

They are part Superman, part Wonder Woman

They are the nurses of Borgess Health, also affectionately described as the “superheroes who don’t wear capes.”

The Eighth-Annual Friends of Borgess Nursing (FoBN) celebration will recognize the many nurses who do heroic deeds every day during two upcoming events that are designed to continue nurses’ healing mission through support of a special endowment fund.

FoBN Silent Auction

The FoBN Silent Auction is open to the public, and will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2014, in the Borgess Medical Center cafeteria.

FoBN Awards Reception

The main FoBN event is the awards reception. “Honoring the Superheroes Who Don’t Wear Capes” will be held at 5 p.m., Thursday, May 22, 2014, in the Lawrence Education Center Auditorium at Borgess Medical Center. Miller Johnson, Attorneys and Counselors, will again be the event’s Platinum Sponsor.

This year, 22 awards and scholarships will be presented at the Friends of Borgess Nursing Endowment Awards Reception. The reception will also pay tribute to two recipients of the Borgess Lamplighter Award – Dr. Robert Brush, and William and Julia Van Domelen.



2013 Friends of Borgess Nursing Award Recipients From left to right: Tim Nicaise, Paul Hoffman, Judy Cooper, Linda Brown, Gwendolyn Finney, Dorothy Matlock, Dr. James McLaren, Dr. Jack Collins, Dr. Sean O’Brien, and Lois Van Donselaar. **Far right row, from front to back:** Tera Cruz, Kathy Coopmans, Holly McDonald, Deb Jorae, Amy Bennett, and Kathy Grueter.

A second group of scholarships are also available to nurses in the fall.

Reservations for the awards reception are \$40 per person if made by May 1, 2014, and online at borgessfoundation.org/fobn.

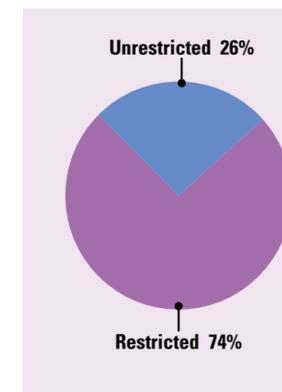
Reservations made after May 1, or by mail or in person, are \$50. The deadline for all reservations is May 15, 2014.

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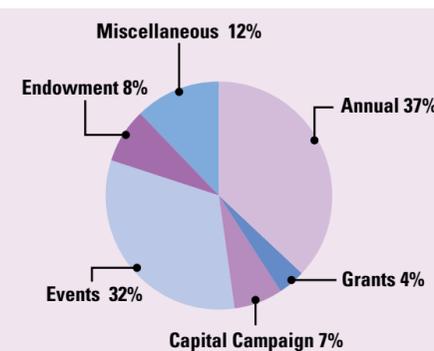
You have made a meaningful difference in the care of so many throughout your community. During the last fiscal year, 1,660 donors like you contributed \$723,328 in philanthropy to Borgess. These gifts are instrumental in providing important renovations, purchasing sophisticated equipment, offering health screenings, and enhancing education for our employees and volunteers.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to ensuring that the best health care services are accessible to one and all. We are pleased to share with you the impact your contributions have made in the past fiscal year (7/1/2012-6/30/2013):

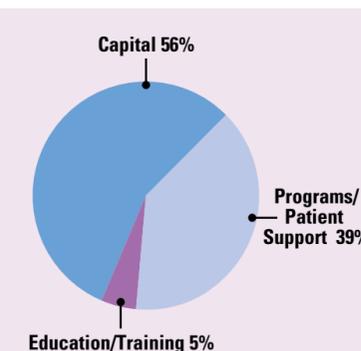
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Your Support Inspires Hope and Healing

Your generosity came in diverse shapes and sizes, from online credit card donations to purchased event tickets to planned estate gifts. Remember, gifts of every size matter. Together, these contributions provide the resources Borgess caregivers need to offer their patients hope, comfort and healing.

Borgess has remained an area leader because of our steadfast dedication to groundbreaking research, outstanding patient care and leading-edge technology. As a nonprofit community-focused health system fueled by compassionate providers and advanced equipment, it is our goal to make

superior care available to everyone. With your help, this is where all individuals in our community, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable, will be treated with dignity and respect.

