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Borgess-Pipp Hospital administrator John Ryder sums it up, “Thanks to her extraordinary vision and two million dollar gift, a renewal of the hospital’s spirit and atmosphere has been realized.”

Kay’s long time friend and neighbor, Nancy Kissinger, remarked about the hospital’s renovations, “Kay would be so pleased. It’s just wonderful and more inviting. Kay would have gone crazy over the artwork, which is like the icing on the cake for the renovations.”

Borgess-Pipp Hospital delivers comprehensive health services from laboratory and diagnostic imaging to long-term acute care. At the ER, you will be seen by an ER physician in 30 minutes or less. Guaranteed. As a member of Borgess Health, the largest health care provider in southwest Michigan, Borgess-Pipp Hospital also has the resources to offer specialized, nationally recognized medicine.

Borgess accepts many types of gifts through estate plans and wills. If you would like to know more or find out how to leave a gift that makes a difference, contact Tony McDonnell at (269) 226.8100. For more information visit **BorgessPipp.com**.

Borgess Tree Of Love Campaign To Celebrate Silver Anniversary

“How am I going to pay for this?” was the first question Marie asked when a mammogram and ultrasound was prescribed. Marie was a single mom with young children and no insurance.

The *Borgess Tree of Love* campaign was there when Marie needed help. “I just want to say ‘thank you.’” Marie stated, “It’s comforting to know someone’s in your corner who can put you at ease and understand.”

This year will mark the silver anniversary of the *Borgess Tree of Love* campaign. Sponsored by the Borgess Volunteers and the Borgess Foundation, the campaign supports uninsured and underinsured women’s medical services.

Gifts from so many donors like you have helped countless women receive mammograms and biopsies to identify breast cancer and other women’s services.

Plans are underway to create a special 25th anniversary event. Join us on Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. for the *Borgess Tree of Love* Lighting Ceremony at the Borgess Medical Center’s Stryker Atrium.

Watch for further announcements about the campaign this fall. Read about last year’s event at **treeoflove.borgess.com**.



Sarah Chase, one of the honorary chairs for the 2009 campaign and Kathy Praedel, Director, Volunteer Services.

24 years + \$273,000 = hundreds of lives saved

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Renovations Unveiled at Borgess-Pipp Hospital

A new era has begun

The beautiful renovations and upgrades to the facility were unveiled at an open house in May – the extraordinary gift that made it all happen from the giver who loved her community was celebrated.

This celebration was all thanks to Kay Pierce. Mrs. Pierce passed away in March 2009 leaving her entire estate worth more than two million dollars to the Borgess Foundation to be used exclusively for providing improvements and acquiring new equipment at Borgess-Pipp Hospital.

According to Gretchen Bullard, Kay’s only sibling, the gift was the fulfillment of a plan that had very early beginnings. “I remember when Kay would visit the hospital and talk about her desire to rejuvenate it. That was many years ago,” Gretchen said.

Kay Pierce was so committed to improving the quality of the Plainwell-area health care that she wove her decades-long tenure on the board of the local hospital into the very fabric of her life.

From her commitment to volunteering to serving as a board trustee for over 20 years, her dedication to Borgess-Pipp Hospital was obviously loving and lifelong.

With about 300 staff along with Kay’s friends and community members, hospital officials unveiled a portrait of Mrs. Pierce that was painted by Jim Spoelstra of Zeeland, Michigan.



Terry Baxter, M.D. and Tony McDonnell unveil the portrait of Kay Pierce which is on permanent display in the lobby at Borgess-Pipp Hospital.

Enhancements

- Main floor hallway
- Nurse’s station and inpatient rooms
- Main lobby area
- Laboratory blood draw area
- Outpatient rehabilitation gym expansion

Equipment Upgrades

- Dual-head computed tomography (CT) scan contrast injector
- Portable ultrasound system
- Powered ambulance cots
- Laboratory chemistry and hematology analyzers
- Two bariatric specialty beds

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Tony McDonnell,
Executive Director
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Your gifts are an investment in a future we all share

Care at Borgess is a remarkable continuum of compassion. At one end are extraordinarily complex procedures, wonders of advanced technology wielded with skill and confidence by gifted surgeons and physicians. At the other extreme, often unnoticed because they are so subtle, are the countless random kindnesses of employees at every level.

