



## AHYMC Scholarship Dr. Ashe 2016 Recipients

The Auxiliary of Howard Young Medical Center awarded eight - \$2000 Dr. Ashe scholarships to area college students pursuing a degree in a health care major.

This year's recipients included: Katelyn Dallmann, UW Milwaukee, Biochemistry-Pediatric Surgery; Marjorie Weitz, Edgewood College, Nursing; Julie Kelk, UW-Whitewater, Communications-Speech Pathology; John Aquirre, Northland College, Chemistry- Pediatrician; Michael Laurence, Notre Dame, Science Business, Hospital Administration; Rebecca Butkus, UW-Madison, Kinesiology, Pre Med; Benjamin Durette, Marquette, Biomedical Engineering; Austin Oungst, UW Eau Claire, Health Care Administration.

In the past the Dr. Ashe program required students to be graduates of Lakeland Union High School. This year it was expanded to students who are graduates of high school programs in the LUHS district. Students must have completed one semester of a program leading to associate or bachelor's degree in a healthcare related field.

In 2016, \$18,000 was awarded to the three scholarship programs, LUHS, Dr. Ashe and Nicolet College. At the

February Board meeting it was approved to increase the amounts for LUHS to \$1500 for the two students and \$1000 for two Nicolet non-traditional students seeking careers in healthcare related fields.

Scholarships are awarded based on number of qualified students and funds available for the program. Funds are provided by AHYMC fundraisers, including Harvest of Holidays, Lifeline Direct, and the AHYMC Giftshop. Thanks to all the volunteers who work and support the scholarship program. Without you our support of healthcare education would not be possible.

If you are interested in a leadership role in the scholarship program please contact Joanne Taddy, [petejoantaddy@me.com](mailto:petejoantaddy@me.com).



Left to right: Katelyn Dallmann, Marjorie Weitz, Julia Kelk, John Aquirre, Michael Laurence. Rebecca Butkus, Benjamin Durette and Austin Oungst were not present for the photo.

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## Project SEARCH

Howard Young Medical Center and Lakeland High School are partnering in a program known across the country as Project SEARCH. Project SEARCH is a one-year transition program that provides training and education to young adults with disabilities between the ages of 18—24. Through total immersion into the business environment, the young adult learns employability skills in a classroom and has hands-on job skills within the business environment. The idea behind the program is to teach marketable, transferable, and competitive skills. The ultimate goal upon program completion is for each student/intern to utilize their internship skills for gainful employment.

Howard Young Medical Center will be the business partner and Kathy Viergutz will be the business liaison for this project. As the business partner Howard Young Medical Center has agreed to provide the internships where the interns will learn their marketable job skills.

If you have further questions about the program please contact Kathy Viergutz.

## Howard Young Volunteers Purchase Procedure Monitor for the New CT Suite

The Volunteers of Howard Young Medical Center have approved the donation of \$11,500 for the purchase of a bedside procedure monitor for performing CT Guided Biopsies. Having a procedure monitor available bedside allows for “real time” monitoring of needle position and is a basic standard of care.

Although the old CT suite contained a bedside monitor, it is not compatible with the new scanner. Due to this generous donation from the Howard Young Volunteers, our patients will be able to have these services provided locally and will not have to travel to a different facility.

Funds are raised through Auxiliary of Howard Young Medical Center fundraisers and services, including the LifeDirect service, and also sales from the Auxiliary Gift Shop located inside Howard Young Medical Center.

For more information about the Auxiliary of Howard Young Medical Center, or volunteer opportunities, please contact Kathy Viergutz at 715.356.8677.



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## First Annual Volunteer HERO Award

Mary Lou Shepski, Leadership Team Member



Nomination forms were mailed at the end of January. Nominations forms should be completed and are due **March 24, 2017**. Place your nomination in a sealed envelope with Membership/Healthcare Hero on the front of the envelope or email it to [kathy.viergutz@ascension.org](mailto:kathy.viergutz@ascension.org).

