



2022

ANNUAL REPORT

**MILE BLUFF MEDICAL
CENTER FOUNDATION**

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY. ALWAYS.

Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was established in 2010. The mission of the foundation is to foster charitable giving that supports the vision of Mile Bluff Medical Center and provide sound stewardship of contributions to the organization.

We strive to respond to current needs, but are also focused on programs that will positively impact the health of future generations through the work of Mile Bluff. We fund state-of-the-art healthcare equipment, education and training, and programs that improve the health and wellness of the community.

Good health is our community's greatest resource. It is through the generosity of our donors that we are able to support new treatments, technology, and programs that benefit patients, the healthcare team and our community as a whole.

We are deeply grateful for the support of the individuals and businesses that continue to help make this possible. Our patients and the community are the heartbeat of our mission to enhance healthcare right here at home.

RENEW. REFOCUS. RECONNECT.

When we hear the "three Rs," our mind likely goes to the cornerstones of education - reading, wRighting, and aRithmetic. While I do question the spelling skills of those who created that saying, I do appreciate their creative attempts.

Even though we are in the healthcare field, I think borrowing education's "three Rs" concept is helpful when it comes to developing goals for Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation for the coming year.

RENEW - Between the popular community events, and strong scholarship and equipment programs, there is no denying the foundation's impact at Mile Bluff and on the health of the community. The past year has provided a great opportunity to examine where the foundation has been, where it stands, and where it needs to go.

The new Mile Bluff administrative team has also been evaluating the medical center and has created a renewed vision for the future of Mile Bluff. There are SO many exciting things happening at the medical center and more are to come. The foundation exists to support the health of the community through the work of Mile Bluff. As the medical center grows, the foundation will renew its own goals in order to best support the organization.

REFOCUS - As the healthcare needs of our community and the Mile Bluff organization continues to evolve, the foundation is refocusing on its mission and vision. As I've settled into this role, I've been asking... Is the foundation doing what it is supposed to do? Are there other ways to engage with the community? Are

our initiatives still relevant or do we need to adjust? Doing this has been a welcome experience to evaluate the foundation's strengths and its opportunities in order to refocus the foundation's lens.

RECONNECT - As the pandemic has loosened its hold on the world and as the foundation continues to evolve, new opportunities have arisen to reconnect with donors, partners in health, and our community. These relationships are vital for the success of the foundation, and ultimately Mile Bluff as a whole. In 2023, I'm looking to reconnect further with the community as we engage with the community in new ways and dive back into events.

None of this would be possible without the trust, support, and encouragement of our donors and stakeholders who believe in the importance of local healthcare and the foundation.

As you review this report, please accept my endless thanks and join me in celebrating the foundation's success.

In gratitude,



Katie Nuttall
Director of Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation



SPARKING A CHANGE IN LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH

At the beginning of 2022, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was awarded a two-year grant from the Roots & Wings Foundation. The funds were to be used to support a strong start for kids, strong minds, and strong communities. After meeting with several community members, it was determined that these funds should address mental health in our community. Focusing on children and the community as a whole, the foundation used the grant to provide:

- » **\$75,000 to local schools** - School districts in Mauston, Elroy, Necedah, New Lisbon, and Wisconsin Dells received \$15,000 each to support mental health programming for their students and staff. The foundation is looking to provide support to other schools in 2023.
- » **FREE Mental Health First Aid Trainings** - Mental Health First Aid is a one-day course that prepares attendees to interact with a person experiencing a mental health crisis. The foundation has offered training sessions that prepare attendees to interact with teens, adults, and older adults.
Since October 2022, over 80 people have attended these sessions and more are scheduled into 2023.
- » **Spark In the Park** - On Saturday, October 22 the foundation invited the community to "Spark In The Park." The purpose of this event was to spark a conversation, spark a connection, and spark a change in mental health. Over 120 attendees were encouraged to connect with local mental health service providers and community resources, to discover a new form of self-care, and spark a change in their mental health.

