years at Hurley Medical Center. At the closing, Dr. Saqib Ahmad announced that he and an internal committee are seeking to name Hurley's Labor & Delivery unit in Dr. Hebert's honor by committing to raise \$250,000 for this naming project.

The fundraising committee consists of: Dr. Saqib Ahmad, Chair; Physicians—Atinuke Akinpeloye, Jay Holmes, Larry Young, and Omari Young; Nurses & Midwives—Amy Helal, Emily Vantine, and Lyric Walsh; Other Hurley staff—Mike Burnett, Julie Campe, Mattie Pearson, Hallie Vanitvelt, Liz Wenstrom-Williams, and Debi Wright. Proceeds from the fundraising campaign will be used to upgrade Hurley Medical Center's Labor & Delivery unit.

John Hebert III, MD, is a long-time champion for Obstetrics & Gynecology at Hurley. He has overseen the training and education of Ob/Gyn resident physicians since 1999. Many of the program's graduated residents have continued their practice within our community and at Hurley Medical Center, which can be directly attributed to their experiences as residents under Dr. Hebert's leadership. We are grateful for his tenure and hope to complete the fundraising by next year.



**WATCH** ▶  
Scan here to watch Dr. Hebert's retirement ceremony.



**DONATE** \$  
Scan here to visit Dr. Hebert's Labor & Delivery fundraising page.





## ROOTS & WINGS SUPPORTS HURLEY PROGRAMS

Hurley received a generous grant of \$200,000 from The Roots & Wings Foundation, which was used to support four different hospital projects:

- **Pediatric Private Rooms:** Hurley’s 11th floor renovation created a 14-bed unit of private rooms in 2019. The private rooms allow greater flexibility to isolate patients as needed, especially those with a COVID diagnosis. Grant funds helped cover expenses that were beyond Hurley’s capital budget from the original renovation.
- **Food FARMacy:** Physicians refer patients with food insecurity to improve their health. Children, seniors, and individuals with conditions such as hypertension, congestive heart failure, and diabetes, are served. Funds supported staffing costs and purchased refrigerators, freezers, and shelves to store large food deliveries and fresh produce.
- **Community Wellness Path:** An outdoor green space on Hurley’s campus was reactivated with a paved path with ten fitness stations. Grant funds allowed us to complete an extension of the path, which is used for employee wellness activities and as a gathering spot for employee and community activities.
- **History of Hurley Book:** The book celebrates care for all in our community over decades of trials, and how Hurley led the way in accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare. Grant funds reduced production costs.

Roots & Wings is a family foundation established in 2019 by Judy and Gordon Faulkner. It makes grants across the fields of healthcare, early childhood, basic needs, and human rights.

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Edible Flint was formed in 2009 as a non-profit to “work together with individuals and institutional partners to support community residents in growing and accessing healthy food in order to reconnect with the land and each other.” The educational farm is near Saginaw Street and 12th Street and includes two large hoop houses, two outdoor plots, raised beds, an herb garden, and beautiful ornamental flowers. GM donated multiple containers that once held batteries to use as raised beds to grow strawberries at the farm.

In 2020, the farm donated over 3,000 pounds of fresh produce to neighborhood residents and local food pantries. In 2021, they added more growing space, so their produce donations will likely exceed 4,000 pounds! Hurley’s Food FARMacy has been lucky to be one of the recipients of Edible Flint’s bountiful harvests.

Food FARMacy patients are ecstatic to take produce home, either straight from the fridge or in Meal Kits that contain a healthy recipe and all the ingredients needed to make it at home. The hard work of the staff and volunteers at the Edible Flint farm brings fresh produce to the hands of those who need it in Flint. The process is truly one of neighbors helping neighbors.



## THANK YOU, KOHL’S, FOR 15 YEARS OF HURLEY GRANTS!

Kohl’s has supported children’s health initiatives through its partnerships with 71 select children’s hospitals. Hurley Children’s Hospital was a proud Kohl’s hospital partner from 2006-2021 and was one of three hospitals in Michigan. In these 15 years, Kohl’s granted a total of \$1,726,276 to Hurley for special programs for rehabilitation, asthma, childhood injury prevention, and childhood health and wellness.