At the Borgess Foundation, 74 percent of your gifts are designated to restricted funds that support specific programs or services. Of those restricted gifts, more than 56 percent are designated to capital renovations and the purchase of breakthrough technology. Unrestricted gifts support areas of greatest need as determined by Borgess leadership.

Thanks to you, Borgess provided nearly \$48 million in charity care last year. While it’s our mission to care for anyone who enters our hospitals or facilities,

we also strive to deliver medicine that rivals other nationally renowned health systems.

Today, tomorrow and in the years ahead, you have our heartfelt gratitude for your support of the patients and families we’re proud to serve.



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Your Gifts – From The Heart, For The Heart

Gifts that heal hearts and change lives

“The Borgess Heart Institute didn’t just save my life,” said Chris Denick of Richland. “They helped me change my life.”

Your contribution makes an impact by helping our healers heal patients like Chris. When you or your friends and family come to Borgess, they have access to our compassionate providers and leading-edge treatments.

Chris doesn’t remember what happened after he felt dizzy while playing golf. What happened was a heart attack.

Not long after his heart surgery, Chris participated in the Borgess Cardiac Rehab program. Over the weeks, eventually, he walked and then jogged. Thanks to the surgery and follow-up care he received, Chris embraced a brand new lifestyle that included regular exercise and a healthier diet.

Today, Chris has completed six half marathons. He’s enthusiastic about his new way of life and grateful for the care he has received. “I always say it’s been my family, and my family at Borgess,” he said. “The experience they provide transcends the typical patient-provider relationship.”

With your help, cardiac patients at Borgess, or perhaps someone you know, are getting back to what matters most – their life.

Taking Your Heart Health to Heart

Thanks to you, Borgess has already invested in the newest technology to become the region’s leader in minimally invasive procedures. At the Borgess Heart Institute, more than 15,000 patients every year are treated, with many going home the next day and recovering twice as fast.

When it comes to the health of hearts, Borgess



Chris Denick with Kate Tillotson, WWMT, at 2013 Borgess Golf for Health

is the place that simply does more.

“I may be biased, but I can’t say enough good things about Borgess. It’s such a worthy organization to support,” Chris said. “Words can’t begin to describe the people there, all the cardiac team members who cared for me. I shouldn’t even be here, but they never gave up.”

Never giving up is just the beginning.

Backing the Next Generation of Heart Care

Your gift, along with many others, recently helped purchase the CryoCath System. The goal was to raise \$25,000 for new equipment; thanks to all, more than \$33,000 was raised.

The CryoCath provides a more effective way to address arrhythmias so the heart can function in perfect harmony for many patients. This latest technology will bring quicker healing times for you and your family, when you need it.

Be the reason that the next generation of heart care is here for you, your loved ones and cardiac patients like Chris Denick.

Consider backing the next heart care technology investment with a gift to the Borgess Heart Institute.

To learn more, call (269) 226.8100 or visit foundation.borgess.com.

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That's Where Caring is a Gift Passed On

Your opportunity to say 'thanks'

The Borgess Caring Hearts & Hands program encourages grateful patients and their loved ones to recognize any physician, employee or volunteer who has made a memorable impact on their stay at Borgess.

Since the program's inception, more than 660 doctors, nurses and Borgess associates have been honored. These tributes often include kind thoughts and words of gratitude from patients and their families.

Heartfelt Words for Cindy Ransom

Cindy Ransom, a nurse with Reverence Home Health & Hospice, made a big difference in the life of Tim Dotson. Tim was diagnosed with the fatal condition ALS (commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease"). According to Tim's wife, Barb, Cindy was one of the bright spots in her husband's week.

"She made him smile and she made him laugh. She did the little extra things, such as a foot massage with lotion, that are so important for ALS patients," Barb wrote in her letter and donation to Caring Hearts & Hands.

Beyond her personal touches, Cindy also delivered attentive and compassionate medical care that made Tim's final days more comfortable. "She was with us at the end when Tim passed away. We cried for our loss, and then we cried because we knew that our weekly contact with Cindy was at the end too," Barb continued. "Words seem to fall so short in describing the relationship and how important it was to all of us. If I could give a million dollars, it still would not repay what Cindy provided to my husband and our family."

