

Elevating health.  
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## Our pledge

## Elevating health. Enhancing lives.

## Our purpose

Generating philanthropic support through partnerships with community members and organizations that support Parkview Health as it continues to move healthcare forward for our entire region and beyond.

## Our impact



# \$2.5 MILLION

disbursed in 2024

See where your gifts were directed on page 23.

Your philanthropy impacts the lives of future generations. Parkview Wabash Hospital's Maternal Health Education Program is in its second year providing weekly education to parents with otherwise limited support systems and creating lasting ties between moms. **Featured Parkview co-worker: Abby Tackett, RN.**

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**On the cover:** Parkview Wabash Hospital's Healing Arts Program provides healing music to patients through a partnership with the Honeywell Foundation. This program is funded by your gifts that are directed to the Parkview Wabash Healing Arts Fund. Featured artist: Rebecca Barnard, Ph.D., MT-BC, Director of Music Therapy, Indiana Wesleyan University

# Dear Friends of Parkview,

I'm excited to share the work of the Parkview Health Foundation through stories featuring the programs and services made possible by the spirit of philanthropy across the Parkview footprint. I hope each story inspires you as it does me.

What we have done together is incredible. Incredible because we awarded a record amount of funding back to Parkview departments and hospitals in 2024 and 2025 has the same momentum. Not just for "business as usual" but for innovative programs and initiatives that will help enhance care for our patients and create healthier communities, including purchasing a new mobile coach for PFCI's Francine's Friends Program and assisting in providing funding for the new child maltreatment center, the Better Future Clinic.

We are on the ground with Parkview leaders having important conversations about how philanthropy can move healthcare forward. Programs like Healing Arts, Veggie Rx, Reach Out & Read and Mindful Based Cancer Recovery, are all enhancing the care we provide Parkview patients as we walk side by side with them on their healthcare journey. Additionally, new funds supporting world class healthcare through Precision Health and the development of Parkview nurses through the new Parkview Nursing Institute, stand ready to invest philanthropic dollars into the health of our communities.

This report can only capture a fraction of the work philanthropy has moved forward. Countless communications throughout the year rallied to help meet urgent needs of patients through our Special Touch Patient Assistance Fund. World class teamwork vetting projects, coming up with ideas and meeting with partners has set a standard for who Parkview Health Foundation is — a key collaborator in ensuring care at Parkview is enhanced with generous gifts from our supporters, both large and small. Simple acts of kindness and generosity allow us to create innovative opportunities for Parkview patients and co-workers to learn and grow, expanding the capacity from what they previously thought possible.

I hope the stories and photos in this report bring you a sense of pride in knowing all that philanthropy has made possible. Extending a special thank you to all who have partnered with us to create positive and dynamic change.

With sincere gratitude,

**Denise Andorfer**  
Director, Parkview Health Foundation







Tasha Eicher, Senior Vice President, Parkview Women's & Children Hospital, with her family.

# A Leader's Legacy

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## Honoring the Past and Investing in the Future at Parkview DeKalb Hospital

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When Tasha Eicher stepped into leadership at DeKalb Health in 2015, she brought vision, compassion and a deep commitment to the community. In 2018, she became the first female president and CEO in the organization's history

— a milestone that marked the beginning of a transformative chapter for the hospital and its team.

Following the affiliation with Parkview Health in October 2019, Tasha continued her leadership

as market president for Northeast Indiana and Ohio. Later in 2024, she transitioned to the role of senior vice president of women's and children's services, including leading the work of our strategic partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital. An opportunity she calls both challenging and deeply rewarding.

"Shifting from overseeing the full care system to focusing solely on women and children has been energizing," Tasha shared. "It's a new lens — and we've got some big ideas for the future."

Though stepping into a new role meant saying goodbye to the team at Parkview DeKalb, her connection to them remains strong.

"We built something special at DeKalb," she said. "I have complete confidence in the team's ability to continue delivering exceptional care. This community will always hold a special place in my heart — and

that's why starting this new fund was such an easy decision. I wanted the team to know how much they've meant to me."

