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**June 6th Designer Bag Blingo** at the Double Tree Jamestown from 6-8 P.M. Tickets \$30. Win a new designer handbag while supporting *The Fund for the Hospital* at WCA Foundation.

## 2019 Grants ...



WCA Foundation, Inc. has set another record of support for the healthcare of the City of Jamestown and the Chautauqua Region.

"I am very proud, as are our foundation's board members, to be able to support the hospital to the extent we are this year. We are providing \$585,044 to the hospital - the most ever given in a single year," Peter Stark, chair of the WCA Foundation board of directors, said at a ceremony for the presentation of the 2019 grants to UPMC Chautauqua. "Each of the last three years we have met record setting goals of support for our hospital.

"The many, many donors who have contributed since the beginning of the foundation should be proud and gratified by that as well. That type of community

[June 13th Give Big CHQ](#)  
Online Forum through CRCF  
24-hour online fundraising  
event

### [June 22nd Be Kind 5k](#)

Walk/Run beginning at  
Falconer Fire Hall Registration  
from 7:30-8:30 A.M. Entry Fee  
is \$25. [Register here!](#)

[July 22 & 23rd LINKS Charity  
Golf Tournament](#) Moon Brook  
Country Club, Shotgun start on  
July 22 @ 11:30 A.M.

[August 2 Shades of Pink Golf  
Tournament](#), proceeds benefit  
Anne Sischo's Shades of Pink  
Fund at WCA Foundation



Please support WCA  
Foundation on June 13 for the  
#GiveBigCHQ fundraising event  
held by the Chautauqua Region  
Community Foundation. Any  
contribution you make helps to  
make a difference in so many  
lives at UPMC Chautauqua!

## *Insider Info*

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fund?

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helpful?

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What else can I do to support my  
local hospital?

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support is why the best days of local health care are in front of us," he added.  
"Three years in a row we have been able to donate a record setting contribution. It  
is an impressive testament to our community's support of local health care."

[Read more...](#)

## **HIGH ALERT: Looking for all Grateful Patients!**

1. Do you appreciate your doctor, nurse or other staff at your doctor's office or  
at UPMC Chautauqua?
2. Then click **HERE** to tell them you are a **Grateful Patient!**
3. Still thinking about it? It's so easy to say Thank You that you can do it  
the next two minutes!

WCA Foundation's **Grateful Patient Fund** was  
started by a very appreciative patient of Dr. Wilson  
Shaw who served this community as a surgeon  
many years ago. You don't need a lawnmower  
accident that threatens your ability to ever walk on  
your foot again as Kurt Pfaff did to thank those who  
care for your health. Appreciating their "being  
there" for you is a good enough reason to do so.

To express your gratitude for the medical help you  
or your loved ones receive, donate to The **Grateful  
Patient Fund** and help others through your action.  
Your gift will help to serve this community through  
grants to purchase surgical and medical equipment  
for special needs outside the realm of the hospital  
budget.

Gifts can be given online or by sending your

**DONATE NOW**  
*to the Grateful Patient Fund*

the amount of your gift will remain confidential. Please include contact  
information for the person you are honoring with your note.

WCA Foundation's Board of Directors, other volunteers and staff would like to  
express their gratitude to you for your support of our mission to enhance the  
health care initiatives of UPMC Chautauqua to meet the ever changing medical  
needs of this community.



contribution to the **Grateful  
Patient Fund**, WCA  
Foundation, P.O. Box 840;  
Jamestown, NY 14702-0840.  
However you choose to  
contribute, your note of  
gratitude will be sent to the  
person you identify, however

**Jamestown Mattress Company Starts  
Fund at WCA Foundation ...**

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WCA Foundation



About the Foundation

WCA Foundation is chartered as a supporting independent foundation that supports the health care initiatives of UPMC Chautauqua. Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the activities of WCA Foundation with a donation may send it to WCA Foundation, P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY

Daily service to the community one mattress at a time. That's the tradition of the Jamestown Mattress Company that has grown from a local company to one with a national market. For the Pullan family, which operates the manufacturing company that started in 1886, supporting its local community is also a tradition.

"We make a point to give back whenever we can," said James Pullan, Jr. "We can't thank the community at large enough that has supported our business. Starting a fund at WCA Foundation for the support of our local hospital is one way we can say thank you to everyone.

"As a foundation board member, I see firsthand what good contributions to the foundation can do at the hospital. The Jamestown Mattress Pullan Family Fund will help purchase equipment for the hospital to bring services here that would be outside the realm of the normal hospital budget," Pullan said.

Creating a fund to meet the greatest needs of the hospital is a gift to the customers and community Jamestown Mattress was founded to serve.

"I can't think of a better way to support the Chautauqua region and Jamestown Mattress' customers than to create an endowed fund," said Brigetta Overcash, executive director of WCA Foundation. "Their grants will continue to support the expansive health services delivered every day of the year at UPMC Chautauqua - forever. At the foundation all gifts are held permanently and the allowable income from the accumulation of those gifts is given in grants to the hospital.

"The nice thing is anyone can make a contribution to this new fund or any of the other 42 funds at the foundation. Gifts for general support like this fund gives make a tremendous impact on what the foundation can do for the hospital. \$463,339 in grants have been given in 2019 specifically for cutting edge technology at our hospital," Overcash shared.

Family, community and philanthropy go hand in hand at Jamestown Mattress Company.

"I'm very lucky" said Pullan. "I come to work every day and spend time with Dad, my brothers, son, wife and sister-in-law too. We are very fortunate we all get along and have done so over the past 30 some years.

