



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## 2024



# CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY. ALWAYS.

Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation seeks to inspire a culture of philanthropy and generosity that strengthens and sustains quality healthcare for our community through the work of Mile Bluff Medical Center.

### Our commitment priorities...

- PASSION.** We are committed to channeling donors’ passion and interests into meeting the healthcare needs of our community through the work of the medical center.
- GENEROSITY.** We are committed to providing an excellent philanthropic experience for our donors.
- GROWTH.** We are committed to partnering with our community to develop increased resources to support healthcare programs and services.
- IMPACT.** We are committed to investing philanthropic funds in high-impact strategies to support local healthcare needs.

### Through the generosity of donors...

- » We **advance** the standard of care at Mile Bluff by providing the latest technology in medical equipment, supporting building projects, and service line growth.
- » We **enrich** lives of patients by working with our community health partners to connect residents with local health resources.
- » We **support** healthcare education by providing scholarships to employees and high school students.

We are deeply grateful for the support of the individuals and businesses that continue to make this possible.

## FUNDS RAISED IN 2024

\$1,044,960<sub>(net)</sub>

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FUNDRAISING EVENTS (net) - 3%	\$35,446
Dueling Pianos	\$5,408
Golf Outing	\$16,492
Holiday Auction	\$13,546
EMPLOYEE GIVING - 5%	\$50,630
Unrestricted Funds	\$34,113
Scholarships	\$4,260
Healing Garden	\$525
Departments/Equipment	\$5,699
Capital Campaign	\$6,033
ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS - 73%	\$763,884
For You. With You. - Capital Campaign	\$757,524
Unrestricted Funds	\$2,752
Departments	\$3,608
GRANTS - 19%	\$195,000
TOTAL FUNDS COLLECTED	\$1,044,960



# FOR YOU. WITH YOU. A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

In 2024, Mile Bluff Medical Center began a two-phased remodeling project. Phase one focused on turning the former Mauston Shopko building into the Gateway Center - a new home for Mile Bluff Pharmacy, the dialysis department and Urgent Care. The second phase of the project will focus on remodeling the existing Emergency Department.

To support this expansion project, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation is leading a capital fundraising campaign - *For You. With You.* - with the goal of raising \$5 million to help offset the costs of this \$17 million investment.



In 2024, donors were very generous, and between gifts, pledges and grants, donors gave over \$2.43 million toward this cause. The Gateway Center opened in March 2025, and construction in the emergency department will begin in the summer of 2025. Fundraising efforts will continue throughout the coming year.

For more information about the project and how your gift could make a difference, visit [www.milebluff.com/foryouwithyou](http://www.milebluff.com/foryouwithyou).



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

At the beginning of 2024, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was awarded a two-year grant from the Roots & Wings Foundation. The funds were to be used to support patients in the prenatal to age 3 range. Using this grant, Mile Bluff has been able to provide:

**SLEEP SACKS:** Infant sleeping bags — also known as sleep sacks — are wearable blankets designed to keep babies warm and also reduce the risk of SIDS. Every Mile Bluff newborn receives a sleep sack to take home from the birth center.

**SAFE SITTER CLASSES:** This course is designed to prepare students in sixth through eighth grade to be safe when they are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises that teach students injury prevention and treatment, CPR, management of problem behaviors and the business side of babysitting.



**NOSE FRIDA & DIGITAL THERMOMETERS:** In our rural communities, parents sometimes struggle to access baby care supplies, even simple items like nasal aspirators and thermometers. Primary care providers identified that these items would

aid parents when their newborns are ill. Grant funds were used to purchase these items for clinic patients.

**JAUNDICE METERS:** Three jaundice meters were purchased for the clinics in Lake Delton, New Lisbon, and Necedah. This device checks the bilirubin levels of newborn babies.

**BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS:** During pregnancy and after delivery, mothers who are at risk for developing hypertensive disorders, like preeclampsia, require routine monitoring of their blood pressure. To reduce the risk of complications for both mother and baby, at home blood pressure monitoring is essential. Using grant funds, blood pressure monitors were purchased to distribute to patients who were at high risk for hypertensive disorders during pregnancy. Using the monitors, mothers track their blood pressure at home and alert their providers if there is any change.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Tuition Assistance Program provides support for any Mile Bluff employee who is committed to advancing their career in healthcare whether through a degree program or through professional development courses. This includes patient care and non-patient care roles. In 2024, the following employees were awarded support:

**Morgan Renner (Lab) \$1,500**

Morgan obtained a Bachelor Degree of Medical Lab Science from University of Cincinnati.

