

Care Connection

Programs & Activities of Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Holiday Auction

**Friday, November 27 to
Saturday, December 5**

Get your shopping list ready! Bid on one-of-a-kind items and experiences you won't be able to find anywhere else. Visit www.milebluff.com/auction to register now!

HELLO FROM MILE BLUFF!

During July, my family and I found ourselves in sunny California on summer vacation. Traveling just a small portion of this vast state, we drove the California coast (complete with Beach Boys playlist) and then cut across to the mountain-filled national parks.

Despite all the research and planning, there were several things I wasn't quite prepared for including the "how cute" factor of seeing sea otters in the wild, and awe-inspiring feeling of standing at the base of towering sequoia trees. It really was a whirlwind trip, but we returned home with wonderful memories and a renewed appreciation for the places we call home.

As we traveled, my husband and I found ourselves doing what comes naturally to two people who work in healthcare: noticing healthcare wherever we went. While others might spend their travel time spotting license plates, we take note of hospitals, clinics, and healthcare billboards along the route. Fortunately, we didn't need any medical care during our vacation, but it was interesting to see how healthcare is delivered in different settings.



We stayed in several smaller California towns and encountered things that are uncommon in our daily lives, such as warnings about rolling blackouts and water storages. Yet despite those differences, one thing felt remarkably familiar: people take pride in the places they call home and in the resources that help those places thrive.

Whether in California or right here in Juneau County, people depend on strong local resources to support healthy families, successful businesses, and a high quality of life. Healthcare is one of the most important of those resources. When quality care is available close to home, it strengthens the well-being of individuals, families, and the region as a whole.

Access to local healthcare does more than provide treatment when illness strikes. It helps attract and retain families, supports employers and their workforce, and provides peace of mind knowing care is close when it is needed most. A strong healthcare system contributes to the overall vitality of the region.

That is why support for Mile Bluff matters. The generosity of our donors, volunteers, and partners helps ensure high-quality healthcare remains available close to home, benefiting local patients and families today and for years to come. Thank you for investing in healthier lives and a stronger future for our region. Your support makes a meaningful difference every day.

In gratitude,

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FOUNDATION NEWS



At Mauston's National Night Out on August 4, Mile Bluff partnered with several local agencies to promote bike safety and first aid. This included providing a properly fitted bike helmet to every child who attended.

Due to the generosity of donors and grant funds, we were able to provide over 100 helmets to kids in our community. These helmets were distributed in Mauston and Necedah.



To support the next generation of healthcare professionals, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation provides 5 - \$1,000 scholarships to high school students pursuing a degree in nursing. We would like to congratulate the following students who were awarded support in 2026.

Chloe Bell
NECEDAH

Laya Wainwright
ROYALL

Carly Martinez
NEW LISBON

Elexys Kosterman
WISCONSIN DELLS

Ava Stanila
MAUSTON

"PAR-FECT" DAY FOR 2026 FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

We had a tee-rific time at the 2026 Golf Outing! Our swing was a little questionable, but our fun was definitely below par! A huge thank you to everyone who made this day an absolute hole-in-one. Through this event, donors and golfers gave over \$17,500 to support local healthcare



For You. With You. A Capital Campaign Update

Construction crews remain hard at work across Mile Bluff Medical Center as part of the organization's ongoing commitment to enhance facilities, technology, and services. Here is the latest update on several key projects:

Medical Imaging Department Remodel -

Construction in the Medical Imaging Department continues as we prepare for the installation of a new MRI machine. Remodeling is expected to be completed by mid-September.

The addition of updated imaging technology will help us continue providing advanced diagnostic services close to home.

New hospital registration area - The new hospital registration area is now open! Designed to create a more welcoming first impression, the renovated space provides a clearly visible check-in location while supporting more personalized, face-to-face interactions for patients and visitors.

With this phase complete, temporary walls have been set-up around the former registration area, allowing work on the Emergency Department renovation to continue.

Emergency Department (ED) - In early August, the ED moved to its temporary location in the 400 hallway of the Acute Care Department. Remodeling of the previous ED space is now underway, with construction crews beginning demolition work.

