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Dear WCA Foundation Friend,

Mother Nature hasn't been the only one making things grow this spring. The WCA Foundation has added the Robert L. Gingell, M.D. Memorial Fund to benefit WCA Hospital's care of cardiovascular patients with heart defects.

In addition, a committee of eighteen friends, co-workers, and family members brought to fruition months of planning at the inaugural Vince Messina Memorial Golf Tournament on May 31. An outstanding turn-out and generous support by the Jamestown and Warren, Pa., communities resulted in more than \$20,000 to grow an endowment fund that will provide meaningful scholarships for students of the WCA Hospital School of Radiologic Technology.

Celebrating its 20th year, the Marie Barone Memorial Women's Golf Tournament looks forward to another great event on June 30 as the Barone family and friends continue to support local women's cancer care at WCA. You can find out all about it and download the registration form below.

The Class of 2014 of WCA Hospital's Medical Science Program has also been growing - in knowledge and appreciation for the generous grant from the WCA Foundation's Harold C. and Joyce Childress Fund. Not only do they appreciate the new microscopes added to their lab, but they have resounding high grades for their hands-on educational experience at WCA.

Growing is what we are all about. With a nearly \$2 M growth in assets this past year, the WCA Foundation can easily document the value of planning for the future of your regional hospital by including us in your will, like the Childress's did. While the Foundation has given more than \$8 M of grants to WCA Hospital and its subsidiaries over the span of its 31 years, it now has a permanent

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Thank You's!

## Grant and Scholarship Recipients

"I want to thank the WCA Foundation for the money used from the Childress Fund to renew my Breast Imaging Navigation Certification. Being a navigator has placed me in the position of walking hand in hand with women and families going through an extremely emotional and sometimes very difficult journey. I feel truly blessed to work with people who care so much for our patients.

I thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in our patient's lives.

**Thanks again,  
Dianne Courtney-Freeman,  
Senior Mammographer**

"I would like to thank you and the Dr. Harold and Joyce Childress Fund for paying for the recertification of my

endowment of \$13.5 M which continues to grow - and give! We're glad to have you as our partner in this wonderful success story for our community.

My best,



Brigetta Overcash  
Executive Director  
WCA Foundation



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## Eyes on Learning...WCA Foundation Grant Sharpens Students' Lab Work

by **Brigetta E. Overcash**

"It was like Christmas," exclaimed Elizabeth Tiberi.

"Yes, it was," excitedly added fellow medical lab student Kyle Jordan.

The fourth year college students enrolled in the WCA Hospital Medical Laboratory Science Program were describing when their new microscopes arrived in their Student Lab.

Focusing on the improved professional quality microscopes, the students had high marks for the equipment that boast LED lights with a pure-white light that will never need to be replaced. Their instructor acknowledges the bulbs will last for 100,000 hours.

"It's great," says Kaitlyn Williamson.

"The lab techs now love to help us because our scopes are so great," explains Chris Zando.

"I like them for urinalysis," Jon Flasher said turning to the more technical side of the gift. "You can see the full detail."

"It's like night and day," chimed in Lacey Stanizewski talking about studying hematology

Breast patient Navigation Certificate and for the renewal of my membership with the National Consortium of Breast Centers, Inc. I truly appreciate the opportunity to continue working with our Breast Cancer patients here at WCA!

**Thank You!!**

**Dorothy Carlson,  
Radiology Technician"**

"I hope you can hear the tone of pure joy in this thank you note. The new microscopes the W.C.A. Foundation purchased through the Dr. Harold M. and Joyce S. Childress Fund are amazing! These are clinical level microscopes and the clear, bright view has awed our students.

Replacing our microscopes became a serious need a few years ago as BioMed struggled to keep them running and they couldn't fix the again optics.

These new microscopes have a pure white, energy-saving LED light. The microscopes slides stay in focus no matter where the student looks. Objects stay centered from low to high powers of magnification and I could go on-and-on. In short, they are great!

I know these will serve our students and program for many years, and it is fun to think about all the students who will look at them and where their schooling will take them vocationally. This gift has also been an investment of which we may never know the impact.

**Thank you so much,  
Michelle Harms, WCA  
Hospital Medical Science  
Program Director"**

From WCA Hospital Medical  
Science Program Students

"Thank you for the new  
microscopes!! It's like a new set of  
eyes."

**Kaitlyn**

"Thank you very much for the new  
scopes. They will be a valuable tool  
in our education!"

**Kyle**

"Thanks for the specs!"

**Joe**

"The new microscopes are

slides. "Everything is so much better."

Kanda Yeager summed up the condition of the programs old equipment when she said, "Everything that could go wrong with my microscope did go wrong on our last rotation. I was ready to throw it out!"

"We have needed this equipment upgrade for a couple of years," said Michele Harms, Program Director and one of the 11-month program's two instructors. "The old ones had been fixed and reconstructed to the point that they wouldn't hold their focus. We're so grateful to the Foundation for the microscopes."