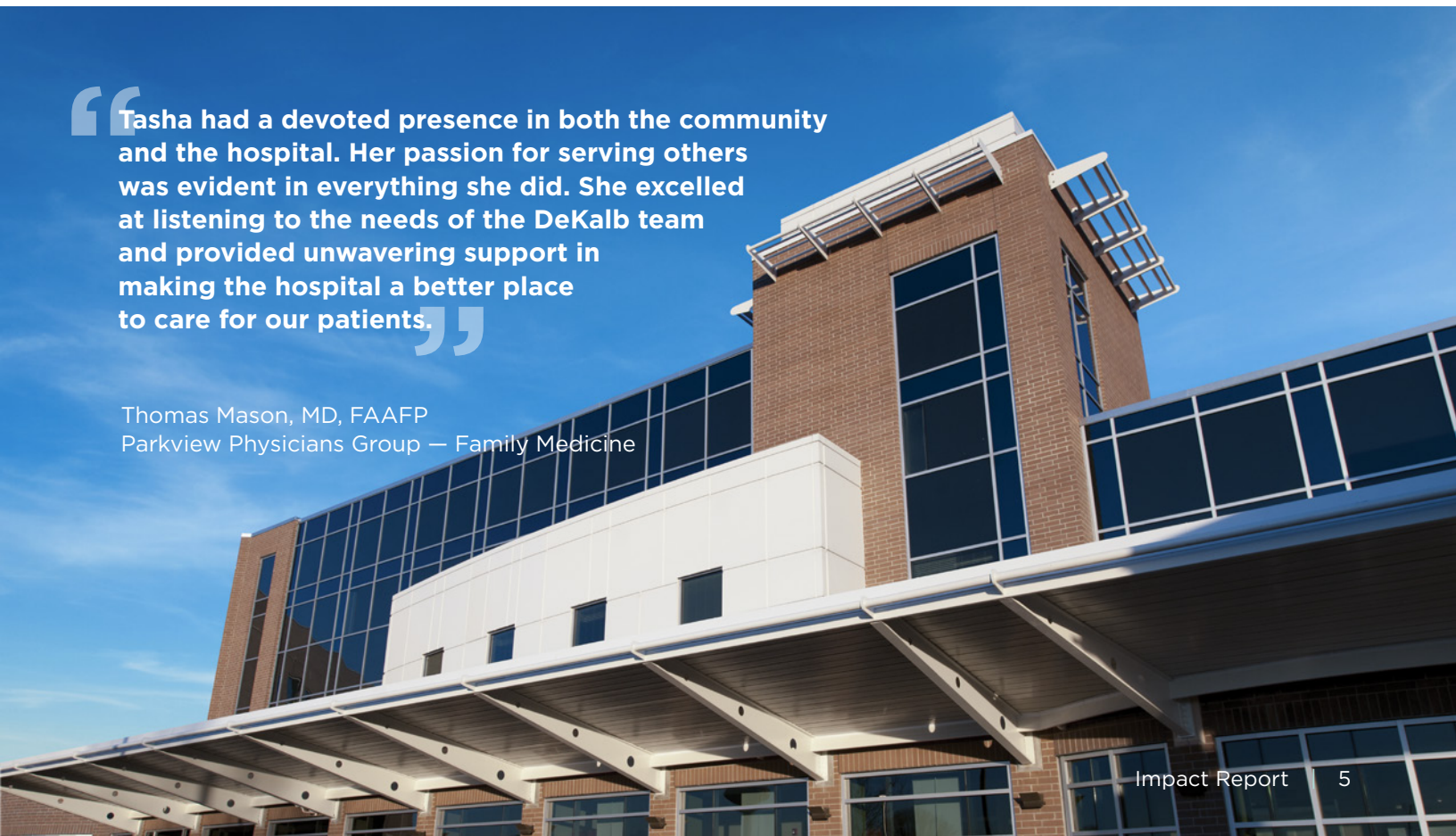
With a generous spirit and a deep belief in the people she once led, Tasha and her family partnered with the Parkview Health Foundation to establish the **Parkview DeKalb Hospital Clinical Education & Leadership Fund** — a lasting gift to the team she once led. The fund will support co-workers in advancing their skills, enhancing patient care and continuing to grow as leaders within the community.