Candidates may be nominated by fellow auxiliary volunteers, associates or one may nominate himself/herself. The nominee must be an **active** volunteer of HYMC Auxiliary who exemplifies the mission and values of the hospital and whose dedication stands out from the rest. The nominations will be reviewed by the leadership team. The nominee will be contacted prior to the luncheon.

The HERO Award will be given at the Annual Recognition Luncheon this summer. The winners name will be placed on a plaque and they will receive a monetary gift.

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## LifeDirect Services

By Janet Beitz

LifeDirect is a company which provides personal emergency response systems to individuals in the areas around Howard Young and Eagle River hospitals. It is a service that many people, especially older people, use so they and their families feel safer and allow them to maintain their independence. Volunteers at the two hospitals provide communication to potential and current subscribers, including entering personal and health information into the computer and taking the units to the people who request them. The emergency calls themselves, however, are answered 24 hrs per day by professionals in Novi, Michigan. The subscribers can push the button for health reasons, fire, or any time they feel unsafe, as police can also be notified. The cost of these units is \$25-\$35 per month, depending on the unit, but there is no cost for the unit itself or for having it installed. Two of our units go through the home's landline and the other pings off of cell towers.

We know there are many similar products advertised in the media. The advantage of our service is the personal contact. Most companies charge for the unit itself plus the monthly charge, and the unit is mailed to the subscriber for them to install. We believe that there is great benefit in having someone take the unit to the subscriber, install it, and stay as long as needed to make sure they understand how to use it. We also regularly take calls from subscribers who have questions or concerns which we answer personally. For instance, if they think they need a new battery, we take it to them. If a light is blinking which worries them, someone will go to the home and problem-solve, even replacing their unit if necessary.

Please make your friends and neighbors aware of these units. If you are living alone, you may want to consider one for yourself. To have an information packet sent or to ask questions about the units we offer, call 715-356-8644. A volunteer will get back to you within a day.



## Reverie Harp

By Susan Leet, Chaplain

Thanks to the generosity of the Howard Young Volunteers, the Spiritual Services Department at the hospital was able to purchase a beautiful Reverie Harp from Music Makers. The chaplains are now able to provide musical prayers, meditations, and songs for our patients. Anyone can play the harp, including our patients! They simply hold it, or place it on their laps, and strum along. The music is soothing, but so too are the reverberations the harp makes as the sound touches their very bodies and souls. Some of our HELP volunteers also utilize our harp in their visits.

Anyone is welcome to come and try it out! The harp is located in our chaplain office. Please contact Susan Leet at [715-356-8445](tel:715-356-8445) if you would like to come and experience the harp for yourself.

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### **GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you looking for a fun volunteer position at the Howard Young Hospital? Or, perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who'd like to join a spirited team of volunteers who enjoy what they do? Your commitment of time could vary from two up to five 5-hour days a month if you so choose. Training is provided!

Call Kathy at 715-356-8677 for more information.



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### **PPE Report: Submitted by Ruth Johnson**

I have given you one article from PPE. There is a lot of information in the WHA Newsletter on plans for Opioid management, changes in Medicaid, and other topics that may be of interest. If you would like I can email the Wisconsin Hospital Association Newsletter to you each weekend. My email is: [rajohnson3310@gmail.com](mailto:rajohnson3310@gmail.com)

### **REMINDER: ADVOCACY DAY IS APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> IN MADISON**

Grassroots Spotlight Meets With Hospital Leaders in Wauwatosa to Discuss Medicaid Payment, ACA Repeal & Replace

