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**A Note from our Executive Director**

Thank you to all the supporters of WCA Foundation and our hospital, UPMC Chautauqua, at this difficult time in our nation's battle against CODID-19.

Please keep our patients and healthcare professionals in your thoughts and prayers as our community faces this healthcare crisis.

**Community Health Heroes Campaign**



Two-year-old Sergio professes his love for his doctor as WCA Foundation initiates its Community Health Heroes Campaign. It not only invites the community to celebrate National Doctors' Day thru the Grateful Patient Fund, but to support the new Staff Appreciation Fund at the Foundation. The fund will offer immediate support to the frontline healthcare professionals at UPMC Chautauqua



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WCA Foundation is launching its **Community Health Heroes Campaign** to help those who care for the healthcare of its residents. As Chautauqua County begins its fight of the COVID-19 virus, WCA Foundation has established the Staff Assistance Fund to aid the medical staff of UPMC Chautauqua - some of whom have literally worked 24/7 on preparedness plans for the hospital. Without a doubt the physicians, nurses, phlebotomists, technicians and other staff will personally face this virus as they care for community residents. WCA Foundation is asking for help to give meals purchased from local restaurants to these dedicated workers during this time of crisis.

Donations can be made to the Staff Assistance Fund, the Good Neighbor Fund, or the Grateful Patient Fund using the "Support Now" button below or by going to [www.wcafoundationjamestown.org/donate/community-health-heroes-campaign/](http://www.wcafoundationjamestown.org/donate/community-health-heroes-campaign/). Through the PayPal platform donors can make a gift using their credit card or their PayPal account. Checks made payable to WCA Foundation with a memo regarding the purpose of the donation are also gratefully accepted.



"The national COVID-19 health crisis becomes very personal when you hear of your hospital's staff working so hard to prepare for their service to you," said Brigetta Overcash, executive director of WCA Foundation. "It will be wonderful to see our campaign become 'viral' to assist our community to find a way to help frontline workers during this health crisis."

WCA Foundation is focused on helping workers on the front line through the Staff Assistance Fund, directing funds to help those working endlessly and tirelessly for our community.

"This is a great thing we are doing, giving our first responders recognition they deserve! Together we can make a difference." said Megan Barone, director of development for WCA Foundation.

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## 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 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 heart of this community and region is one filled with gratitude, generosity and compassion. That message was felt deeply at WCA Foundation when the tally of donations to its annual end-of-the-year Donation Days was taken. More than \$40,000 was contributed to that campaign - a record high.

A HUGE thank you goes out to a totally anonymous donor who sent a cashier's check in the amount of \$20,000 from out of state. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

That same sentiment goes to every donor to WCA Foundation. The size of your donation doesn't compare to your caring for your community and those served at UPMC Chautauqua through the grants WCA Foundation makes with your gifts. Whether your gifts support the Good Neighbor Fund that helps those in need to leave the hospital on their way to better health, to the Grateful Patient Fund to say thank you for your service to a healthcare professional, or to the Patient Care Fund that purchases specialized equipment that would be above and beyond the hospitals current budget, each gift helps the healthcare of our community.

And for that, we at WCA Foundation say thank you.

## Be Kind 5K - Real or Virtual - Run and Walk



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**UPMC**  
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Family, friends and co-workers of Rosemary Billquist will run, walk and celebrate in memory of "Rosie" on June 20, 2020 to create a lasting memory of her work at UPMC Chautauqua. Rosie lost her life to a tragic hunting accident over two years ago. Jamie Billquist, her husband, created a fund to assist those working at the hospital with a scholarship for continuing their education.

Participants are signing-up and soliciting sponsors for their support of the **Be Kind** event. It is everyone's hope that the COVID-19 virus will have dissipated by then and we will once again celebrate the goodness and kindness of our's and Rosie's life together that day. The name of the race comes from the quote Rosie painted on a bench she created for patients to use outside UPMC Chautauqua where she worked. It reads "**In a world where you can be anything, be kind.**" It is used daily by visitors and employees many of whom knew Rosie as a joyful, kind-hearted individual who loved to run, take care of their dogs and to help others.

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## 29TH LINKS Charity set for July 20, 2020



Mary Blair and the late Sondra "Sandy" Anderson launched their fight against breast cancer 29 years ago with a Pro-Am golf tournament assisted by the Ladies Professional Golf Association. Over the years **LINKS Charity** has raised more than \$1,651,000 to fight cancer in Jamestown, NY in collaboration with UPMC Chautauqua and its predecessor WCA Hospital. Vital equipment has been purchased with the proceeds of this tournament that has saved lives with early detection of many kinds of cancers.

Mary Blair and Elaine Short, chairwomen of the 29th tournament on July 20, 2020 at Moon Brook Country Club, are collaborating with Donna Wilkins of the LPGA tour to plan the event. Mike Roberts will be chairman of the Golf Committee of the tournament.

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