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The Borgess Psychiatric Crisis Intervention Unit will be a specialized psychiatric emergency treatment unit connected to Borgess Medical Center's Burton H. Upjohn Emergency & Trauma Center (ETC). The unit will have eight treatment rooms and a team of mental health and emergency medical staff. Individuals who need medical treatment in addition to treatment for their mental health condition will have direct access to the ETC.

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Borgess CEO & President, Kathy Young, has noted the great need for such a unit in our community. The amount of time spent with each patient in a mental health crisis has grown in each of the last four years as the severity of their condition has increased. This has led to additional strain on treatment space for medical emergencies in the ETC.

"It is not uncommon for patients with a mental health crisis to wait two or three hours in the ETC when there are other more severe medical emergencies," Young said recently. "With this new unit, we can begin treating patients immediately. Patients will have quicker access to

the right treatment in the right environment. They can be triaged, treated and referred to the appropriate level of care in much less time. As an additional benefit, this will create a safer, calmer environment in the ETC for staff and the medical emergency patients we serve."

Currently, there are two similar psychiatric crisis interventional units in Michigan. One is located in Ann Arbor and the other is in Jackson. The Borgess unit will be the first in western Michigan. Several area organizations and individuals have already made a commitment to support the new unit.

Rick Winters, MSN, RN, is director of the Borgess ETC. "If all goes as planned," he said, "we will put the new unit into operation this summer. From added safety measures, to highly trained specialized staff members, to increased privacy, we have designed this area with those who are in a mental health crisis in mind. The new Borgess Psychiatric Crisis Intervention Unit will give our patients in the community a better environment for the emergency mental health treatment they need and deserve."

## Tree of Love

### Working Together

Collaboration is vital to the success of healthy communities. Thank you to Michigan Blood for partnering with Borgess and the Borgess Foundation on the blood drive held on December 19, 2016, at Borgess Medical Center. For every person who donated blood that day, Michigan Blood gave the Borgess Foundation \$10 toward the Tree of Love campaign. Alicia Barry, community relations at Michigan Blood, said, "The opportunity to be a part of growing the fight against breast cancer, and ensuring that women have access to lifesaving screening, is directly aligned with both of our organizations' missions." The drive raised \$350 for the Tree of Love, and many lives were saved with the blood donations.

*Far right: The 2017 Tree of Love glows  
Bottom left: Borgess Foundation staff member Katie Kupiecki donating blood for the ToL blood drive.  
Bottom right: Lake Michigan Credit Union having a great time at Tree of Love on December 1, 2016.*



### Thank You, ToL Supporters

The commitment from all of our donors and sponsors during the 2016 Tree of Love campaign will help hundreds of uninsured and underinsured women in southwest Michigan receive mammography and other breast health services this year.

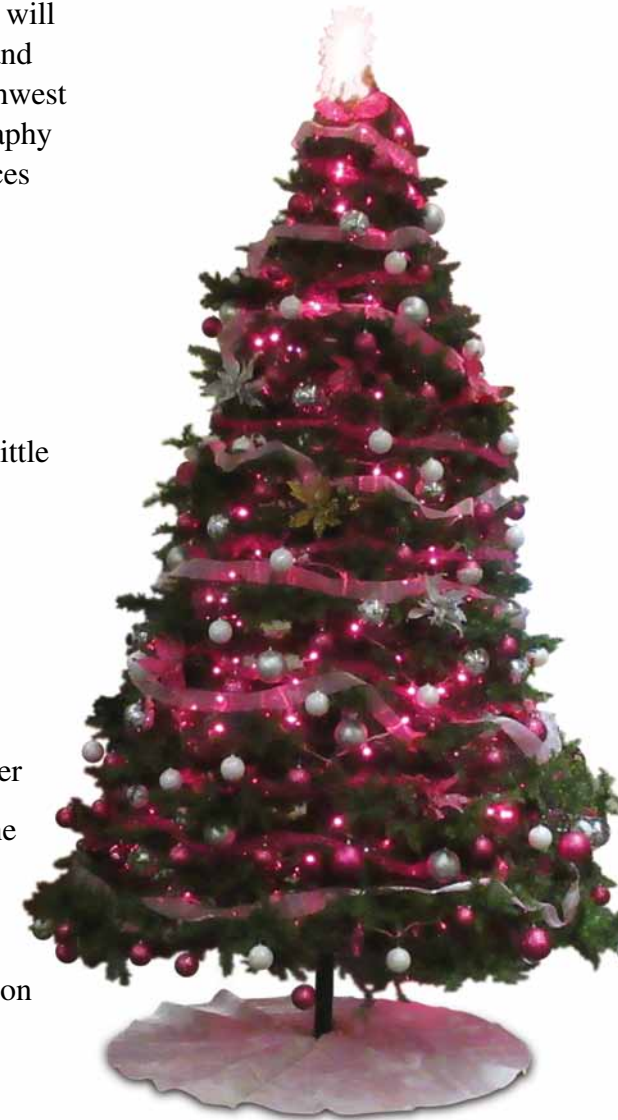
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**Your** continued support of the Tree of Love over the years has genuinely changed lives. Thanks to all of our donors for their support and dedication to this amazing campaign.