It's a powerful legacy — a reflection of one leader's belief in her team and her vision for the future of healthcare in DeKalb County and beyond.

Thank you to the Eicher family for your generosity, your leadership and your unwavering belief in the power of people.

**Tasha had a devoted presence in both the community and the hospital. Her passion for serving others was evident in everything she did. She excelled at listening to the needs of the DeKalb team and provided unwavering support in making the hospital a better place to care for our patients.**

Thomas Mason, MD, FAAFP  
Parkview Physicians Group — Family Medicine







Susan and Lyle Smith with their daughter, Sherie Hughes.

“Music touches the heart where other things fall short.”

# A Legacy of Love and Music

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## Honoring Lyle and Susan Smith through Healing Arts

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In December 2024, the Parkview Health Foundation received a heartfelt and transformational gift from the Lyle and Susan Smith Trust establishing the **Parkview Huntington Hospital Lyle & Susan Smith Fund**. This legacy gift is more than a generous donation; it's a reflection of two lives deeply rooted in service, compassion and a love for community.

Lyle and Susan Smith were high school sweethearts whose bond carried through decades of marriage, family, business and volunteerism. Together, they built a life anchored in faith, kindness and a shared devotion to the Huntington community. Lyle spent his career managing the family business, Smith Furniture, while Susan brought beauty and creativity to her work as an interior decorator — first through the store and later with her own design business. Beyond their professional lives, the couple gave generously of their time, serving their church, volunteering at Parkview Huntington Hospital and engaging deeply with those around them.

Their niece, Sonya Foraker, a Parkview Finance leader, remembers their generosity well. “This gift was no surprise,” she shared. “The hospital meant so much to them. I’m honored to help carry their legacy forward.”

One of the most personal inspirations for this fund came during Susan’s final days at Parkview Randallia Hospital. As she faced terminal cancer,

a music therapist from Parkview’s Healing Arts program visited her room. The simple act of singing “Amazing Grace” brought Susan a moment of peace and connection — her voice joining softly in a song she had always loved. Her family still recalls that sacred moment with gratitude and awe.

Lyle, who passed in 2020, had found similar comfort in music throughout his life, especially the gospel songs of CeCe Winans. Music filled their home daily and became a constant presence throughout their journey together.

To honor this lifelong love of music and the power it held in their final moments, the Smith Fund will support the launch of a **Healing Arts program at Parkview Huntington Hospital** — bringing music therapy and holistic healing to patients and co-workers alike.

“Music touches the heart where other things fall short,” Susan once said.

Her words now echo through the mission of this fund, offering hope and healing to those navigating their own difficult journeys.

With deep gratitude, we honor the legacy of Lyle and Susan Smith. Their faith, generosity, and enduring spirit continue to inspire a more compassionate and connected community.



# Francine's Friends Welcomes New Mobile Mammography Coach

After traveling 200,000 miles and visiting thousands of sites since 2012, it was time to say goodbye to the old Francine's Friends mobile coach and prepare to provide funding for a new one.

"We knew the founders had anticipated needing a new coach and in assets transferred for the program in 2018, had ensured dollars would be available for a future purpose," said Denise Andorfer, Director of the Parkview Foundation. "We began dialogue in 2023 with additional donors to help make the

purchase of a new coach possible, knowing the coach would have to be custom built and take over ten months for the build."

The purchase of a new coach was made possible by the Cathy Fitzgerald Charitable Trust, a philanthropic trust created in memory of community leader and Francine's Friends founder, Cathy Fitzgerald. Cathy was a friend of Francine's and was herself diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003 and lost her battle in 2020. In addition to the







**Left to right: Debi Kennedy; Dr. Alan Yahanda, President, Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute; Sharon Simmons; Judy Springer (behind); Sharon Eisbart; Glynda Harris; Denise Andorfer, Director, Parkview Health Foundation**

Fitzgerald Trust Funds, dollars previously raised by the nonprofit Francine's Friends and its founders were also utilized.

