

Foundation Announces Grants 2019



In its eighth year of funding proposals submitted by staff members for their departments, **Passavant Hospital Foundation** announced that 19 projects are being funded, thanks to a partnership among the **Foundation**, the **Auxiliary** and the **Hospital** itself.

The **19 projects** funded range in cost from \$500 to \$60,000 for a total of **\$240,023**.

Every project funded improves patient diagnosis, treatment, comfort and/or safety or significantly improves the working environment for staff.

The Foundation's Mission Support Committee vetted the proposals. **John Borza, DNP, CRNA, Jennifer Hall, RN, Peggy Hayden, RN and Patti Massa**, information technology, represented staff on the selection panel.

Physician representatives included **Karen Barkey, MD, Kenneth Huber, MD, Joann Kim, MD, Frank Kunkel, MD, Andrew Thomas, MD, John Uribe, MD** and **Daniel Sullivan, MD**, who is chair of the Foundation board.

Jean Muth, president, **Beverly Aufman**, past president, and **Jean Eckert**, treasurer, served for the Auxiliary. **Eric Kofmehl, PhD**, and **Karen Morrison** served as community representatives.

Rounding out the committee were **Richard Hamilton** and **Patricia Kutcher**, who serve on the boards of both the Foundation and the Hospital. Mr. Hamilton is chair of the hospital board.

Funded by Passavant Hospital Auxiliary - \$67,933

Patient Transport: Ergonomic wheelchairs for improved accessibility and patient comfort

Rehab Services (PT & OT): Car simulator to facilitate safe car transfer education for patients and their families

3 Main and 5 Main Short Stay: Specialized chairs for mobility and safety of Alzheimer's, dementia and cognitively impaired patients

Rehab Services (PT & OT): Standing frame to help patients obtain proper posture after stroke, spinal cord injury or other neurologic condition

Emergency Department (McCandless): Respite room for staff to promote mental, emotional and physical health

Diagnostic Imaging, 3 Main, MRI (Cranberry): Blanket warmers to enhance patient comfort during testing procedures and inpatient stays

Emergency Department: "TJ's Treasure Chest," a reward/prize initiative to comfort and distract children during difficult emergency treatments

Pastoral Care: Care Notes pamphlets to offer strength, hope and healing for patients and their families

Funded by Passavant Hospital Foundation - \$72,400

Nursing Education, Practice & Research: Audio visual teaching/learning system expansion for WISER Simulation-based training experiences

Nursing Education, Practice & Research: Lifelong Learning Grant funding to provide financial support for continuing nursing education

Information Technology: Cell phone charging stations for waiting rooms

Pharmacy: Community Drug Take Back Program for patients and community members to properly dispose of unwanted medications

Funded by the Hospital - \$99,690

Nursing Education, Practice & Research: WISER Simulation Learning Lab upgrade/expansion (Phase II)

Cardiac Cath Lab, CV Lab: High performance tablet ultrasound system

Passavant Cranberry: Furniture upgrades

Customer Service: Chairs for waiting areas

EEG: Wall art to enhance patient experience