Some of these gestures include a kind and unhurried response to a question they've answered again and again. For others, it's as simple as the smile that calms uncertainty, or the pat on the shoulder that imparts the simple comfort of human touch. Every contribution, no matter how slight, enhances and defines the excellence of care at Borgess.

Thousands here have dedicated their lives to helping others, and it is the generosity of a grateful public that helps us equip, support and sustain these caregivers. Put simply: Borgess is a wonderful investment with the most satisfying of all return on investment measures—innovative medicine, inspired care.

So look to gauge the effect of your gifts in the sheen of sparkling state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Search for it among hope, inspiration and laughter. Try to find it within increased physical mobility, higher spirits and improved attitudes.

These and so many other places are where you'll find evidence of your dollars at work. This is precisely why they help us make a sustainable difference in our community—and why they ripple across lives long after you've provided them. Let me give you an example of how donations are at work in our community.

Jim Wescott recently lost his wife, Bonnie. Mr. Wescott donated a lymphedema pump to occupational therapy because he wished "something good to come from her passing." He explained it this way. "The people at Borgess were so wonderful, and they did everything they could for my wife. I just wanted to give back in some way, to help others with a gift in Bonnie's memory."

Thank you, Jim, for passing on the gift of caring. We will do the same.

Tony McDonnell, Executive Director
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Your Support Made a Nurse's Day

Friends of Borgess Nursing Honor Twelve for Excellence



2010 Friends of Borgess Nursing Award Recipients: L-R: Paul Spaude, Laurie Rence, Lois Van Donselaar, Pat Webb, Sherri Khillah, Pat Kaukola-Weber, Mary Snyder, Bonnie Hillary, Ben Blades, Rebecca Blades, Debra Swanson, Diana Haase, Betty Upjohn Mason and Jerry Mason.

With the financial support of many individuals and businesses like you, ten Borgess nurses were honored with awards and scholarships during the fourth annual Friends of Borgess Nursing awards dinner. Betty Upjohn Mason and Jerry Mason also received an award for their support of the Borgess Health mission.

Founded in 2006, the Friends of Borgess Nursing endowment fund honors the legacy of outstanding nursing within Borgess Health.

Proceeds from the sponsorships, silent auction and dinner reservations raised more than \$32,000. Overall the Friends of Borgess Nursing endowment fund has grown to nearly \$120,000 in its first four years. The endowment goal is \$250,000.

Thanks to sponsors, such as Betty Upjohn Mason and Jerry Mason, River Run Press, The Surgical Group of Southwest Michigan, Rx Optical, Cole Automotive Group, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and McKesson Corporation, the endowment fund has grown to provide Borgess nurses awards and scholarships to recognize nursing excellence. To see a complete list of sponsors and view photos from the event visit fobn.borgess.com.



Scholarship recipients, mother and son, Rebecca Blades RN, BSN, CNOR, CRNFA and Ben Blades RN, Certified Bariatric Support Group Leader.

"I want to thank the foundation for awarding me the Friends of Borgess Nursing Scholarship. I am so proud to be a Borgess nurse and to have one of my sons employed here as a nurse, too. You just can't imagine the pride my husband felt watching not only myself receive a scholarship, but our son as well. Nursing is a family affair for our household. My grandfather was the professional baker at Borgess for many years. Both of our sons are nurses and our daughter is a therapist at Borgess. Thank you to all of those involved in awarding us the Friends of Borgess Nursing Scholarships."

— Rebecca Blades

Golf Anyone?

Your Participation Can Help Raise Needed Dollars

Join community leaders, Borgess administrators and volunteers at the Gull Lake Country Club for one of the area's premier golf tournaments. The 19th Annual Borgess Golf for Health event will be held on Monday, July 19 sponsored by the Borgess Volunteers and the Borgess Foundation.

This year your support will benefit the renovation and expansion of the Borgess Medical Center Level I Emergency & Trauma Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet extraordinary Borgess physicians and staff while learning about life-saving activities at Borgess. Best of all—your participation will benefit your family and your community for many years to come.

Register for this enjoyable event by calling (269) 226.8100.

Event Schedule:

- 10 a.m. Registration
- 10 a.m. Free Golf Clinics
- Noon Shotgun Start
- 5 p.m. Dinner



Kalamazoo Emergency Associates having fun showing support.