- » **Books for the Emergency Department** - Using grant funds, the foundation worked with Scholastic and the Friends of Hatch Public Library to supply books for Mile Bluff's Emergency Department (ED). Books are given to children who are in the ED, not only to support literacy development, but to also provide distraction. The books will relieve anxiety, stress, and fear for the young patients.



IMPACTING CARE AT MILE BLUFF

Randy Brandt is a physician assistant at Mile Bluff Clinic. In addition to supporting the community by providing primary care services, Randy also is a supporter of Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation.

"Donating to the foundation can be a way to help the hospital and its patients, invest in the future of the medical practice, and demonstrate my commitment to providing high-quality care," explained Randy.



"Giving back is essential to me because it can help positively impact the world, build stronger communities, and bring personal fulfillment," he continued. "Whether I give back through financial donations, volunteering time, or other forms of support, any effort helps make a difference and create a better world for all."

Randy has a unique opportunity to witness philanthropy in action through his work at Mile Bluff. "The foundation can provide a range of resources and support that can provide better patient care and improve my practice," said Randy. "By partnering with the foundation and its donors, I can stay up-to-date with the latest medical advancements and equipment needed for patient care."

Supporting the foundation today is supporting healthcare for tomorrow. "Contributing to the foundation is a way to invest in the future of healthcare, demonstrate your commitment to the community, and make a lasting impact on the lives of patients and families," explained Randy. "I encourage anyone to support the foundation and join in the joy of making a difference for others."

To learn more about the foundation or to make a gift, visit www.milebluff.com/our-foundation.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FUNDRAISING EVENTS (net) - 9%	Total: \$19,975
Golf Ball Drop	\$1,600
Golf Outing	\$17,839
Pie Bake Off	\$536
EMPLOYEE GIVING - 15%	Total: \$31,745
Unrestricted Funds	\$24,769
Carol Purvis Education Fund	\$4,253
Nurses Helping Nurses	\$1,890
Healing Garden	\$650
Equipment	\$183
ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS - 13%	Total: \$27,370
Unrestricted Funds	\$8,053
Carol Purvis Education Fund	\$1,375
Nurses Helping Nurses	\$1,502
Dialysis	\$1,200
Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers	\$1,740
Infusion & Cancer Care Remodel	\$12,450
OB Remodel	\$1,050
GRANTS - 63%	\$135,000
TOTAL FUNDS COLLECTED	\$214,090

FUNDS RAISED IN 2022

\$214,090 (net)



SUPPORTING THE FUTURE AT MILE BLUFF...

Construction continues at Mile Bluff as crews work to remodel and create new spaces for the Birthing Center, and Infusion & Wound Center. Everything is starting to take shape in these beautiful areas that will provide patients with soothing, calm environments.

Since construction began, the foundation has been raising funds to support these projects and will continue to do so

into the first part of the new year. Many grateful patients have generously contributed to the project.

Using the funds raised, the foundation will support these expanding services by providing new treatment chairs, nursing gliders, and other items that enhance the patient care experience.



Birthing Center plans



Infusion & Wound Center plans

SCHOLARSHIPS & REIMBURSEMENTS

CAROL PURVIS EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Carol Purvis Education Fund was created in 2011 to provide support for employees who were committed to advancing their careers in healthcare by serving the community through Mile Bluff. Recipients of support in 2022 include:

Lindsey Benish (Accounting): \$1,000 Lindsey is pursuing a Master of Business Administration from Viterbo University.	Morgan Randall (Mile Bluff Clinic): \$250 Morgan use the scholarship to support attending a certified nursing assistant certification course.
Bridget Crouse (House Supervisor): \$1,000 Bridget graduated with her Master of Science in Nursing from Western Governors University in December 2022.	Morgan Renner (Lab): \$1,000 Morgan is pursuing a Bachelor of Medical Lab Science from University of Cincinnati.
Chelsea Hayes (Patient Access): \$750 Chelsea is pursuing an Associate Degree in Nursing from Western Technical College.	Maddie Steinhorst (Delton Family Medical Center): \$200 Maddie used the scholarship to cover the certified medical assistant exam fee.