The renovation is expected to take six to nine months and will result in improved privacy for patients, updated treatment areas, and more efficient workflows that support exceptional emergency care when it matters most.

There is still time to make a difference

Every day, the Mile Bluff team is ready to respond when seconds matter most. From unexpected injuries and serious illnesses to life-saving emergency interventions, the ED team serves as a critical resource for our community.

As we approach year-end, we invite you to consider making a gift to the **For You. With You.** campaign. Your support will help create a stronger, safer, and more modern ED that will serve our community for generations to come.

Gifts of any size can be made through:

- Cash or check contributions
- Online donations at www.milebluff.com/donate
- Multi-year pledge commitments
- Stock gifts and other investment contributions

Together, we are building a healthier future for our community. Thank you for helping ensure exceptional care remains available close to home for all who depend on Mile Bluff.



The new hospital registration desk opened for patients on August 26, creating a new welcoming first impression. Until construction is complete, this registration area is also where patients will check into the Emergency Department.



Mile Bluff's "old" Emergency Department is officially under construction! Crews are in the thick of demolition.

Fundraising Update

\$2,812,185
of \$5,000,000

DONOR IMPACT SPOTLIGHT: SMALL STEPS, BIG SWINGS

When you give to Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation, your impact can be felt immediately in the smiles and breakthroughs of even our youngest patients.

Thanks to the recent support of donors, Mile Bluff's Rehabilitation Services department has debuted a new pediatric platform swing. This is a game-changing tool for pediatric physical and occupational therapy.

Before this donation, therapists had to rely solely on physioballs, large exercise balls, to work on a child's balance and coordination, which allowed for a very limited treatment plan. The new platform swing provides a dynamic environment that helps to strengthen a child's core, posture, balance, and coordination. The swing also integrates sensory processing by creating a play-like environment. The swing is big enough to allow therapists to sit on the raised platform while working with highly complex patients who cannot use traditional equipment.

The swing is already turning difficult therapy sessions into triumphs. During a recent session with a one-year-old patient, who experiences gross motor delays, the child became very fussy and upset. This complicated the treatment, but rather than cutting the session short, therapists utilized the swing, which soothed the young patient's crying and increased engagement. This allowed for proper treatment and successful session completion.

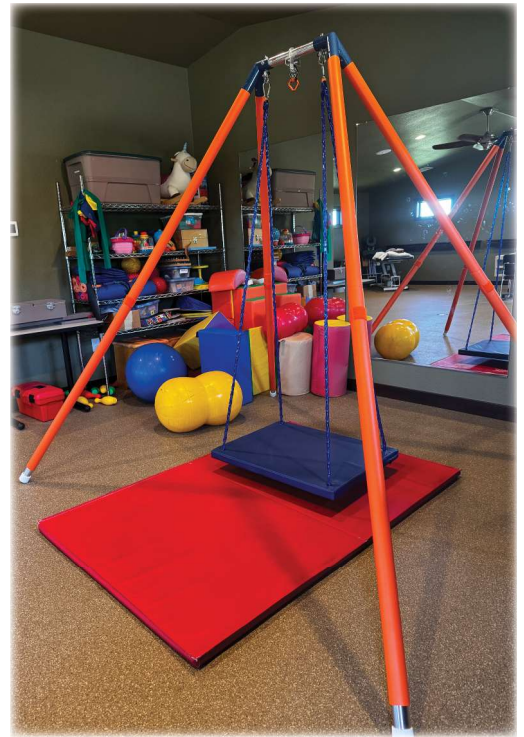
By funding tools that build coordination and physical confidence, our donors are directly helping children safely navigate their environments at home, school, and throughout the community.

Reflecting on the impact of this gift, the Rehab Services team expressed their deep gratitude. "We would like to thank foundation donors for their support. Your generosity is helping children build the confidence and skills they need to participate more fully in everyday life," said the team.

"To our young patients, it feels like play, not therapy."

While this pediatric swing is a welcome addition to the Mile Bluff Rehabilitation Services Department, it is just one example of what happens when our community unites to support local healthcare resources.