"We knew that when we transitioned the program to Parkview that in 2 - 5 years the current vehicle would begin to experience mechanical problems and a new vehicle would need to be purchased," said Sharon Simmons, former Executive Director of Francine's Friends.

Since its inception in 2005, Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography has been committed to providing convenient and private screening services. The new 40-foot-long coach is equipped with FDA-approved and Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA)-approved 3D equipment, identical to that found in stationary Breast Diagnostic Center (BDC) sites. Staffed by radiologic technologists from the BDC, the coach works to ensure that all women have access to mammography services. Many insurances are accepted and funding is available to those who qualify.

"Mammography gives the ability to detect breast cancers at a much earlier stage," said Alan Yahanda, MD, FACS, President, Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute. "In doing so, we can then address

it much earlier. The beauty of the mammography coach is that it allows us to go out into the community to do those tests and serve underserved populations, especially rural populations or those in the city who may not have ideal access to health care."

Among local sponsors who helped bring the new unit to life was Vera Bradley, whose team selected and donated the wallpaper that runs throughout the interior.

"We wanted to create a space that feels comforting and familiar, helping to ease any anxiety women may feel about getting a mammogram," said Barbara Baekgaard, co-founder, designer and former Chief Creative Officer of Vera Bradley. "Thoughtful details, like the wallpaper, bring warmth and personality, making the experience less intimidating. Through The Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer, we've seen the power of early detection, and we're proud to support an initiative that makes screenings more accessible."

In the fall of 2024, the high mileage coach vehicle was donated to Ivy Tech, where it will be retrofitted by students for use at middle and high school career exploration events.

# Fresh Food, Fresh Start

## VeggieRx Nourishes Health and Hope in Wabash County

Since its launch in August 2024, the VeggieRx program at **Parkview Wabash Hospital** has been transforming lives — one meal and one patient at a time. Designed to address food insecurity and promote wellness, this innovative produce prescription program is made possible through the generosity of donors to the Parkview Health Foundation.

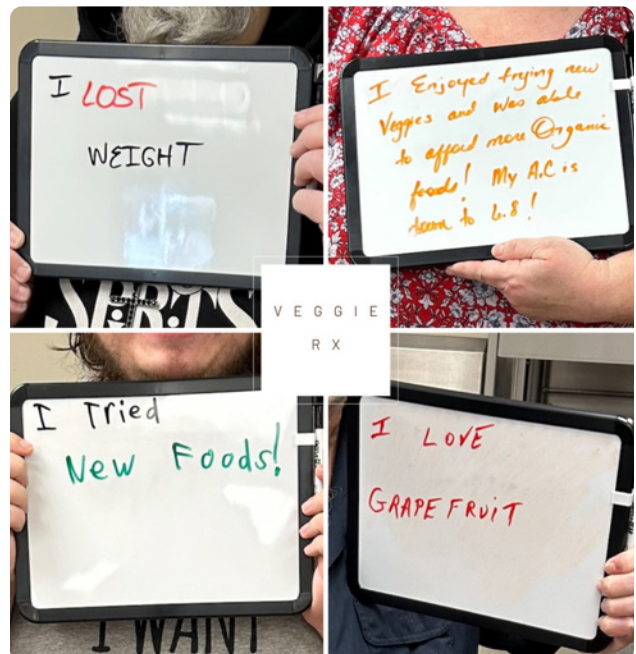
With **105 patient referrals** and **77 participants successfully enrolled**, VeggieRx is making a measurable impact in the community, maintaining a strong 73% retention rate. This engagement speaks volumes: the need is real, and thanks to donor support, the solution is working.

Through access to nutritious food and supportive nutrition education, participants are already reporting powerful health outcomes including increased energy, improved digestion, reduced A1C levels and a greater sense of well-being.

Beyond statistics, the personal stories are just as compelling. One grateful participant shared:

“This program is a Godsend for me and my son. We’ve never been able to afford containers of fresh strawberries before. Now we use chives in our meals for the first time ever! It’s made me realize how expensive fresh produce is and how lucky we are to be part of this.”

