2019 Annual Giving Report

2019 Heart of Giving Recipients
John Rowsey   Melody Barnes   Paul Myers
COVID-19 UPDATE

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically impacted our community, and at the Samaritan Hospital Foundation we are glad we have been able to increase our annual grant funding for 2020 by $600,000, allowing us to provide UH Samaritan Medical Center with an emergency $500,000 COVID-19 grant to help in this time of need. This also allowed us to issue a $100,000 COVID-19 grant to support every EMS squad in the county, along with grants to law enforcement, including the Ashland Police Department, the Ashland County Sheriff’s Office and the Ashland County Police Department. Many other agencies in our community that are providing much-needed services during this crisis also received grants.

Paul Myers - Chair, Samaritan Hospital Foundation

On the cover, you’ll notice that one of the individuals honored this year is our Board Chair, Paul Myers (pictured above). It has been my pleasure to know Paul since 1972, and in 1995, I asked him to consider joining our Board with the mission of improving our Foundation, especially as it related to our invested assets. Later in this brochure, you’ll see a sampling of the many health and wellness initiatives we have been able to accomplish for our community under Paul’s leadership, including support of health and wellness at UH Samaritan Medical Center and many other vital charities in our community. The far-reaching impact of SHF is shown by the number of Ashland County charitable organizations that have been impacted by the Foundation and are represented in the group picture with Paul on page 5 of this report. Mission accomplished, Paul!

Richard Beal, CFP® - President, Samaritan Hospital Foundation

2019 Grant Funding Exceeds $2.16 Million

During 2019 the Samaritan Hospital Foundation distributed over $1.8 million in grants to UH Samaritan Medical Center and over $320,000 in grants to other agencies in our community that help improve the health and wellness of our Ashland County communities. The following pages highlight a few of the many grants that were distributed. We appreciate your support going forward to continue with our mission of improving health and wellness in Ashland County.
To All UH Samaritan Medical Center Employees

Thank You – Thank You – Thank You

Shown below is just a few of the many employees that are helping keep us well during this unprecedented time in serving the healthcare needs of our community. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all UH SMC employees for their efforts.
ASHLAND COUNTY 211 CALL SYSTEM RETURNING
(Don’t know who to call during COVID-19 crisis, call 211)

Samaritan Hospital Foundation is providing a three-year grant to Associated Charities, one of the region's most trusted nonprofit organizations, to bring 211 services back to Ashland County. It is expected that First Call 2-1-1 Ashland will be operational by May 1, 2020.

211 is a special phone number reserved specifically in the U.S. in 2000 by the FCC to provide community information and referrals to health, human services and social services organizations. Easy to remember, and universally recognized, it works similar to 911 in that calls are routed by local phone companies to a local or regional call center, but focuses on non-emergency essential community information. The call center for Ashland County is located in Mansfield, Ohio, and will take calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 211 is a free and confidential service. Active 211 systems currently cover portions of all 50 states.

First Call 2-1-1 Ashland call center referral specialists are highly trained and nationally certified to guide callers through the complex health and human services network, and will provide individuals and families with information and referrals for everyday needs including food, clothing, shelter, counseling, health resources, employment, transportation, veterans services, community meals and much more. First Call 2-1-1 Ashland specialists will also work with the Emergency Management Team in Ashland County during a disaster to offer support and timely dissemination of information.
Lifelong service was the common thread of this year’s Samaritan Hospital Foundation annual Heart of Giving Dinner

On October 3, a crowd of nearly 200 gathered for Samaritan Hospital Foundation’s (SHF) annual Heart of Giving Dinner, including representatives from a number of Ashland County SHF-sponsored charitable organizations. The evening is dedicated to thanking individuals in our community who give generously of their time, talent, treasure and service to help others.

The event began with a series of videos highlighting how SHF grants are positively impacting the health and wellness of individuals in Ashland County.

A few highlights are included in more detail in this brochure.