Each year, local Kohl’s associates and customers of the Flint, Grand Blanc, and Lapeer stores raised funds for Hurley through the sale of storybooks and soft, plush toys displayed at the checkout counters. Kohl’s grants emphasized health-focused, community outreach that created consumer awareness, had multiple touch points within the community, and included Kohl’s associate involvement.

In addition to grants, Kohl’s also awarded funds when their employees volunteered to help at Hurley grant events and fundraisers. These “A-Teams” provided the help of 23 teams, for an additional total of \$23,000 which benefited Hurley programs.

Through the years, Hurley held multiple events at locations including the Kohl’s Grand Blanc and Flint stores, the Flint Farmers’ Market, Flint Children’s Museum, University of Michigan-Flint, Crossroads Village, Camp Copneconic, and YMCA of Greater Flint. Programs and assemblies were held at elementary schools in Genesee and Saginaw counties, at Genesee County Parks, Whaley Children’s Center, and with the Flint City Bucks. Kids learned how to make healthy snacks, do Zumba, and ride bikes safely. Radio commercials with healthy tips aired on several stations. A dedicated website had resources on healthy eating and physical activity, as well as a library with healthy recipes and cooking videos.

Across the community and through various partnerships, Hurley provided parents and their children with tools to make healthier choices, an opportunity that we would not have without the grants from Kohl’s. As Kohl’s shifts its giving focus, we’d like to thank them for all the amazing opportunities we received through our partnership. Thanks for the memories, Kohl’s!



## TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTER



Hurley's Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) is a hospital-based program that offers free, confidential help to victims of crime and their families. This unique program, beginning its fifth year, is funded through a grant of \$659,372 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and \$10,000 from The Whiting Foundation.

Anyone can be a victim of a crime. Most injuries result from physical assault, domestic violence, gunshots, and stabbings. Tia Coles, TRC Coordinator, says, "We feel we should be able to protect ourselves. When we can't, it's shocking. Also surprising, is that violent acts perpetrated on 50% of victims come from someone they know."

### Common misconceptions about crime victims include:

- Victims engage in risky behavior (victims may be children who are shot while playing outside or sleeping in their bed)
- Crime only happens in the inner city (victims come from across Genesee County)
- Crime only affects the victim (everyone who cares about them is affected)

### Besides emotional trauma (e.g., anxiety, panic attacks, nightmares), victims of crime may face physical challenges:

- They may need a wheelchair and/or ramp for their home
- They may be unable to drive
- They may be unable to "do" for themselves (e.g., they can't take stairs and their bathroom is on second floor or they can't get in and out of bed)

TRC staff stay in touch with victims after they leave the hospital. Emergency financial help is provided. Therapy is offered. Services are available within three years of a crime. Tia explains, "Trauma is fluid. Sometimes long-term issues result, or the trauma may still be unfolding. It could be a year before the person can put their life back together if they have an extended hospitalization and surgeries and are just trying to survive. After that, they can begin to thrive."

Call 810.262.7342 for more information.

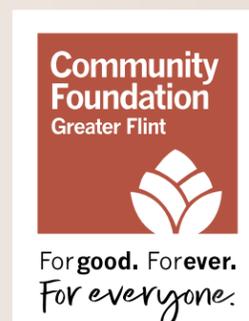
## \$100,000 GRANT RECEIVED FOR TELEHEALTH INITIATIVES

Hurley received \$100,000 from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint's Rapid Response Initiative Fund to advance its telehealth initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Community Foundation had advocated to be a recipient of federal grant funds so they could quickly distribute them where they were needed most in the Flint community.

Hurley used its grant to purchase Smart TVs, Chromebooks, tablets, wireless access points, webcams, and portable Bluetooth speakers. These devices will connect patients with family during COVID restrictions and improve the reach, stability, and capabilities of Hurley's telehealth network.

### Additional benefits included:

- The ability of quarantined patients to continue to receive services from physicians without risk to the physicians of becoming infected;
- Overall reduction in the use of PPE;
- Elimination of transportation issues as an impediment to access to care;
- Increased bandwidth to improve connectivity throughout the hospital including our patients' ability to connect on personal devices for visitation;
- Better service and continuity of care to vulnerable populations, particularly the elderly, behavioral health patients, and pediatric patients, all of whom have routine appointment needs; and
- Giving Hurley's partners, including Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Detroit Medical Center, Henry Ford Health System, and Genesee Health System, the ability of connecting their providers to our patients to decrease travel time and increase flexibility.



