

## HELLO FROM MILE BLUFF!

Happy New Year from Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation! My, oh my, how 2025 flew by! It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming golfers to the foundation golf outing, but when I look at the calendar and the thermometer, I guess it's safe to say that was a few months ago.



As the new year rolls up on the calendar, so much focus is put on looking ahead that the past is quickly forgotten. Resolutions are made, and broken, with blinding speed. While setting future goals and plans is a good idea, I also like to pause and focus on moments from the previous year.

While Ferris Bueller took more of a 'seize the day' attitude about life, he did say, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it." Even though looking forward is good, taking stock of what happened in the past allows us to see progress.

The foundation and the medical center had quite the year in 2025. Looking back, one of the biggest highlights of last year was the completion of the Gateway Center. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were hosting hardhat tours through the old Shopko building and trying to see how it would turn into a healthcare facility. But here we are, with Gateway fully open and serving patients since the spring.

When I joined the foundation as director, a capital campaign was not on my radar. However, as the Gateway Center and Emergency Department plans were developed, so did the need for a large fundraising effort. As I reflect on the previous year, the generosity of donors through this campaign process has been astounding, and I am so excited to see what 2026 has in store for this campaign as work begins in the Emergency Department.

While leading the foundation is my privilege, I cannot take credit for the impact the foundation has had over the last year. So much of the foundation's success comes from the direction set by the board of directors, the time given by volunteers, and, of course, the amazing support of our donors.

Time will only tell what 2026 will have in store for us. But with the continued support of donors I can tell the future is looking bright for Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation. Thank you for all you do to make that possible.

In gratitude,



Katie Nuttall | Foundation Director | 608-847-2735 | knuttall@milebluff.com

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Flappers & Fedoras: A Casino Night Gala

**Saturday, March 7, 6 to 10 pm**

**Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells**

Step back into the glitz and glamour of the 1920s at "Flappers & Fedoras." This event will feature exquisite food, entertainment, and the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in our community.

Tickets are now available. For individuals and group opportunities, visit [www.milebluff.com/gala](http://www.milebluff.com/gala).



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# FOUNDATION NEWS



We would like to welcome Kim Connors-Johnson to the foundation's Board of Directors.

Kim is a long-standing member of the Juneau County area with over 35 years of experience in real estate.

To Kim, Mile Bluff is essential to the well-being of our community. She cares about the medical center's future and, through the foundation, wants to help ensure it continues to thrive, expand its services, and remain privately operated.

With donor support, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was able to provide this new pediatric crash cart for our Acute Care and Surgery areas. A pediatric crash cart contains a wide range of equipment and supplies to prepare for potential emergencies. When seconds count, the color-coded drawers enable the healthcare team to quickly identify critical supplies for pediatric patients.



The colors on the cart are part of the Broselow method. Each drawer contains different medication dosages and equipment sizes for children, based on their length. The color the child matches with determines which drawer is used in the cart.



This summer, the foundation accepted a memorial gift to support patients in the Acute Care department. The family gave in gratitude for the care their loved one had received at Mile Bluff. The donated funds were used to purchase a new medical recliner.

## For You. With You. A Capital Campaign Update

Construction in the Emergency Department is still slated to begin this spring. With the design plans confirmed, Administration and other key players are working with contractors to confirm project timelines and finalize budgets.

As construction in the ED moves forward, fundraising efforts will continue to support this portion of the project. The foundation has some exciting things planned for this final stage of fundraising, including a music benefit that will be held this summer.

There is still time to make a gift to impact the health of the community. To make a gift, please contact Katie Nuttall at 608-847-2735 or visit [www.milebluff.com/donate](http://www.milebluff.com/donate).

### Fundraising Update

**\$2,786,469**  
of \$5,000,000

We would like to thank and recognize the new individuals and businesses who have joined our donors in making commitments to the 'For You. With You.' capital campaign.

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| » Thomas & Hazel Reigard | » Joseph & Julie Witmer        |
| » Steve & Bev Vinopal    | » Paul & Nancy Schaller        |
| » PM McCormick           | » Thompson Family Foundation   |
| » Betty Kryka            | » Dr. Timothy & Debra Bjelland |
| » Maynard Miller         |                                |
| » John & Helen Janik     |                                |
| » Sandra McHugh          |                                |



2025 EMPLOYEE GIVING TOTAL

**\$37,497**

Throughout the year, Mile Bluff employees can support the foundation through "Together We Care," the foundation's employee giving program, through payroll deductions.