Congratulations again to Cindy Ransom for her Caring Hearts & Hands honor, and most of all, for her exceptional caregiving.



Heather Raymer, RN, and Calley Nivens Green, RN, were recognized last June

Set Your Gift of Caring in Motion

Remember, when you make a gift through Caring Hearts & Hands, your honoree receives a card and lapel pin during a special ceremony. Your generosity and thoughtfulness lift the spirits of our caregivers. To set your gift of caring in motion, contact us at **(269) 226.8100** or visit foundation.borgess.com.

That's Where Your Legacy Endures

You, too, can create a legacy that helps ensure the health of southwest Michigan. Your gifts — large or small — help to carry out the charitable mission of Borgess, as well as provide advanced care for future generations.

With gifts from you and other donors, Borgess has built a world-class healing environment for the whole person, the whole family and the whole community.

Giving is easy. For more information on estate planning, please contact Tony McDonnell at **(269) 226.8100** or tonymcdonnell@borgess.com.

Because of You, Love Shines On

Borgess Tree of Love donors provide more services than ever

Since 1986 thousands of low-income women without insurance in southwest Michigan have received access to lifesaving mammograms and diagnostic mammography services free of charge, thanks to your generosity and the generosity of others.

"Every donation matters. Your gift provides a mammogram to an area woman — a relative, a friend, a neighbor — who can't afford one, and that could save her life," said Tony McDonnell, Chief Development Officer, Borgess Foundation.

The 2013 campaign raised more than \$65,930. Tree lighting ceremonies at Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital and Borgess Medical Center, and the campaign were sponsored by the following individuals and businesses:

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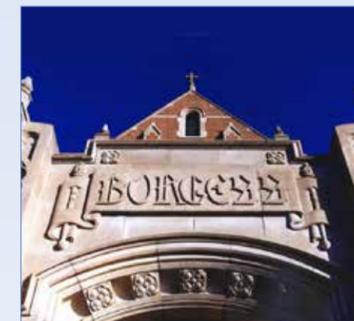
Judy Saylor and her daughter, Pam Grosvenor, RN, Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital, next to the Borgess Tree of Love in Dowagiac

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More Rewarding Accomplishments



As associates, physicians, board members and donors, we have all dedicated ourselves to connecting with those we serve to foster an environment for better healing. Together, our spirit of collaboration has enabled Borgess to continually receive many rewarding accomplishments:

- Borgess Medical Center and Borgess-Pipp Hospital are among the top 5 percent of U.S. hospitals, according to Healthgrades' 2014 "260 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™." Borgess Medical Center and Borgess-Pipp Hospital were the only southwest Michigan hospitals to receive this award.

- Borgess Medical Center became the first hospital in the world to receive the "Center for Advanced Recovery" in joint replacement designation from Stryker Corporation. This honor pays tribute to the Borgess Bone & Joint Institute for delivering high-quality orthopedic care.

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- Borgess Medical Center earned Cycle IV Chest Pain Center Accreditation with Percutaneous Coronary Intervention from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care. Borgess is the only southwest Michigan hospital to achieve Cycle IV accreditation.
- For more on our recent accolades, visit Borgess.com.



with a brief program and dinner. This year, proceeds from the event will support the Borgess Birthing Center.

In 2013, more than \$38,000 was raised from our generous sponsors and golfers. Your \$200 fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, golf clinics with area pros, lunch, beverages, dinner and more. Sponsorships range from \$300 to \$10,000. This event is limited to 28 foursomes, so reserve your spot today. To register, call **(269) 226.8100**.

Tee Up at 23rd-Annual Borgess Golf for Health

Your support will benefit the Borgess Birthing Center

You won't want to miss the 23rd-Annual Borgess Golf for Health, which will be held Monday, July 21, 2014, at Gull Lake Country Club. Individual and team registrants are welcome. The event begins with a shotgun start at noon, and concludes



First place team: Eric Nelson; Michael Hardiman, MD; James Babel, MD; and Albert Little



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