"My parents, Jim and Louise Pullan, bought the Blystone Mattress Company in 1982 giving it the name The Jamestown Mattress Company. Today, with my brothers Bruce and Steve, we serve customers here and across the county with factory direct prices. We sell organic, deluxe, domestic and commercial bedding. Our mattresses are in homes, dorm rooms and hotels," he said. "We run the whole gamut.

"Our name is behind the product. That assures our customers we take quality and workmanship very seriously as well as customer service," continued Pullan.

14702-0840.

General donations may be made or gifts can be designated for a specific fund or purpose such as cancer care, pediatrics, the emergency department or Robotic Surgery.

All donations are gratefully received and acknowledged as tax-deductible gifts.

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on the Web!**

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"That customer service is also why we try all that we can to give back. It is an honor to serve the people of this area through our business and by starting this fund to support the hospital."

To learn more about supporting the healthcare of this community through WCA Foundation like the Pullan family, contact WCA Foundation at P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702-0840, Brigetta Overcash at 716-664-5461 or [Overcashbe@upmc.edu](mailto:Overcashbe@upmc.edu) or Megan Barone, director of development, at 716-664-8424 or [Baronema3@upmc.edu](mailto:Baronema3@upmc.edu). Learn more about WCA Foundation and donate to this fund at [www.wcafoundationjamestown.org/donate/make-a-gift-today/](http://www.wcafoundationjamestown.org/donate/make-a-gift-today/)

## **Brad and Becky Van Riper Digestive System Cancer Fund is Begun ...**



How, you might ask, does a fund get such a long name?

The answer is quite simple. For Becky Van Riper "above on left" calling out digestive system cancers was a no-brainer. When your mother, best friend and husband are all taken from you with the same kind of cancer, you want to fight back. The difficult to diagnose disease has taken those nearest and dearest to her. She wants to help others in the area to be diagnosed sooner so their disease can be beaten.

Brad Van Riper's untimely death from a digestive system cancer shocked his family, friends and colleagues from around the world. Their contributions in his memory to the LINKS Charity endowed fund at WCA Foundation moved Becky Van Riper to remember her husband with a fund to fight the disease that took his life. The fund will support the purchase of medical equipment to facilitate the treatment of patients at UPMC Chautauqua who have a digestive system cancer.

Brad and Becky Van Riper had been volunteers for LINKS Charity since Brad became the Chairman of the golf tournament of the same name which is sponsored by TruckLite, his employer. Supporting the UPMC Chautauqua Cancer Care Program with specialized equipment for cancer detection and treatment, the organization has donated more than \$1,600,000 over the years. The LINKS Charity Walk is another community awareness and fundraising event sponsored by the group.

In the fall of 2017, Brad greeted the LINKS Pink Walk participants in the capacity of honorary chairman, with his hair and mustache colored pink. Only months

after Brad's death, Becky followed in his footsteps for the 2018 Walk to benefit the charity its support for cancer treatment at UPMC Chautauqua. Both were an



inspiration to all fundraisers gathered. Becky sported the same t-shirt worn by event participants that solicited an opportunity for all to talk about the dreaded disease they were fighting. The pink shirts with a large mustache in the middle of their petition read: You "mustache" me why I wear pink. This year to honor Brad's years of efforts to fight cancer, participants sprayed their hair pink and donned

pink mustaches to highlight their battle against breast cancer that day.

To join the thousands in our community fighting cancer through their support of the endowed and pass-through funds at WCA Foundation, donations can be made on the WCA Foundation website at [www.wcafoundationjamestown.org/donate/make-a-gift-today/](http://www.wcafoundationjamestown.org/donate/make-a-gift-today/) There you can support the Van Riper fund to fight the evasive disease of digestive system cancer and see the other funds created by generous members of our community that assist UPMC Chautauqua serve patients fighting cancer with top services in their home community.

To learn more about supporting the healthcare of this community through WCA Foundation like the Becky Van Riper, contact WCA Foundation at P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702-0840, Brigetta Overcash at 716-664-5461 or [Overcashbe@upmc.edu](mailto:Overcashbe@upmc.edu) or Megan Barone, director of development, at 716-664-8424 or [Baroneme3@upmc.edu](mailto:Baroneme3@upmc.edu). To learn more about WCA Foundation go to [www.wcafoundationjamestown.org](http://www.wcafoundationjamestown.org)

## Foundation Benefits Children with #GiveBigCHQ ...



WCA Foundation has targeted special services to children for the #GiveBigCHQ giving day. June 13, 2019 all of Chautauqua County will have opportunity to celebrate and support their favorite charitable organizations with the support of the two Community Foundations in the county.

Funds raised by WCA Foundation will purchase specialized educational and

recreational needs of the Adolescent Mental Health unit and the last necessary Panda Resuscitation Table for the Maternity Unit. The table is equipped to be a standalone life support unit for an infant at birth.

"We start with the infant in the operating room then they are transported to the nursery. The specialized table has everything you need," said Donna Barber, Maternity Unit Manager at UPMC Chautauqua. "It is used for every birth because it has a nice work area for many hands to do the work needed.

"The table helps the workers because it weighs and warms the baby and has oxygen. With all deliveries there is always a risk of the baby needing resuscitation at the time of delivery. The Panda Resuscitation Table provides all the equipment to resuscitate the baby right there, right then," Barber said. "It is also used to maintain the baby while waiting for higher level of care transport if necessary."

The goal of purchasing equipment for the newly constructed Maternity and Behavioral Health units is part of a \$20,000 giving campaign by WCA Foundation.