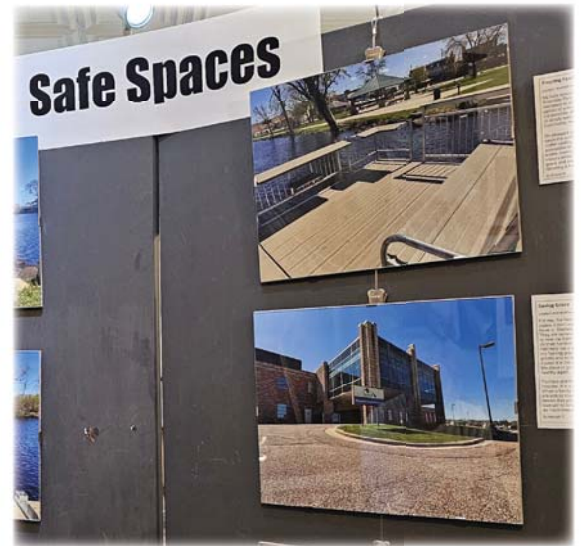


## HELLO FROM MILE BLUFF!

In July, the Oh! Arts Cooperative in Mauston opened a moving photo exhibition called "Through the Eyes of Our Youth." Sponsored by the Supporting Alcohol-Free Environments (SAFE) in Juneau County and the South Central Alliance for Tobacco Prevention, this show featured photos taken by local youth, and captured the people, places, and moments that mean the most to them in Juneau County.

Among the "Safe Spaces" category, is a photo of Mile Bluff Medical Center taken by Hannah T., a local student. Below is just part of the message Hannah shared with her photograph explaining why Mile Bluff is her "Saving Grace."



### SAVING GRACE | Location: Mile Bluff Medical Center

*For me, the hospital has always been my safe space. I don't want to be there all the time, but I have to. Doctors help me heal and stay safe. They are constantly trying to find new treatments to heal me from my many diseases. I know they try their hardest. For most people the hospital is definitely not a safe space, but for me it truly is my "saving grace." I benefit from the hospital greatly and so do many others. If you are sick or injured it is the place people confide in. This is the place to go to get healing and become healthy again.*

Mile Bluff's CEO Dara Bartels, shared her thoughts regarding this display. "Her words are a powerful reminder of the impact [Mile Bluff] makes - often in ways we never fully realize. [The team at Mile Bluff] is part of someone's safe place, their healing and their hope."

By supporting programs, equipment, scholarships and other foundation initiatives, as donors you are equipping the healthcare team with the tools they need to create this safe space for patients. While you may not be making the diagnosis or holding a patient's hand at the bedside with the care providers, you do play an important role in ensuring that Mile Bluff continues to be a "saving grace" for so many people in our community.

In gratitude,



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

### SAVE THE DATE:

**2025 Golf Outing**  
**Thursday, August 7**

Castle Rock Golf Course

Registration is now open! For more information and to register, visit [www.milebluff.com/golf-outing](http://www.milebluff.com/golf-outing)

**Chrome & Creators: Car & Vendor Show**

**Saturday, August 16**

Juneau County Fair

Whether you're a crafter, vendor or car enthusiast, this event promises something special for everyone! Join us for a day of sharing creativity, talents, passions, and the community spirit at the Juneau County Fair.

#### HOURS:

Craft & Vendor Show: 8 am to 3 pm

Car Show & Shine: 11 am to 4 pm



'Like' Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation on Facebook to stay up-to-date on events and initiatives!

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# FOUNDATION NEWS



Through the generosity of donors, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was able to support the purchase of mammography capes for Mile Bluff patients.

These capes offer an alternative to traditional gowns and jackets that patients wear when undergoing a mammogram or breast biopsy. They allow patients to position themselves without disrobing, help with modesty and provide warmth while patients utilize Mile Bluff's 3D Mammography services.

The capes were suggested by Medical Imaging team members who were looking for ways to further enhance the patient experience at Mile Bluff.



Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation was happy to provide a bovine to the 'Cowtastic CowMOOnity Contest' put on by the Juneau Co. Dairy Promotion Council! The cows were out at Mauston's Lions Park during the month of June.

This year, we celebrated the beautiful Wisconsin countryside that provides amazing resources. Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation may not grow crops or raise animals, but we do support the valuable resource of local healthcare that is very much an institution in Wisconsin.



Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation recently added some finishing touches to the Gateway Center with the addition of Donor Recognition signs. These donors made a gift to the "For You. With You." capital fundraising campaign and chose to support specific areas at Gateway.

## 2025 GOLF OUTING

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

### CASTLE ROCK GOLF COURSE

**18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART, RAFFLES, GAMES & PRIZES**

To register online, scan the QR code or visit [www.milebluff.com/golf-outing](http://www.milebluff.com/golf-outing)





# For You. With You. A Capital Campaign Update

In rural communities, emergency departments are vital because they often are the only source for critical, timely emergency medical care when patients need it most. When an emergency arises, patients are in a race against time. Having a robust emergency department (ED) is vital to providing lifesaving, or life-stabling measures.

Mile Bluff Medical Center operates the only Emergency Department in Juneau County. Between local patients, interstate traffic, and visitors to the area, the Mile Bluff ED is very busy for a rural community.

Here is what just one patient had to say about their experience at Mile Bluff...