Using a \$50 monthly Fresh Connect card, patients can shop for fresh produce, empowering them to cook healthy meals that support long-term health. Project Coordinator Kailey Canary often receives photos of colorful, homemade dishes from proud participants — proof that fresh food fuels more than



the body; it fuels confidence, joy and connection.

As word of mouth continues to grow, so does the sense of community around the program. Friends and family of current participants are eager to join, creating a ripple effect of health and healing throughout Wabash County.

Looking ahead, the Mirro Research Team will provide comprehensive data to further illustrate VeggieRx’s outcomes, both quantitative and qualitative, by the end of 2025. But already, the stories and smiles speak for themselves.

To the donors who made this possible — thank you. Your investment in wellness has planted seeds of change that will grow for years to come.





# Parkview LaGrange Hospital LifeBridge Program

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## Providing Social Connection for Seniors

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In April 2024, Parkview LaGrange Nutritional Services and LifeBridge Senior Program reached out to the Foundation because Parkview co-workers had noticed some of the community members were struggling to afford meals. The rising costs of food, gas and other items was making it more difficult for seniors on a fixed income to financially provide meals for themselves. As a result, LifeBridge co-workers worked with Nateeka Clawson, community nutrition services manager, and the Parkview Health Foundation around options to provide food vouchers to the Terrace Cafe for those seniors who were struggling with access to food. Through the generous support of the Foundation, Parkview LaGrange is now able to provide meal vouchers for seniors to have access to a hot meal.

A hot meal is a wonderful gift to offer to members of our community, but it's much more than just nourishment. Coming to the Terrace Café at Parkview LaGrange Hospital also provides an opportunity for social connection and something for these individuals to look forward to each day. It's not simply a meal — it's a sense of community, the kindness of others and a chance to engage and socialize.

For more information, or to support the Parkview LaGrange Hospital LifeBridge program, contact the Parkview Foundation.

# Lullaby Bell Sends Sweet Music in Celebration of Precious Arrivals

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Just ahead of the opening of the **Parkview Kosciusko Hospital** birthing center in the fall of 2024, Parkview co-worker Jessica Klausing, RN-BSN, LCCE, reached out to the Foundation with an idea to bring a first-of-its-kind lullaby bell to the unit.

The inspiration for the lullaby bell came from a trip Jessica took to Denmark in 2023. While visiting the University Library in Aarhus, she repeatedly heard a noise that sounded like a gong playing sporadically. She noticed that the sound seemed to make the other library visitors smile.

“After a while, I found this ornately carved bell named, ‘The Gong’ hanging from the ceiling with a plaque that said any time a baby was born at the University Hospital the parents would press a button and the sound would play both in the hospital and in the library,” Jessica recalled. “The Danes as a people love to celebrate one another, and with the introduction of ‘The Gong’ in 2015 they noticed an even deeper impact of this feeling of community.”

After making this discovery, Jessica quickly researched to see if places in the United States had similar traditions.

“What I saw over and over was that in hospitals where there was a specific sound played to announce the arrival of a new life, hard moments were made easier. Whether that was a nurse experiencing a rough shift or a family saying goodbye to a loved one for the last time. No matter the place that someone was in - knowing that a new life had just taken its first breath brought a sense of joy and made a tough day easier,” Jessica said.

When her team toured the PKH birthing center before it was complete, Jessica found herself thinking again about “The Gong” and the sense of community that the Danish people felt it brought them.

“I began to wonder if that same feeling was something that we could bring to Parkview

Kosciusko Hospital to leave a lasting impact on all those who heard it,” Jessica said. “I reached out to our Hospital President Scott Gabriel with this idea to see if he felt it was something that would fit the vision of Parkview Kosciusko and with an enthusiastic green light from him — and hours of behind the scenes work and support from my boss Stacy Frank — and the beautiful donation from the Parkview Foundation, I was able to see this vision come to life.”

Less than 24 hours after the unit opened, they welcomed the birth of their first baby.