The new addition to the learning lab equipment came as a grant from the \$1.5 M Harold and Joyce Childress Fund held at the WCA Foundation. Each year approximately \$60,000 in grants are available from the fund's growth while the corpus of the fund remains untouched to grow more for future grant giving. The same is true of the other funds held by WCA Foundation. The endowments of the Foundation produce approximately \$450,000 a year in grants and scholarships for WCA Hospital and its employees while the endowment remains untouched to continue producing greater gains for the future.

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## Marie Barone Memorial Women's Golf Tournament to Celebrate 20th Anniversary

2014 is a milestone year for the Marie Barone Memorial Women's Golf Tournament as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. The committee, comprised of Barone family members and friends, has announced that sponsorships and registrations are now being accepted for this women's only tournament which will be held on Monday, June 30th at South Hills Country Club in Jamestown.

Since 1995, nearly \$130,000 has been raised by this annual tournament, including a record \$13,000 in 2013. For the fourth year in a row, all of the proceeds from this charity golf tournament will grow the Marie Barone Memorial Fund, an endowment fund at the WCA Foundation which will be utilized to assist in the diagnosis, care, and treatment of local female cancer patients at WCA Hospital.



awesome!! Thank you!

**Elizabeth**

"You should see the difference between the old scopes and the new scopes. AMAZING!! Thank you so much."

**Lacey**

"Thanks for the awesome new microscopes!"

**Chris**

## About the Foundation

WCA Foundation is chartered as a supporting independent foundation that supports the health care initiatives of WCA Hospital. 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 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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The Committee also announced the return of ALSTAR EMS as the event's Major Sponsor. Highly-qualified ALSTAR EMS emergency response professionals now respond to more than 17,000 calls per year from ambulance bases in both Jamestown and Dunkirk. To learn more, visit [www.ALSTAREMS.com](http://www.ALSTAREMS.com).

For more information regarding the Marie Barone Memorial Women's Golf Tournament, including available sponsorships and

golf registrations, please contact Patty (Barone) Hurtack, Tournament Chair, at (716) 488-0580 or [phurtack@gmail.com](mailto:phurtack@gmail.com) or visit [www.wcahospital.org](http://www.wcahospital.org).

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### One Woman's Passion...An Enduring Legacy

Mary Blair, a woman passionate about enhancing local healthcare at WCA Hospital. "This has been my hometown since I was five years old. I dearly love the area, especially our Hospital," explains Mary.

When talking about including WCA Hospital in her will, she says with a smile, "It was easy. It's all the regulations about hospitals today that can be confusing."

"It's very, very important that we have a hospital in our wonderful hometown. We're better than a hometown hospital, WCA's service goes way beyond that," Mary states. "WCA is in my will because I love being part of the Hospital. It's such a fine organization and I will do anything for it. I think everyone should put WCA Hospital in their will. It's so important."



*Al Short, Mary Blair, Sondra Anderson*

As one of the founders of LINKS Charity, Mary's vision and dedication has engaged many others in the local fight against cancer and resulted in an unprecedented collaboration of industry, golfers, donors, and committed volunteers, which has generated more than \$1 million for local cancer care at WCA.



LINKS Charity was co-founded by Mary and Sondra Anderson in 1991. Allen Short served as Executive Director for the first nineteen years. In an effort to continue their legacy and to provide an avenue of support that will grow in perpetuity, LINKS Charity established the LINKS Charity Cancer Care Fund in 2012 in tribute to these three pioneers. This donor-advised endowment fund will provide on-going, annual support to enhance the diagnosis and treatment of cancer at WCA Hospital.

"It's essential we have a hospital here and I will do anything to keep it here," Mrs. Blair continues. "We all benefit so by having a hospital nearby. I think anyone who can put the Hospital in their will should. It's needed and it's good for the Hospital and the giver."

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# The Vincent A. Messina Memorial Scholarship Fund Gives Tribute to a Legacy of Love...

by *Linda Johnson*

A son, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a mentor, healthcare giver and devoted to a life of helping others, Vince A. Messina left behind an irrevocable legacy of love, laughter and healing. The Vincent A. Messina Memorial Scholarship Fund, given in loving memory of Vince who passed away on July 18, 2013, preserves his benevolent legacy by providing a scholarship to a second year student enrolled in the WCA Hospital School of Radiologic Technology. Vince was very proud to distinguish himself as a graduate of the first graduating Class of the 1969 of the radiology school.

"Growing up on Franklin Street as a child, I do not believe Vince could have ever imagined what a wonderful life laid before him," said his wife of 42 years, Kathy (Raineir) Messina.

"His life legacy included so many amazing experiences and accomplishments that a kid raised on Franklin Street in Jamestown could have only dreamt about. The one constant thread that rings though and through when anyone speaks of my husband is that he loved life! People will tell me time and time again, his smile lit up a room. He loved to go out with friends and family and he took great pleasure and enthusiasm in organizing fun social gatherings."



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