We are pleased to announce that in 2025, participating employees contributed \$37,497 to the foundation! These funds will be used to support our areas of greatest need, building projects, scholarships, equipment, and specific patient-care departments.

We cannot thank the Mile Bluff team enough for their dedication to our patients and to improving the health of the community.

# NEW YEAR. NEW PHILANTHROPY GOALS.

The beginning of a new year is traditionally a time for deep reflection and committed action. That's why so many of us use the first days in January to forge New Year's resolutions.

Unfortunately, most New Year's resolutions are dropped within the first few weeks of the year. No matter how noble the goal, motivation simply isn't enough to power people through the entire year.

So, if increasing your philanthropic and charitable efforts in 2026 is on your list this year, here are a few tips to keep you motivated.

## Why do you give?

Specificity is key to any plan. Get to know the goals behind your giving and pinpoint what drives your generosity. By keeping your core motivations at the forefront, you're more likely to stick to your goals.

## How do you prefer to give?

Knowing how you give is as important as knowing where and why to give. By understanding your approach to philanthropy, and perhaps how it's changed since you first started, you can set goals that will best fit your unique giving style.

When you're aware of how you like to give, you can better prepare for what will make you most comfortable with your giving. Reflect on what giving experiences brought you the most satisfaction and why. How can you replicate those approaches to giving? The more you enjoy doing something, the more likely you are to keep doing it!

## What are your key objectives?

What do you want your charitable accomplishment of the year to be? When you have a clear goal, you know what you're striving for. The more specific the goal, the greater the likelihood of success.

Perhaps you have a goal of gifting a percentage of your wealth or income, of giving a certain amount to your favorite charity, or expanding your list of charities that address the causes you care about.

Once you have your goal set, write it down, as writing your goal is shown to help you accomplish it.

## Get excited for the giving ahead

With the why, how, and what of your giving identified, you have a clear image of what you can accomplish in the new year.

As you're reviewing your plan for this year of giving,



consider if you have everything you need to be successful as a donor. If you're still making one-time, direct donations, you may not be maximizing your giving potential. That's when talking to your financial advisor may help.

Your advisor can help you achieve your goals by identifying the giving tools you can utilize to make the biggest difference. Maybe you could start a Donor Advised Fund, or you could use your qualified charitable distribution differently to make this year your most charitable one yet.

Still looking for inspiration? Here are 5 simple ways to make philanthropy a lasting resolution.

- » **Start a Fundraiser:** Choose an organization with a mission that resonates with you and organize a fundraiser during a meaningful time, like your birthday, the holiday season, or a relevant time of year for the organization.
- » **Attend Local Events:** Support nonprofits by participating in their events.
- » **Raise Awareness on Social Media:** Interacting with a nonprofit's posts can make a big impact. By simply liking, commenting, and sharing, you amplify their message and reach, potentially attracting donors or supporters who can make a big difference.
- » **Volunteer!** Many organizations rely on volunteers. Reach out to a nonprofit that aligns with your passions and see where you can lend a hand.
- » **Make a Financial Contribution:** If you are able, consider donating what you can—whether it's \$10 or \$10,000. Every contribution matters.

By sticking to a New Year's Resolution to be philanthropic, you will positively impact yourself and your community.





MILE BLUFF MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION PRESENTS

# FLAPPERS & FEDORAS:

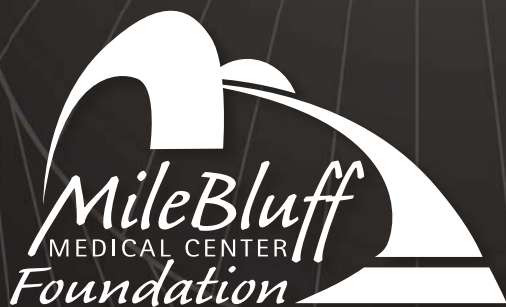
## A CASINO NIGHT GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

6 TO 10 PM | WILDERNESS RESORT | WISCONSIN DELLS

PLATED DINNER | CASINO GAMES | RAFFLES

Step back into the glitz and glamour of the 1920s while supporting Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation's mission to support local healthcare. This event will feature exquisite food, entertainment, and the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in our community.



For more information call, 608-847-2735.

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