## Another GREAT Touchdown for Diabetes

On September 21, 2016, **Cole Auto** on Westnedge was transformed into an amazing event location. The annual Touchdown for Diabetes raised close to \$80,000 for the Borgess Diabetes and Endocrine Center. Thank you to Cole Community Solutions and all the community members that made this possible.



*Tim Cole, President Cole Automotive; Wendi Sullivan, Borgess Diabetes & Endocrine Center; Linda West, Touchdown for Diabetes Coordinator; Tony McDonnell, Borgess Foundation; Rob Schauer, Ameriprise & Touchdown for Diabetes Chair; Jack Bellware, AMBUCS.*

## LMCU: Supporting Area Communities Through Borgess Foundation

**Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU)** has a long-standing tradition of supporting the communities of its members and employees through donations, sponsorships and volunteerism. Borgess Foundation has had the good fortune to be one of LMCU's partners over the years.

"We choose Borgess because of its impact on the Kalamazoo area and beyond," said Nate Phillips, LMCU's community relations specialist. "It is a sound health care organization that helps people get well, stay well and live well. This concept is innovative and empowering. Like Borgess, we look to create lasting relationships with our members. In our case, we start with their financial condition, but more importantly, we care about them personally."

According to Phillips, LMCU's philanthropic focus is on health care and education. "It's an honor to be able to support Borgess on an annual basis," he noted. "From the Tree of Love to making donations for medical equipment, LMCU is happy to see how these funds get distributed throughout Borgess and, as a byproduct, support the community."

We are deeply grateful that LMCU chooses to partner with the Borgess Foundation to help meet the community's needs. If you know of a company that would like to be more involved with our efforts, please contact us at [foundation@borgess.com](mailto:foundation@borgess.com).

## How to Reach Us

Many of you reach out to us by email and we want to make sure you have our updated email addresses:

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- Tony McDonnell: [tony.mcdonnell@ascension.org](mailto:tony.mcdonnell@ascension.org)

Also, please welcome Gail Duckworth to our staff. Gail joined us last fall as the department's executive assistant. You can reach her at [gail.duckworth@ascension.org](mailto:gail.duckworth@ascension.org).



## Save These Dates

### May 7

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### Borgess Run for the Health of It

Are you a runner ... or more of a walker? No matter which, the Borgess Run for the Health of It always has a fun option for you. This year, the popular annual event will be held on **May 7** in Kalamazoo. Don't forget to select the Borgess Foundation as your charity of choice when you register. More details are at [borgessrun.com](http://borgessrun.com).



### July 17

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### Golf for Health 2017

Mark your calendars for the 26th annual Borgess Foundation Golf for Health! The event will be held on **July 17** at the beautiful Gull Lake Country Club. Again this year, proceeds will be used for additional renovations and updates in the Easy Street Inpatient Rehabilitation Center. This funding will assure that patients in the greater Kalamazoo area have access to the highest quality rehabilitation care, right in their own community. To learn more about sponsor or player information, please call Anne at **(269) 226.8100** or visit [borgessfoundation.org](http://borgessfoundation.org).



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## Be a Change Maker at Borgess

**YOU** are the key to helping individuals with emergency mental health needs get the care they deserve in a safe, specialized environment. Want to help? See the cover story for important details.



## How to Help

To open the doors to those needing emergency care at the Borgess Psychiatric Crisis Intervention Unit, the Borgess Foundation Board is seeking to raise \$1.5 million in community philanthropy. You can help with this critically important effort by contacting Tony McDonnell or Anne Witherspoon at **(269) 226.8100**.

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## Meeting Our Community's Emergency Mental Health Needs

You are sitting in the Borgess Emergency Room, worried about a family member who is injured or physically ill. Or you are waiting to see a physician yourself. Suddenly, you hear an outburst. Someone who appears to be in a mental health crisis is escorted by Security to a small locked room.

Going to the Emergency Room is anxiety provoking under the best of circumstances, but that anxiety can go through the roof when someone with a critical mental health condition needs help at the same time. And think, for a moment, about the feelings of that person. They may be suicidal, paranoid, or severely depressed and at great risk of harming themselves or others. Like you, they need immediate help. They need to be where they can receive quick and appropriate care from dedicated behavioral health staff in a safe, private, calming environment for patients. The Borgess Psychiatric Crisis Intervention Unit is being designed to serve exactly that need.

Many people already know that Borgess has the only Behavioral Medicine Inpatient Unit in Kalamazoo. It has six beds for adolescents and 44 beds for adults. And we have an Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program that can care for up to 20 adolescents, ages 12-17. But neither of these address emergency psychiatric care.

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