“I will be forever thankful for the opportunity to be a part of that moment, and it brought tears to my eyes to watch as the new dad of our first baby pressed the lullaby button, and we all listened to it play throughout the hospital with smiles on our faces,” Jessica recalled. “The joy on the faces of the new families pressing the lullaby since that time has been priceless.”

Since then, co-workers on the unit have all expressed to Jessica the joy they get watching excited partners come out to press the button, or new families pushing their fresh baby out into the hallway to capture a video of newly minted older siblings pressing the button.

“There have been times where other units have come back saying that the shift they were having was one of their hardest — due to heavy patient loads or the loss of a patient after a code. However, hearing the lullaby play brought a smile to their face that had just been fighting tears, knowing that even in the midst of something so hard, new life was happening. There is truly nothing quite as beautiful in the human experience as that,” Jessica said.

Thank you to the Parkview Health Foundation for making this vision become a reality through support from the PHF Parkview Kosciusko Hospital Greatest Need Fund.

# Supporting Heart Failure Patients Through Compassionate Care

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When Cynthia Seaman, RN, Transitional Care Navigator, **Parkview Bryan Hospital**, reached out to the Parkview Health Foundation for support, she never imagined just how far the impact would reach. Her request — modest in size but mighty in intention — was to secure funding from the Regional Greatest Need Fund to assist the hospital's Heart Failure Support Group. The goal was simple: to equip patients with the essential tools they need to manage their condition and take ownership of their health.

The program, "Setting Up Success for Heart Failure Patients," has since become a powerful example of how small acts of care, fueled by generous donors, can transform lives.

Cynthia recently shared stories of two patients whose journeys were touched by this support.

One patient, a young widow raising three children, was struggling to balance work, caregiving and her own health. During a heart failure education session, Cynthia asked the woman if she owned a bathroom scale — a vital tool for tracking symptoms and preventing complications. The woman looked away and quietly said she couldn't afford one. Thanks to the Foundation's support, Cynthia was able to place a brand-new scale in her hands. The gift was more than a medical tool; it was a message of hope and encouragement.

Another patient, furloughed from his job and living in his car, arrived at Parkview Bryan Hospital with worsening heart failure. He too lacked a scale, and with it, any means of managing his condition day-to-day. Thanks to the Foundation's support, the clinical team provided him with the equipment he needed. Months later, in a follow-up call, Cynthia learned he had secured housing, found a job and was weighing himself daily to manage his heart failure.

These are just two stories among many.

Parkview Bryan's clinical team sees firsthand how meaningful it is to meet patients where they are — providing not only education but the tools to succeed.

"When patients are given the tools they need," Cynthia says, "they're more likely to engage in their own care and feel empowered to make lasting changes."

Thanks to the generosity of Parkview Health Foundation donors, the Regional Greatest Need Fund continues to make critical resources available for those who need them most. Together, we're building a healthier, more compassionate community — one scale, one story and one step at a time.







# Reach Out and Read

Ensuring every child goes home from a well-child visit with a brand new, developmentally appropriate book.



Pictured left to right is Kara McBroom, Clinician Manager, PPG — Warsaw and Dr. Charles Hill, PPG — Pediatrics, Warsaw.

## Reach Out and Read Communities

ALLEN  
HUNTINGTON  
KOSCIUSKO  
WABASH  
WHITLEY



**20,000+**  
Books provided



**\$28,000+**  
Grant dollars  
approved

# Providing Life Changing Rehabilitation

When Dawn Etman, Vice President of Behavioral Health and Inpatient Rehab, reached out to the Foundation seeking support for a list of items needed for inpatient rehab patients, she never imagined the collaboration would result in significant funding for her department for equipment and rehabilitation support items.

“I was speechless when the Foundation came back to us and said the board had awarded \$200,000 to replace outdated equipment and to purchase some new state of the art devices,” Dawn said. “Our entire team gathered to accept the award and celebrate what this would mean for our patients.”

One piece of equipment the Foundation helped support was a Rifton, which is a specialized gait-training device that allows quality body positioning while supporting the weight of the patient. The device provides body-weight support for the patient so therapists can focus on quality of each step. Many co-workers ride along on the lower bars of the device to help create coordinated lower-extremity movement for patients who have experienced a neurologic event and are now lacking strength in their lower extremities.