*I needed medical help while traveling home to Missouri from Canada fishing trip due to labored breathing and chronic cough issues and overall weakness. Minutes after entering ER nurses and doctors had me x-rayed, CAT scanned, blood drawn and analyzed, hooked up to oxygen and comforted by their caring demeanor. Two days later, [the staff] provided me with prescriptions and arranged for a portable machine for my truck to provide oxygen for the 8-hour drive home.*

*This hospital treated me, a non-resident drifting off the road to their doors for help, like the only patient in the house. I went from one procedure to the next in a well coordinated manner with military provision resulting in my admittance and treatment by an exceptional nursing and attendant staff. They should be very proud of their efforts and positive results.*

The commitment to providing excellent patient care is paramount at Mile Bluff, however, with its current layout, Mile Bluff's Emergency Department faces challenges that impact the overall patient experience.

Now that the Gateway Center is complete, Mile Bluff is preparing for the second phase of its \$17 million expansion project, the remodeling of the Emergency Department. Through this project, these main concerns will be addressed:

- Increased privacy for patients at registration and throughout the department
- Improved safety and security for staff and patients with a new layout
- Better space to care for behavioral health patients by adding two behavioral health rooms in the department
- Adding two critical care rooms to better care for our most sick patients
- Space for all the equipment and supplies needed to care for patients

Plans for the space are almost finalized (see early renderings to the right), and construction is still slated to begin this summer. As the contractors begin working, Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation will continue to work with donors to raise funds to support this project. Believing in the power of local healthcare, donors have already given \$2.7 million toward the \$5 million goal.

People in rural communities deserve access to high-quality emergency care. By making a donation to support this next phase of construction, you are supporting patients and equipping the skilled Mile Bluff team as they provide care. There is still time to make a gift to impact the health of the community. To learn more about the campaign or to make a gift, please contact Katie Nuttall at [knuttall@milebluff.com](mailto:knuttall@milebluff.com) or 608-847-2735, or visit [milebluff.com/donate](http://milebluff.com/donate).

## Fundraising Update

**\$2,703,706**  
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.

- » Thomas & Hazel Reigard
- » Steve & Bev Vinopal



# SUPPORT CHARITIES AND RECEIVE LIFETIME INCOME WITH A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Contributed by Fidelity Charitable

If you want to donate to charity but are concerned how it might affect your income in retirement, you may want to consider setting up a charitable gift annuity.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between a donor and a qualified charity, like Mile Bluff Medical Center Foundation, in which the donor makes a gift to the charity. In exchange, the charity assumes a legal obligation to provide you and up to one additional beneficiary with a fixed amount of monthly income that continues until the last beneficiary dies.

By definition, a charitable gift annuity is what is referred to as a “split gift.” Part of your gift will be used by the charity immediately for its charitable purposes, and part of the gift is set aside in a reserve account to be invested to support your future income payments. These payments include earnings on the reserve account as well as a return of a portion of the principal in the reserve account. The ratio of these payments—the percentage that is treated as a return of principal versus earnings—depends upon your age and the following factors.

## INCOME AND TAX DETAILS

When you set up a charitable gift annuity, you can choose to receive income payments for both beneficiaries at the same time, or you can structure it so that payments to the second beneficiary begin only after the death of the primary beneficiary. After the death of the second income beneficiary, the charity receives the remaining value of the annuity.

You can fund a charitable gift annuity with an irrevocable donation of cash, publicly traded securities, or other assets, such as real estate, art, or collectibles.

Your donation may earn you an immediate partial tax deduction. The exact amount of your deduction will be based on several factors: the number of beneficiaries; their ages at the time of the gift and their life expectancies; the anticipated income stream beneficiaries will receive from the annuity; and the prevailing rate at the time of the gift as determined by the IRS, which will be used to value the annuity.

Donating appreciated securities—rather than cash—to a charitable gift annuity can also help you minimize your capital gains liability while securing a future income stream. No matter what type of asset you donate to establish a charitable gift annuity, the income you receive from the annuity will be treated as either a return of capital or be subject to federal income tax, as well as state and local income tax, if applicable.



## KEY BENEFITS OF CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

- » **Secures a source of lifetime income.** This income will continue as long as you and/or your beneficiary survive.
- » **Preserves the value of highly appreciated assets.** A charitable gift annuity allows you to eliminate capital gains tax when you donate long-term appreciated assets, including non-income-producing property. (A portion of the donation, however, may still be taxable as income upon receipt.) By donating assets in-kind, you will preserve the full fair market value of the assets, rather than reduce it by selling it and paying capital gains taxes. This increases the amount of money potentially available for your annuity income and your charity.
- » **Provides income tax deductions.** With a charitable gift annuity, you have the potential to take a partial income tax deduction when you fund the annuity. The deduction amount is based on several variables, including the charitable gift annuity yield, which is determined by the charity and the beneficiaries' life expectancies.
- » **Provide long-term support to your favorite causes.** Unlike what happens with an immediate income annuity, the remaining value of your annuity will not be shared among fellow annuitants via an insurance company after you and any survivor die. Instead, those assets will go to a charity, such as your alma mater or another charitable organization.

## IS A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY RIGHT FOR YOU?

Charitable gift annuities, as with all things, have benefits and risks. When looking to maximize the impact of your charitable gifts, it's important to collaborate closely with your financial advisor, tax professional and attorney. Together, your advisory team can help ensure you are leveraging tools that make sense in the context of your personal financial and charitable giving plans.