Senate Health Committee Chair and Joint Finance Committee member Leah Vukmir met with hospital leaders from Ascension, Aurora, Children's and Froedtert December 7 at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin to discuss several issues impacting Wisconsin's health care delivery system at both the state and federal level. Members discussed the importance of maintaining Wisconsin's coverage gains as the federal government considers "repeal and replace" of the Affordable Care Act. The group also talked about the impact that Medicaid block grants may have on Wisconsin and talked about ensuring that Wisconsin's base funding for any federal Medicaid block grant does not disadvantage Wisconsin compared to other states. Every hospital member talked about the importance of Wisconsin's Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program, established in the 2013-15 biennial budget and re-authorized in the last biennial budget. Members said that Medicaid reimbursement, with Wisconsin paying at 65 percent of the cost of providing care, results in significant losses for hospitals. DSH funding has helped offset some of those losses and given members more resources to invest in primary care, social work and care coordination for patients on Medicaid. Hospital leaders discussed the importance of investing in behavioral health care, including workforce investments and regulatory reform that can result in care being delivered more efficiently. Discussions also included the importance of access to preventive oral health care and reforms to Wisconsin law that keep pace with the evolutions of team-based care. Vukmir, who also serves as assistant majority leader in the State Senate, was WHA's 2014 Health Care Advocate of the Year. (Valued Voice 12/02/2016) Other articles that might be of interest:

12/12/2016 WHA Joins Panel of Experts to Discuss Scope of Practice and Team-Based Care

12/16/2016 WHA Leaders Discuss the Changes in Obamacare (ACA) with Speaker Paul Ryan

12/16/2016 Department of Workforce Development Deputy Visits Aspirus Youth Apprenticeship Program

01/06/2017 Major Changes to WI Prescription Drug Program Occur 01/17/2017. Is also found at

[pdmp@wisconsin.gov](mailto:pdmp@wisconsin.gov)



## New Volunteer Office

Bev Scott, Strategic Planning Chairperson

I am sure that most of you know by now that the Volunteer Office has moved to a more centralized location. After much discussion among the Strategic Planning Committee and other members it was decided that it was time to change the old location of the volunteer office. Kathy Viergutz discussed this idea with the administration and permission was given to move to our new location. We are now located on the second floor of HYMC down from the gift shop on the other side of the hallway leading to the Lab. This is where the HYMC Foundation used to have their office. There was very little renovation needed and the cost was covered by AHYMC. We have a bright and spacious area for Kathy and any group that wishes to meet around the conference table. There is also plenty of storage space and a separate office for membership.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, we had an Open House for our new office and all volunteers as well as hospital associates were invited. The many people who attended were pleasantly surprised with our new location and its easy accessibility to all. The door is always open to our new space and we trust that you all will take advantage of this improvement to our Volunteer Services.



## February Luncheon



Connie Madden

At our February 14 luncheon at Norwood Pines, first-year Leadership Team members and new officers were recognized. New Leadership Team members include Connie Madden, Beth Wernhart and Bev Scott. Addie Halfmann is our new secretary and Sandy Hilgemann is our new Treasurer. 'Thank You' for serving in these important and time consuming positions!

After lunch, Cori Zelazoski of the Coalition of Tobacco Free Youth Program gave an interesting and informative presentation. She addressed the problem of the use and sale of E cigarettes and other tobacco-related products targeted towards youth as young as ten years old.



Addie Halfmann



Cori Zelazoski



## Sunshine Needed?

Please contact Bev Coller if you know one of our members who might need a little "Sunshine". Bev can be reached at 715-356-0029 or email her at [junebc@frontier.com](mailto:junebc@frontier.com).

## Areas in need of Volunteer Services

If interested, please contact Kathy Viergutz at 715-356-8677.

### Gift Shop – Cashiers

**Membership Chair Assistant** - Learn from the current membership chair (Bobbie Huntley) the duties and responsibilities of the membership chair position. Learn and utilize the Volgistics software program for monitoring all volunteer information and requirements. If you are interested in learning more about this position please contact Bobbie Huntley or Kathy Viergutz.

**Volunteer Services Assistant** - Assist Kathy with projects and day to day office requirements. The number of days and hours per week are flexible based on your availability and work load at any given time.



## SAVE THE DATE

**April 19** Advocacy Day

**June 8** Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Whitetail Inn

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