## FIRST-TIME MOM LOVED HURLEY'S NFP

Hurley's Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program was a great experience for me from beginning to end. My nurses gave me information I needed to prepare for pregnancy, childbirth, and life after the baby was born. What I liked most about NFP was that the nurses were very comforting, and I built a great rapport with them. They cared about me and my baby and were there for me whether through a text, a call, a video chat, or in-person. I always felt like I was a priority and had someone throughout my pregnancy to talk to and help me with concerns that I would normally have to pile on in a rushed doctor's visit. Having this support during a very emotional, life-changing time is more than great—it is something that all mothers need. I loved that the nurses were very family oriented. They encouraged my family's support and gave them information when they were around during our visits. After my daughter was born, my nurse showed me how to do different activities with her. These activities kept her on track and even ahead of developmental milestones for children her age. I'm grateful to have been a part of Hurley's NFP.

-Aaran Hill

The Nurse-Family Partnership® program helps mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother gets home visits from a nurse from early in pregnancy through the baby's second birthday.

Since 2015, Hurley has been one of ten NFP programs operating in Michigan. The program is funded by a grant of \$985,000 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information, call 810.869.3990.

## KC FOUNDATION DONATES TO BREAST HEALTH NAVIGATION FUND



Dr. Kristy Krizmanich-Conniff passed away from an accident in 2020. Her husband started the Dr. Kristy KC Foundation in her honor. The Foundation supports those whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. Their first tailgate event raised \$30,000 and proceeds benefited Hurley's Breast Cancer Navigation fund.



# PATIENT RESOURCE & COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

TARNESA MARTIN, RN, BSN



Tarnesa Martin, better known as “Nurse T,” is the new and only Patient Resource & Community Advocate serving Genesee County, primarily the city of Flint, to improve the patient, family and community healthcare experience. Her passion radiates as she provides education, support, and advocacy. Her motto is: “Health care matters and it is time to start having real conversations.”

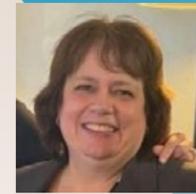
Nurse T worked for 12 years as a Nurse Manager at Hurley and saw firsthand the effects of neglecting one’s health. She transitioned to the role of Patient Resource & Community Advocate to make better connections to help fulfill Hurley’s vision to transform the health of our community and residents. She serves as a community liaison for health concerns, including diabetes, hypertension, and congestive heart failure, focusing on education and resources to reduce disparities and improve access to care for underserved populations. She aims to improve health literacy, reduce hospital readmission rates, and improve patient experiences.

Nurse T knows that trust is key when building momentum and igniting unity. She reaches out to underserved populations that may be fearful of accessing healthcare, have mistrust in the healthcare system, or may have health-related knowledge deficits that Hurley can help resolve. She continuously builds relationships by attending events and by working with program coordinators to address barriers to access crucial services. She encourages individuals to share their stories of overcoming sickness and adversity.

She states, “In the community, I hear the stories of those who lived through heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and how they readjusted their lifestyles to manage diabetes, kidney and lung disease, and got their mental health together with therapy. This is not the season to be weary, but to be strong and be in good health so that your soul can prosper. Sharing your story empowers, educates, and equips others to live forward!”



## IN MEMORY OF BETH BROPHY



As the Corporate Compliance Officer of Hurley Medical Center, Beth Brophy wore many different hats. She was Team Hurley’s Event Coordinator for the Crim Festival of Races, a beloved

colleague, a treasured friend to many, and her favorite title of all, “Mimi” (grandma).

“Beth was a dear friend to me and so many others. Her warm, easygoing nature and countless talents will be sorely missed. Her graciousness touched nearly everyone with whom she interacted. She gave unfailingly good and thoughtful advice to those who consulted with her, both professionally and personally. The absence of Beth’s counsel and friendship will leave a hole in the hearts of many. The impact she made on the Medical Center and so many of us here, will not be forgotten,” said friend and colleague, Emily Carduff.

