



## Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation

# BUILDING a COMMUNITY of Care

Over the past 5 years, our community has helped Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation successfully raise over \$46 million to support many vital programs.

Thanks to generous gifts to the Foundation from our community and staff, Hunterdon Healthcare completed the major expansion of the Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center, the renovation and expansion of the surgical suite to include two new operating rooms and the opening of a new cardiac care unit.

Yet there is so much beyond building and technology improvements that giving to the Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation does to expand and enhance the health of our community. "Because of our wonderful donors, we can provide scholarships to young adults pursuing careers in healthcare; support art therapy for kids grieving a loss; sponsor a fund to help cancer patients who are unable to pay their bills," says Christina O'Malley, Senior Vice President, Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation.

"We rely on the support of our community to continue to provide high-quality, compassionate and effective healthcare services both within Hunterdon Medical Center and well beyond its walls."

Your gifts help to support the health of the community through these and other programs and initiatives:

### Youth Art Bereavement Program - Healing Children through Art

This 12-week program helps children in kindergarten through 12th grade who have experienced a loss. The program teaches children how to cope with grief through the creative arts. Children work alongside peers who are close in developmental age and who have had



similar experiences. This helps them to feel comfortable and more open to express their feelings. The program also encourages other family members to attend a bereavement support group while children are engaged in creative activities.



**Arianna Calhoun**, Junior Volunteer, daughter of **Nichole Yoson**, Business Office Representative. Arianna serves patients and staff from the tea trolley. A special thank you to ShopRite of Hunterdon County for donating tea.

### Careers in Healthcare Scholarships

Every year, the Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation presents scholarships to students pursuing careers in the healthcare industry. Last year, 15 recipients received scholarships from the Jean Alvater Baker Scholarship, Wingover Scholarship for Nursing Education, Albert and Mary Kahn R.N. Scholarship, the Patricia M. Psenisky Nursing Scholarship and the Hunterdon Medical Center Auxiliary Educational Fund.

### The Oncology Special Needs Fund

This is a very special fund for those in need and provides comfort, aid and support to cancer patients and their families. Social workers at the Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center identify patients who may need help paying their utility bills,

transportation, groceries and other important necessities. The program allows the patient to request funds through the Cancer Center and the Foundation will pay the bills directly. "It was amazing the help I received – we would not have had any electric in the house without the help from the Special Needs Fund. It took a lot of stress off of me," said a grateful recipient.

### Telehealth in the Home

Hunterdon Regional Community Health's Visiting Health and Supportive Services was able to launch an innovative program to provide quality healthcare right in the home due to generous grants provided by CVS Health and the Lowell Johnson Foundation. Registered nurses monitor patients via telehealth devices, which are placed in the homes of patients who need regular follow-up care. This is ideal for patients with chronic conditions that need daily monitoring. Patients feel more confident and in control of their health, and are less likely to need repeat hospitalizations when their care and progress is followed closely.

### Pet Therapy

Since 1994, Hunterdon Medical Center's Ernest L. Wells Pet Therapy Program has used canine volunteers to soothe and cheer patients. Due to the generosity of donors and volunteers, the program has grown over the years and currently has eight dogs that come and visit patients each day. The program has expanded to include areas outside of the hospital, such as Brideside Adult Day

### How to make a gift to Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation:

- Monetary Donation
- Securities
- Tribute or Memorial Gift
- Planned Giving
- Matching Gifts
- Hosting a Fundraising Event
- Donating Your Vehicle

Center, Bright Tomorrows Child Care Center, Hunterdon Hospice and Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center.

### Community Screening of "Being Mortal"

The Foundation supports many special events throughout the year to educate and engage the community in its mission. Hunterdon Hospice has been able to provide a free community screening of the documentary "Being Mortal," which helps families coping with a terminal illness to

address end-of-life goals and preferences. After the screening, the audience participates in a guided conversation on the importance of planning ahead and talking to family members about end-of-life decisions. A grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb partially supported this important educational event.

### Corporate Giving

There are many charitable local companies in the community that help to support many Hunterdon Healthcare initiatives such as Unity Bank, Flemington Car and Truck Country and ShopRite of Hunterdon County, to name a few. The Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation is thankful for their unwavering support.

### How You Can Help

By making a gift to Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation, you will help us build a stronger, healthier community.

For more information on the many ways to give, visit our website [foundation.hunterdonhealthcare.org](http://foundation.hunterdonhealthcare.org) and click on WAYS TO GIVE or please call 908-788-6141.

**William** and mom **Jennifer Beylickjian**,  
Pet Therapy Volunteer, with  
therapy dog **Grace**.