BRANCH IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

The Branch Impact Scholarship provides financial support to those pursuing degrees in direct patient care and who are committed to joining or staying at Mile Bluff after graduation. Made possible through an estate gift, the scholarship is meant to support employee retention and elevate the sometimes overwhelming costs of completing a degree.

Amanda Giannoni (Delton Family Medical Center) \$4,500 In December 2022, Amanda graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UW Stevens Point.
Brandis Schuh (Lab) \$5,000 Brandis is pursuing her associate degree as a medical lab technician from Madison Area Technical College.

NURSES HELPING NURSES TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

As in many healthcare careers, life-long learning is an expectation in nursing. Education and advanced training give nurses the critical-thinking and problem-solving skills they need to keep up with advancements in healthcare. The Nurses Helping Nurses fund provides tuition reimbursement program for nurses at Mile Bluff starting and/or advancing their degrees. Recipients of support in 2022 include:

Bridget Crouse (House Supervisor) \$3,000 Bridget earned her Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing from Western Governors University.	Chelsea Hayes (Patient Access): \$1,500 Chelsea is currently pursuing her Associate Degree in Nursing from Western Technical College.
Erin Stanila (Infusion & Wound Center): \$1,500 Erin is currently attending Marian University in pursuit of her Master of Science in Nursing.	

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Chelsea Hayes



In 2022, Chelsea received scholarships from the Carol Purvis Education Fund and Nurses Helping Nurses as she works toward an Associate Degree in Nursing.



Earning these scholarships has meant that a financial burden was lessened for me, and has allowed me to pursue my nursing degree with peace of mind. That is a great relief as this degree and the coursework is quite strenuous.

Mile Bluff is important for the health of the community as it is an excellent resource for providing treatment for a variety of illnesses that arise. This new degree will allow me to provide care for patients by taking the skills that I have learned and applying them to real life scenarios to give optimal patient care with great patient outcomes.



EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the foundation was able to approve \$30,572 in equipment requests in 2022. Funds have also been set aside to support the remodeling of Mile Bluff's Birthing Center, Infusion & Wound Center, and Medical Imaging Department. These funds will be used to purchase equipment that enhances the patient care experience in these newly-remodeled areas.

PROCEDURE TABLE - \$9,509

Awarded to: Delton Family Medical Center

This procedure table keeps patients comfortable as clinical staff perform procedures in the clinic setting.

TRACTION TABLE - \$8,091 (top photo)

Awarded to: Rehabilitation Department

A traction table allows therapists to provide cervical and lumbar traction to patients to treat and relieve neck and back pain.

BARIATRIC LAB DRAW CHAIR - \$3,929

Awarded to: Necedah Family Medical Center

This chair will increase patient comfort and provide better ergonomics for staff as blood samples are collected.

EXAM TABLES (2) - \$3,764

Awarded to: Mile Bluff Clinic

These exam tables keep patients comfortable, while allowing clinic staff to provide safe and efficient care.

TYMPANOMETER - \$3,380 (middle photo)

Awarded to: Elroy Family Medical Center

A tympanometer is used to measure the health of a patient's eardrum. This will allow the medical staff to do early assessments of ear health on site, decreasing the need for patients to travel.

THEATER EQUIPMENT - \$1,100

Awarded to: Fair View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

With a projector and retractable screen, a theater room will be created for nursing home residents.

TUMBLE FORMS FEEDER SEAT - \$475

Awarded to: Speech Department

The Tumble Forms Feeder Seat will be used to position infants when they are having a modified barium swallow study.

TRAINING BONES - \$324 (bottom photo)

Awarded Department: Education Department

These training bones are used to simulate use of intraosseous access for emergency patient care.



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-Gamaliel Bailey,
Physician/Journalist

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