Beth was known for her ability to gather people together, whether it be for volunteering at the Crim or through serving a home-cooked meal to her family.

“What an amazing lady, not only a significant loss to our Hurley team and her family, but also to this community. Beth brought a unique sense of fun, practicality and expertise to her many, many roles she performed at Hurley,” said John Stewart. “Her ‘get it done’ attitude made her a natural go-to for just about any circumstance, all the while knowing you’re going to get the same caring, smiling, and genuine Beth with each interaction. Cheers to a great friend and colleague who will be sadly missed and forever remembered.”



## IN MEMORY OF SONJA STEWART



I met Sonja Stewart in Spring 1998. I was a new PA in Trauma at Hurley who had recently relocated from New York. I was sitting by myself at a work party at which I knew very few

people. A woman with a million-dollar smile walked up and said, “Why are you sitting by yourself?” Before I could answer, she and her friend sat down. She said, “You need some company, so we are going to sit by you.” She introduced herself as Sonja from Radiology. Before the end of the night, we were laughing and joking like lifelong friends.

Exceptionally friendly and outgoing, Sonja never met a stranger. Her 5-year-old grandson once had to tell her, “Ninny (her grandson’s name for her) don’t speak to him. He’s a stranger!” Co-workers fondly recall that patients would often spend several minutes talking to her at the check-in window while waiting for their x-rays. When she answered calls, her energetic, cheerful voice always offered to help. She had a knack for cheering people up and making others feel like her friend.

Sonja started working at Hurley in 1994 as a secretary in the School of Nursing. She later transferred to the Radiology Department where she held the position of Radiology Clerical Assistant. Friends and co-workers remember her generous and maternal influence. She loved junk food (especially Boston Coolers, Vienna sausages, and Hot Links), concerts in Chene Park, movies, sports (especially baseball and basketball), and her family. She participated frequently in community and church fundraisers and helped her brother each year with his baseball camp for disadvantaged youths. Tragically, we unexpectedly lost Sonja, our bright light, last year. She leaves behind countless “friends” who miss her infectious smile, bubbly personality, and positive attitude.

-Barton Scotland, PA-C

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# MEMORIAL TRIBUTE: SUSAN STEINER BOLHOUSE

JULY 30, 1949-AUGUST 6, 2021

Susan Steiner Bolhouse was a dedicated and engaged board member for 11 years. She served as Chair from 2012-2015. She had a passion for Hurley Medical Center and considered it a privilege to be part of the Hurley family. She once said, "This is a premier medical facility where the day-to-day delivery of outstanding clinical care and compassion is truly impressive."

We appreciate the commitment Susan gave to the board and supporting Hurley. She will be deeply missed.



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# HURLEY PRIDE IN ACTION

Donna Dodds Hamm has served on the Hurley Foundation Board of Directors for 21 years. She has held offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Donna joined the Board because she strongly identified with Hurley's mission of taking care of everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This value was instilled in her at Dodds-Dumanois Co. Funeral Home, which was co-founded by her grandfather. Her dad devoted his career there and Donna followed in his footsteps.