The Rifton also tracks the number of steps/distance the patients travels and it can track the weight-shift to ensure the affected limb is doing its part during the ambulation. With this device, the rehab team is able to focus at a higher intensity on quality and number of steps to get patients back ambulating as quickly as possible.

Another critical piece of equipment that was acquired through the Foundation’s support is a Saebo Mobile Arm Support (Saebo MAS), which supports the weight of the upper extremity to help decrease the tug of gravity. This device allows patients with minimal upper-body strength to utilize the strength they do have to begin actively



Gregory Branson, Stroke Survivor

moving their own arm. The more repetitions the patient can achieve, the more they can work their upper-extremity muscles to begin rebuilding strength following their injury. Having the device to support the weight of the arm allows the patient to achieve some active movement while also allowing the therapist to help coordinate the movement to achieve high quality movement during these important repetitions. Many co-workers utilize this device to allow the patient to begin participating in common activities of daily living including brushing their teeth, combing their hair or working with dishes and laundry.

Thanks to the supporters of the Parkview Foundation, thousands of patients will get to utilize the latest technology to make their recovery brighter.



# Guardian Angel Award Honorees

The Guardian Angel award provides a way for patients and loved ones to demonstrate their gratitude for a Parkview co-worker who made a meaningful difference in the care they received and to pay their kindness forward with a gift to the Parkview Health Foundation.



Dr. Robert Manges, Packnett Family Cancer Institute



Dr. Bridget Hurry, Parkview Regional Medical Center, OB/GYN



Dr. Judy Kennedy, Parkview Regional Medical Center, OB/GYN





Haley Erb, NP, PPG — Weight Management



Dr. Baker-Palmer, Parkview Kosciusko Hospital,  
Emergency Department  
Miranda Eldridge, RN, Hematology & Oncology



Sarah Wolfe, BSN, Parkview Whitley Hospital



Dr. Joseph McCollum, Packnett Family  
Cancer Institute



Packnett Family Cancer Institute Radiation Therapy  
Technologists: Brenda Kline, Kristen Sprunger and  
Jamie Hall



# Guardian Angel Honorees continued



Parkview Hospice Team from left to right - Angela Vaughn-Green, Home Health Aide; Kate Partee, RN; Leah Phillipson, Massage Therapist; Angela Beer-Walker, MSW; Melissa Cundiff, RN; Karen Kosberg, Chaplain; Jackie Richey, RN



Dr. Ankur Sinha, PPG — Pulmonology



Kara Stackhouse, NP, Packnett Family Cancer Institute





# The tradition of caring continues

Welcome, Parkview Logansport Hospital, and congratulations on serving Cass County for 100 years!

To learn how to support Parkview Logansport Hospital's programs, co-workers, trails and more through a gift to the Parkview Health Foundation, please visit [parkview.com/foundation](http://parkview.com/foundation).

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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue shirt, is smiling and hugging a healthcare worker from behind. The healthcare worker is wearing a white lab coat and has their hair tied back. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor space with a plant visible on the right.

# Enhancing lives throughout the region

## Thank you for your generous support

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We couldn't fulfill our purpose to support Parkview Health and move healthcare forward without the generosity of our supporters. In 2024, **\$1,662,579.92** in charitable gifts were made to Parkview Health Foundation to help elevate the health of our region. Thank you!

# Financials



**\$1,129,724**

state-of-the-art, life-saving medical equipment



**\$728,879**

patient support and enhanced care, including the Special Touch and Transformative Cancer Care funds



**\$315,369**

community health partnerships



**\$109,409**

health education programs, including VeggieRx and the Her Heart Program



**\$104,000**

total scholarships funded



**\$50,885**

co-worker support, including the Co-worker Emergency Fund and Parkview Pups



**\$65,496**

training and education funded for Parkview co-workers to deliver advanced patient care

**\$2,503,762**

distributed in 2024 to the communities we serve

**16**

total scholarships administered

**60**

students awarded





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