**Abigail Moring (Speech Pathology) \$1,350**

To grow her pediatric feeding and swallowing services, Abigail attended an Advanced Pediatric Feeding Mentorship Program.

**Jade Eastman (Registration) \$750**

Jade is pursuing an Associate Degree of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

**Ciara Lutz (Administration) \$1,000**

Ciara is pursuing a Bachelor Degree of Business Management from University of Wisconsin - Whitewater.

## A LEGACY AT WORK

In 2023, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was named as a beneficiary for the Estate of Josette and Glenn Buehlman. To encourage retention and training of Mile Bluff nurses, Josette and Glenn, set aside a portion of their estate to support nursing education.

To honor their wishes, the foundation has used the gift to support tuition reimbursement for Mile Bluff nurses pursuing a higher degree, to support training course costs for nurses, and to provide

scholarships to high school seniors pursuing a degree in nursing schools.

The foundation and the medical center are grateful for the Buehlman's foresight and dedication to our community by investing in the next generation of healthcare workers.

*"A legacy is not what I did for myself. It's what I'm doing for the next generation."*

— Vitor Belfort

## NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

**Katie Burns, RN (Birth Center) \$1,250**

Katie used the scholarship to support the course and exam fees as she pursued a certification as a International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

**Kristina Cimpher (Acute Care) \$1,500**

Kristina is currently pursuing her Associates Degree in Nursing from Madison Technical College as she works in Mile Bluff's Acute Care Department.

**Krista Cook (Acute Care) \$1,500**

Krista is currently pursuing her Associates Degree in Nursing from Western Technical College as she works in Mile Bluff's Acute Care Department.

**Jody Willey, RN (Elroy) \$1,000**

Jody is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing from Western Governors University and serves as the clinic manager of Elroy Family Medical Center.

## TRAINING SUPPORT

**Medication Aide Certification Program \$2,310**

A medication aide certification program teaches students how to safely administer medications to patients. Using scholarship funds, the foundation supported the registration and program costs so three of Mile Bluff's certified nursing assistants could attend.

## HIGH SCHOOL NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

The following high school seniors received a \$1,000 scholarship in support of their nursing education. These scholarships are available to students in Mile Bluff's five clinic communities.

**Jaquelin Barrita-Santos** - Wisconsin Dells

**Kathryn Forster** - Mauston

**Marah Gruen** - Elroy

**Carson Welter** - New Lisbon

# APPROVED EQUIPMENT REQUESTS

Through the generosity of donors, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was able to approve \$16,952 in equipment requests in 2024.

## **BOVIE LED PROCEDURE LIGHT - \$4,772**

**Awarded to:** Elroy Family Medical Center

This light will be used during in-clinic procedures. Whatever the procedure, this lamp is easier for staff to maneuver, which leaves caregivers with more time for addressing the patient's needs.

## **EZ WAY MECHANICAL LIFT - \$4,493**

**Awarded to:** Crest View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

This lift will be used at Crest View to transfer residents from different surfaces such as the bed, chair, toilet and floor. It improves safety for residents and staff alike.

## **AV500 VEIN VIEWER - \$4,129**

**Awarded to:** Infusion & Wound Care Department

Used on a daily basis, the vein viewer is a tool that supports successful IV starts in minimal attempts by allowing nurses to view veins and vein valves when starting an IV.

## **VITALS CART - \$1,606**

**Awarded to:** Rehabilitation Services at Fair View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy staff caring for residents at Fair View, will use the vitals cart with residents prior to starting a therapy session. The cart would also be readily accessible if a resident starts to experience an emergency event.

## **2 - IBREEZE BPAP SYSTEM - \$1,482**

**Awarded to:** Respiratory Therapy

The iBreeze BPAP system is a bedside unit that delivers positive airway pressure therapy for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. During hospital stays, these machines will be used on patients that have already been diagnosed and use this type of device at home.

## **DIGITAL PEDIATRIC SCALE - \$470**

**Awarded to:** Mile Bluff Clinic

This digital scale will be used for pediatric patients. It will make the rooming process for young patients easier and will ensure weights for children are accurate.



**iBreeze BPAP System in  
Respiratory Therapy**



**Vitals cart for Fair View  
Rehabilitation**



**Vein Viewer in Infusion &  
Wound Care Center**

# 2024 DONORS

## CORPORATE DONORS

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