During the Heart of Giving Awards portion of the event, SHF recognized three individuals in our community for their compassion and faithful service to make a difference in the lives of others:

**Melody Barnes** was honored for her lifelong service caring for individuals with special needs and giving back to the community with her many talents. She has been a very active member of the Knox County community and has continued her volunteerism in Ashland County. Her lifetime of serving the communities in which she lives includes 35 years as a hospice volunteer helping those who are in the final chapter of life; leadership roles for the American Red Cross and extensive training in disaster response with the CDC and Medical Reserve Corps for local, state, and federal disaster response; the Lions Club, holding local and district positions; and the National Exchange Club, where she organized a Healing Field display of American flags to honor those who have served in the armed forces, and chairing many projects serving the youth, the elderly, and those in need.
John Rowsey was honored for a lifetime of giving back of his time and talents both overseas and back home in Ashland. He served for many years in the mission field as a sound technician producing radio Bible programs in Argentina and quietly supporting local businesses and non-profit organizations in Ashland such as United Way, Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce through his computer business, InfoPro. Over the years, he has faithfully volunteered at his church, Garber Brethren Church, teaching Sunday school, running the sound system, tracking the finances, driving people to church and maintaining the building, and currently serves as the Parkinson’s Support Group leader in spite of his own battle with the disease.

SHF also recognized Paul Myers, SHF Chairperson, and the significant impact he has had on SHF’s ability to support countless charitable organizations in our community. According to SHF President, Richard Beal, “In 2002, under Paul’s leadership, we set a goal to increase the Foundation assets to $50 million over a 15-year period, and then to fund healthcare needs in Ashland County at 4% per year of the Foundation’s invested assets going forward. This goal was reached in 2015, several years earlier than expected. In just the last four years since then, while Paul has served as Chairperson of SHF, we have distributed more than $8 million dollars for the health and wellness of our community. And by 2025 that total will increase to more than $20 million! Without Paul’s leadership and service on the Board, that would never have happened.” During Paul’s tribute, one by one local charitable organizations were asked to stand to show the magnitude of his contributions and the many lives that are being helped by his service.
The far-reaching impact Samaritan Hospital Foundation funds has made on the health and wellness of Ashland County was felt through the number of SHF-sponsored Ashland County charitable organizations represented at the annual Heart of Giving Dinner, including:

(Back row, left to right) Chief Deputy Carl Richert, Ashland County Sherriff’s Department; Dr. Roger Snyder, Ashland Christian Health Center; Chief Rick Anderson, Ashland Fire Department; Cheryl Benway, Ashland Christian Health Center; Todd Harford, President – University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center; JoAnn Weber, Ashland County Special Olympics; Christina Teevan, Ashland Special Needs Ministry; Doug Marrah, Ashland City Schools

(Middle row, left to right) Paul Myers, Chair – Samaritan Hospital Foundation; Sherriff Wayne Risner, Ashland County Sherriff’s Department; Barb Wilson, Ashland County Cancer Association; Angela Woodward, Ashland County Cancer Association; Chief David Marcelli, Ashland Police Department; Melanie Miller, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center; Rebecca Jentes, SafeHaven Domestic Violence; Dave Ashley, Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities

(Front row, left to right) Margaret Halter, Ashland County Special Olympics; Chris Box, Associated Charities; Molly Riley, Ashland YMCA; Robert DeSanto, Ashland County Parks; Sherry Bouquet, Fostering Family Ministries
Funds raised by our community through the SHF Charity Golf Classic matched by SHF funds went toward **Ashland County Special Olympics**, which are 100% community supported, to help fund programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. JoAnne Weber, Director of Ashland County Special Olympics, shared, “Since 2015, the number of local athletes participating in Special Olympics has grown from approximately 50 to more than 130. Through the power of sports, people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success. Our athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment — on the playing field and in life. They also inspire people in their communities and elsewhere to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential.”
To become a Special Olympics Ohio athlete, connect with our local program at special.olympics@daleroy.org.

