

Volunteer Voice

January 2022



The Auxiliary is very grateful for the donations to the Lovelight Tree project. This year we collected \$7,405 in donations that will purchase a Stryker stick for the Emergency Department. This tool allows staff to measure pressure in injured muscles and limbs to prevent further injury and complications. (See photo on next page.)

The amount donated exceeded our goal, so the additional funds will help fund Auxiliary scholarships for local students in health careers studies. Thank you to our many donors in this effort! Donations received in memory or in honor of loved ones are listed in this newsletter.

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Volunteer Opportunities

- The **Gift Shop** has a couple of open shifts each month.
- There are openings at the **Information Desk**.
- Plans are underway to re-open the **Surgical Waiting room** in the near future.

Please contact Julie West in the volunteer office at 309/944-9130 if you can help.

2021 HHH Auxiliary Contributions Scholarships and Equipment

The Auxiliary provided a **total of \$20,250 in scholarships** that were awarded to 19 local students studying health careers. Five are CNA students taking a dual enrollment class in conjunction with local high schools and Blackhawk College.

In addition, several items and pieces of equipment were purchased for the hospital:

Blinds for windows in 2nd floor	\$2,477
Therapy tools, toys, craft supplies	\$ 463
Physical Therapy weights/equipment	\$1,758
Two Staxi wheelchairs	\$2,787
Stryker stick for Emergency Dept	\$3,225
Manikins for CPR training	<u>\$1,682</u>
Total of Items purchased in 2021	\$12,392



Elyse Wolf, Emergency Department manager, shows the Stryker stick purchased with Lovelight funds.

The Colors of New England featuring Coastal Maine



Boston
Freedom Trail
Woodstock
Quechee Gorge
Stowe
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
Cold Hollow Cider Mill
Cruise Lake Winnepesaukee
Fresh Lobster Dinner
Kennebunkport

Another travel "fun" raiser for the Auxiliary will be September 26 - October 3, 2022 to New England and Coastal Maine. It will be a beautiful time of year to see that area.

There is an **informational meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, 2:00 p.m.** in the First Floor conference Room at HHH.



More information is available in the volunteer office or by contacting:

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Wanda Sierens-Lucas, RN & American Heart Association Training Coordinator, shows the infant, child and adult manikins purchased by the Auxiliary. These are used for CPR training for staff and other community members.

Message from Mark

By Mark Kuhn, HHH CEO

As Thanksgiving and Christmas have come and gone and we begin a New Year, it's a great time to reflect on all that we've experienced in the past year and since the pandemic began.

While some of the popular messaging in the media focuses on division, fear, and distrust, I'm thrilled to witness unity, assurance, and collaboration as we speak and act with one voice, every day, for the benefit of our patients, their families, and the communities we serve. I also see this spirit with our Volunteers, Auxiliary, Foundation, donors, and many community partners.

I honestly can't recall any incident or project that wasn't fully supported and that didn't yield a positive outcome. It is a great joy to see the benefits of our collective efforts and our outcomes of our community partnerships as we work with others who share our mission to improve the quality of life in our communities through excellence in healthcare.

None of this would be possible without your strength, compassion and expertise. We appreciate working with you and for the work you do. Best wishes for a great holiday season and make sure you find time to enjoy it with your family and friends.

Women's Health Programs in 2022

Please note these changes in the Women's Health Programs for the spring of 2022:

Time change: The program presentation will be from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Rather than providing lunch, you will be on your own for lunch. We are hoping to be able to resume offering lunch at a later time.

The program continues to be at the First Baptist Church, 15300 Ford Road, Geneseo.

Reservations are appreciated for handouts and room setup.

Upcoming programs:

January 27 - *Staying Healthy and Early Prevention*

February 24 - *Balance and Getting up if you Fall*

March 24 - *Arthritis and Auto Immune Diseases*

April 28 - *Heart Health*

May 26 - *Services available in Henry County*

During the winter months, if school is cancelled because of weather, our program will also be cancelled.

Looking Ahead

January 10	Packet Assembly, 1:00 p.m.	HHH 1st floor conference room
January 27	Women's Health program, 11:00 a.m. (new time) "Staying Healthy & Early Prevention"	First Baptist Church 15300 Ford Road, Geneseo
February 14	Packet Assembly, 1:00 p.m.	HHH 1st floor conference room
February 24	Women's Health program, 11:00 a.m. "Balance: Getting Up if you Fall"	First Baptist Church 15300 Ford Road, Geneseo
February 24	Travel Informational Presentation, 2:00 p.m. <i>Colors of New England</i>	HHH 1st floor conference room
March 2	Men's Health Series, 7:00 a.m. <i>"Robotic Joint Replacement"</i>	HHH 1st floor conference room

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."
Vicktor Frankl

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