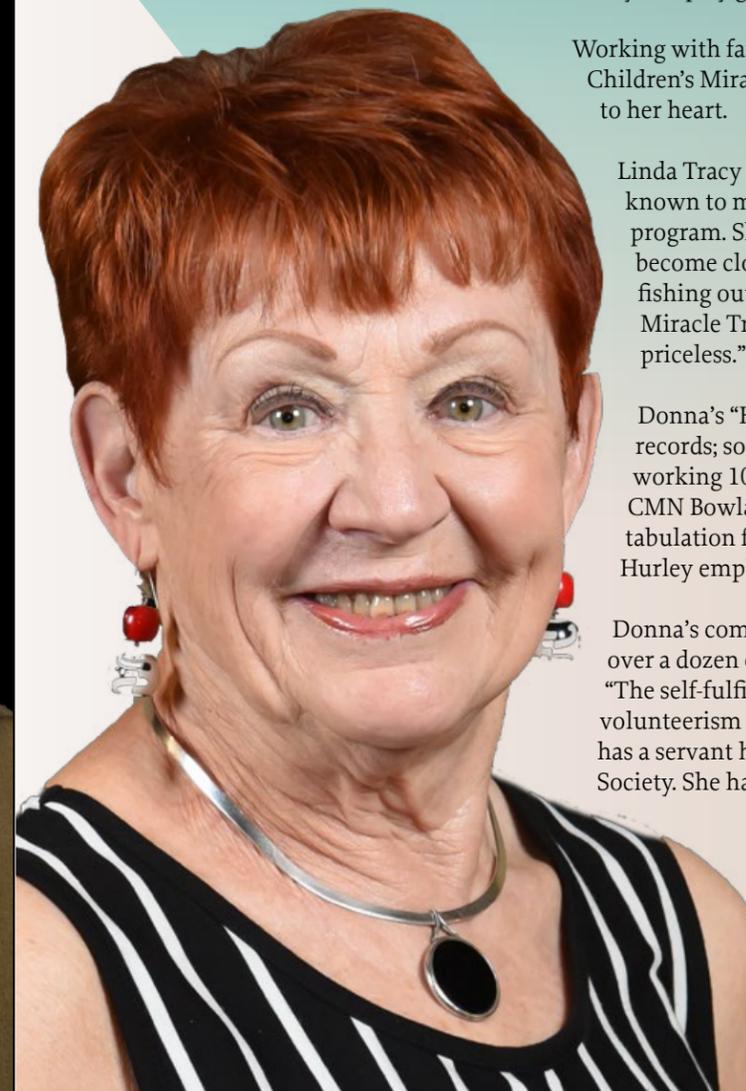
Besides serving on the Board, Donna also volunteers at Hurley. She explains, "Volunteers play an essential role since paid employees can't do everything. You can always help by giving your time."

Working with families and miracle kids to raise funds for Hurley's Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals is especially near and dear to her heart.

Linda Tracy Stephens, CMN Director, states, "Aunt' Donna, as she's known to many, has contributed enormously to Hurley's CMN program. She puts her money where the miracles are and has also become close to many families. Whether driving to the annual fishing outing or seeing them year after year at Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day, Donna was there. Her contribution has been priceless."

Donna's "Hurley jobs" have included: data entry of volunteer records; sorting t-shirts for Tuuri Race Day and CMN Bowlathon; working 10 hour shifts on Tuuri Race Day; preparing packets for CMN Bowlathon and other events; phone bank registration and tabulation for CMN Telethons and Radiothons; and taking treats to Hurley employees on all shifts to thank them for their support.

Donna's community involvement has included volunteering for over a dozen organizations. Jordan Brown, Volunteer Director, says, "The self-fulfillment and personal satisfaction Donna finds in her volunteerism and service transcend beyond the walls of Hurley. She has a servant heart in other local nonprofits, especially the Humane Society. She has a passion for kids and kitties."



# BENCHMARKS OF EXCELLENCE

## AWARDS

- American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's (AHA/ASA) Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Achievement Award
- American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) Stroke Elite Honor Roll Award
- Newsweek 2021 Best Smart Hospital Award
- Beacon Award of Excellence 2021 to 2024 The Coronary Care Unit (CCU) was awarded the bronze-level Beacon Award of Excellence from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)
- Hurley's Vascular Access Team Receives Board Certification - Vascular Access Team receives Cardiac Vascular Nursing Certification and are now credentialed as Cardiac Vascular Nurse – Board Certified (CV-BCTM).
- Voted Best by My City Magazine

## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Hospital Association
- America's Essential Hospitals
- Michigan Health and Hospital Association

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- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Health Systems

## ACCREDITATIONS/ VERIFICATIONS

- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
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- American College of Emergency Physicians Accredited Geriatric Emergency Department Bronze Seal
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Center of Excellence for Hip and Knee Replacement
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- Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) as an Age-Friendly Health System Committed to Care Excellence for Older Adults
- Michigan State Medical Society and Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)
- National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) for Hurley Breast Cancer Program
- Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE)
- Recognition status from the ADA for Diabetes and recognition from the CDC for Diabetes Prevention
- The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- The American College of Surgeons as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence
- The American College of Surgeons as a Level I Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center
- The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer for the Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program
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