(Pictured from left to right) Special Olympics athletes: Corey Simon, JoAnne Weber - Director of Ashland County Special Olympics, Donnie Thomas, Keely Loy, Logan Zehner, Doug Shenberger, and Jordan Brown; Todd Harford - President of University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center
SHF GRANTS ASHLAND YMCA FUNDS TO PURCHASE A BOUNCE HOUSE AND AN OBSTACLE COURSE

SHF granted the Ashland YMCA $10,000 to purchase equipment and supplies for the After School and Summer Camp Programs, including a bounce house and obstacle course, and to replace security cameras.

According to Molly Riley, Executive Director of the Ashland YMCA, “The bounce house and obstacle course will enhance special program activities that we host and are nice additions to upcoming programs. The obstacle course comes in three sections and can be used for all ages, and the equipment can be used for events both in the gymnasium and outdoors.”

The Ashland Family YMCA has been strengthening our community for over 114 years. The YMCA strives to be an organization that improves the quality of life for all who enter the facility and do this while focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.
Rape Crisis & Domestic Violence Safe Haven supports survivors in Ashland County by providing safe shelter to victims and their children as well as domestic violence, stalking, and rape crisis support and advocacy 24/7, 365 days a year. The Foundation granted $10,000 for the renovation of Safe Haven’s bathroom and for the purchase of washers and dryers so clients can wash their clothes within the safe walls of the shelter.

COVID-19 Update: Rebecca Jentes, Program Director, stated, “Safe Haven has implemented protocol changes to protect families and employees during the COVID-19 outbreak. Staff and residents are monitored twice daily with temperature checks to keep a baseline for any potential symptoms and residents have been asked to limit their coming and going in the shelter. Any symptomatic residents will be isolated in a hotel until they are symptom free for 72 hours and staff with symptoms are asked to remain home. All staff and residents are required to wear masks during any contact and in communal areas and the staff has stepped up cleaning and sanitizing of the facility.”

“Research has shown domestic violence rises during any major crisis or natural disaster. Safe Haven is in need of continued support as they offer supportive and shelter services to victims”.
New London Urgent Care opened in June 2019 thanks to charitable contributions and was the result of a partnership between SHF and Bob and Jan Archer and Kent Watersports. The 1,700 square-foot building with room for expansion serves the New London community with walk-in services for allergies, bee stings and insect bites, coughs, colds and sore throats, cut and laceration care including stitches, ear infections, fever and flu-like symptoms, head lice treatment, minor burns and rashes, pink eye, poison ivy, sinus infections, skin irritations and scabies, sports injuries, sprains, strains and deep bruises, STD checks, TB testing, urinary tract infections and work-related injuries. Todd Harford, President – University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center, explained, “Patient access to healthcare services and providers is of utmost importance to UH and the New London healthcare site, thanks to these generous donors, allows UH Samaritan to meet needs in an underserved area.”

(Pictured from left to right) Todd Harford - President, UHSMC, Dr. Dale Thomae - SHF Board Member, Jan Archer, Bob Archer, Dr. Phil Myers - SHF Board Member, and Richard Beal - President SHF
ASHLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES RECEIVE LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

SHF/University Hospital Samaritan Medical Center (UH Samaritan) equipped every law enforcement vehicle from the Ashland County Sheriff’s Department and the Ashland City Police Department with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and Stop the Bleed kits to help save lives in our community and among our law enforcement on duty. Sheriff Wayne Risner stressed, “I can’t tell you how important it is for us to be able to provide aid and comfort for people in our community and even save lives using this equipment.” And Chief of Police, Wayne Risner stated, “Having the Stop the Bleed kits in each cruiser is invaluable, and AEDs for someone suffering from a heart attack could possibly save a life.”