When you choose to give to the foundation, attend our events, or advocate for our mission, you are actively safeguarding the health of our community, including the youngest patients. To every single donor who makes the foundation's work possible: thank you for your enduring generosity and for continuing to champion a healthier future for all.



**SAVE
THE DATE**

DUELING PIANOS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2027 | WILDERNESS RESORT

THE IMPORTANCE OF END-OF-YEAR GIVING: HOW DONORS CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

While the holiday season may still be months away, now is an ideal time to begin thinking about your end-of-year charitable giving. For nonprofit organizations, the final months of the year are often the most important fundraising period, and planning ahead allows you to make thoughtful and strategic philanthropic decisions.

WHY START PLANNING NOW?

Although much charitable giving occurs during the final months of the year, late summer and early fall provide an excellent opportunity to develop a giving plan.

Planning ahead offers several advantages, including:

- More time to research organizations and their impact
- Greater flexibility in budgeting charitable contributions
- Opportunities to discuss giving priorities with family members or advisors
- Strategic consideration of stock gifts, donor-advised funds, or planned giving options
- The ability to respond thoughtfully rather than react to year-end fundraising requests

When you begin planning early, the organizations you support also benefit.

WHY END-OF-YEAR GIVING MATTERS

Your year-end gifts provide critical resources that help nonprofit organizations sustain programs, expand services, and prepare for the year ahead. Donations often support daily operations, innovative initiatives, and efforts to address growing needs.

Giving also offers benefits that extend beyond the organizations receiving support. When you invest in causes that reflect your values, you create an opportunity to experience a greater sense of purpose, connection, and fulfillment. Many donors find that charitable giving helps them focus on the positive impact they can make.

Philanthropy can be a meaningful way to foster gratitude, hope, and optimism. Whether you are helping a patient receive care, supporting educational opportunities, or strengthening local resources, giving provides a tangible reminder that positive change is possible. For many individuals and families, charitable giving becomes a rewarding tradition that reinforces shared values and creates a lasting sense of meaning.

POTENTIAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to supporting important causes, charitable gifts made before December 31 may provide tax benefits. Changes to federal tax law beginning in 2026 have created new opportunities for some donors.

For donors who take the standard deduction

For the 2026 tax year, eligible taxpayers who do not itemize deductions may still be able to deduct certain charitable gifts. Non-itemizing single filers may deduct up to \$1,000 in qualifying cash contributions, while married couples filing jointly may deduct up to \$2,000.

This provision may allow you to receive a tax benefit while supporting the causes that matter most to you.

For donors who itemize deductions

Beginning in 2026, taxpayers who itemize may generally deduct charitable contributions only to the extent that total giving exceeds 0.5% of adjusted gross income (AGI).

As a result, you may wish to explore strategies such as consolidating gifts into a single tax year or utilizing other charitable giving vehicles. Discussing your plans with a financial or tax advisor can help determine the approach that best fits your goals and circumstances.

LOOKING AHEAD

End-of-year giving is more than a seasonal tradition. It is an opportunity to reflect on what matters most and make a meaningful difference through philanthropy.

At Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation, every gift helps sustain local healthcare and positively impacts the lives of patients and families throughout the region. As you begin planning your year-end giving, consider the lasting difference your generosity can make, not only for those receiving care today, but for future generations who will depend on strong healthcare close to home.



MILE BLUFF MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION

HOLIDAY AUCTION



PLACE YOUR ONLINE AUCTION BIDS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Get your shopping list ready! Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation's Holiday Auction is a unique opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind items and experiences you won't be able to find anywhere else.

By bidding in our online auction, you could win:

- » Weekend getaways
- » Home decor & gifts
- » Baked goods
- » Tickets to sporting events
- » SO MUCH MORE!

The 2026 Holiday Auction features an exclusive list of items that have been donated by generous businesses and individuals from our community.



REGISTER TODAY! For more information, call 608-847-2735.

Proceeds from this auction will support the health of the community through the work of Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation.

SCAN NOW TO REGISTER!



Or visit milebluff.com/auction.
You will receive a notification when the event is live and open for bidding.