Pictured from left to right: Officer Jeremy Jarvis, Sergeant Brian Kunzen, Officer Brad Scar, Wendy Holmes UHSMC, Officer Adam Wolbert, Officer Tim Atchison, Deputy Dan Saylor, and Richard Beal, President SHF

The newly formed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) also received Stop the Bleed Kits for their 20-member team to include in back packs used in the event of a community emergency. Mark Rafeld, Director of Ashland County Emergency Management added, “Thanks to the Foundation, we are able to equip all of our members with potentially life-saving Stop the Bleed kits when they go out in the field.”
Local Fire Departments Receive Life-Saving Defibrillators Through SHF Funds

Savannah, Perrysville, and Mifflin Fire Departments received LIFEPACK 15 monitors/defibrillators as part of an ongoing effort University Hospital Samaritan Medical Center and SHF are making to provide local EMS agencies with life-saving equipment. The modern equipment will assist EMS responders with diagnosing and treating patients suffering a heart-related condition. The LIFEPACK 15 monitor/defibrillator wirelessly transmits ECG data to the hospital, allowing them to prepare for the incoming patient.

Mifflin Township Fire Station

Perrysville Fire Department

Savannah Volunteer Fire Department
TELEHEALTH SYSTEM BRINGS UH PHYSICIAN EXPERTS TO ASHLAND VIA HIGH-END VIDEOCONFERENCE

Community support through the annual SHF Charity Golf Classic and a matching grant from SHF made a $21,500 grant possible to fund TeleHealth for the hospital. According to UHSMC President, Todd Harford, “We had a need for pulmonary services at Samaritan. Through this grant, we now have access to physician experts within the UH network to conduct assessments of patients using high-end videoconferencing through TeleHealth.” The new system allows patients the convenience of staying in Ashland, while still being seen by a UH physician expert. The TeleHealth Technician uses a stethoscope to allow the physician to hear the patient’s heart and lungs, as well as a closeup camera to examine the patient’s mouth, neck and swelling in the lower extremities.
NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE HOSPITAL

The Value of Osmolality Testing

SHF funds were used to purchase osmolality testing equipment for the hospital. Osmolality testing is a quick and effective way to help evaluate the body’s water balance and ability to produce and concentrate urine, to investigate low sodium levels, detect the presence of toxins in the body, and to monitor osmotically active drug therapies such as mannitol, which is used to treat cerebral edema.

TVs for Hospital ER and Patient Rooms

The Foundation purchased 16 LG Healthcare 32" LED TVs and one 28" TV for the Emergency Room, as well as 28 LG Healthcare 43" LED TVs for patient rooms, totaling approximately $24,000. The larger patient room TVs give patients better visibility in the hospital’s newly remodeled, larger rooms to help break up the time patients are in the hospital.
Samaritans Club Donations Matched by Samaritan Hospital Foundation Reach Over $59,000!

On July 18, 2019, members of Samaritan Hospital Foundation’s (SHF) annual giving club, founded more than 15 years ago, continued their legacy of giving as they gathered to vote on where the Club’s annual donations would best assist the hospital in improving patient quality of care.

After hospital managers presented their department’s needs, members voted on equipment items for purchase out of the Club’s nearly $30,000 in dues, which was matched by SHF.

Combined contributions totaling $59,000+ allowed club members to purchase numerous important equipment items, including: an osmometer for the hospital’s Laboratory used to measure the body’s water balance during diagnosis and treatment of patients, an x-ray monitor for the Radiology Department, a decontamination triple basin sink used for sterile processing of eye instrumentation for the hospital, and an ultrasound probe and X-Porte update for the Surgical and Anesthesiology Department to aid in the diagnosis of numerous life-threatening events.

If you would like to become a member of Samaritans Club in Ashland or Loudonville, or for more information on upcoming events, contact Jerry Seiter at SHF at 419-207-7871 or visit our website at www.samaritanhospitalfoundation.org

10+ year Samaritans Club members were recognized at this year’s event.

Pictured front row, left to right: Barb Leddy, Judy Ebert, Mary Gault, Brenda Luttrell, and Cuda Ingmand; back row, left to right: Ann Dunn, David Gray, Debby Gray, Phil Myers, Pat Perez, Pam Mowry, Monta Donelson, and Ken Donelson.