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2025 CORPORATE GIVING GUIDE



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FOUNDATION EVENTS



Samaritan Cash Raffle

Wednesday,
May 14



Charity Open

Monday,
August 18



Caring for You Holiday Luncheon

Saturday,
December 6



Love Lights

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Generations of care ... leaving lasting impressions

"I had recently fallen and went to the ER for an X-ray. The staff was delightful and very professional. I had excellent care. They were very thorough, and the doctor was the best. I felt so cared for. I got the best care by the nurses and all other staff, including registration staff. What a great experience. The team was there for me."

- Local greater Fond du Lac patient

In our nearly 129-year history, our caring and dedicated team - providers, employees, and volunteers - has prided itself on offering personalized and thoughtful health and wellness services to individuals and families.

We hear incredible stories from our patients and their families about how much they appreciate the care they have received - like the story above - or how much they value receiving health care services from people they know. Our patients are often our friends and neighbors, and we are blessed to have employees who serve alongside other family members and have for many years.

We know individuals and their family members appreciate receiving as many health care services locally as possible. That's why we work so hard to ensure that we have the best resources available to offer many high-quality services that it would often be difficult to find in a community our size.

The Agnesian HealthCare Foundation stands in tandem with these efforts providing the financial resources to help enhance services and programs, as well as provide the tools to make this happen. We know these contributions would not be possible without the generosity of both new and ongoing donors. We're very grateful!

Please consider helping us by making a contribution to those programs you feel most passionate about. Your gift stays local!

Sincerely,

Shane Smith
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SAMARITAN CASH



Wednesday, May 14

DRAWING: May 14 • Noon • SSM Health Greater Fond du Lac's Facebook page
Supporting the SSM Health Samaritan Clinic

The Samaritan Cash Raffle has become a community-wide initiative, bringing together more than 30 local businesses and 40 community ambassadors to ensure the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities are met through the SSM Health Samaritan Clinic. A total of \$85,000 in cash prizes are given with the grand prize of \$50,000!

About the SSM Health Samaritan Clinic

The SSM Health Samaritan Clinic serves patients who are underinsured, or who have financial difficulties that may include job loss, divorce, inability to afford medications, or aged out of parent's insurance. Patients come in need of care, which may include physical, vision, dental, or mental health.

The Agnesian HealthCare Foundation provides more than \$100,000 annually to support the SSM Health Samaritan Clinic.

Local Impact

A young woman who was recently left by her husband found herself without income or health insurance as a result. She did not know where to turn for assistance. Through a referral to the SSM Health Samaritan Clinic, she was able to make an appointment to see a provider for a medical concern. The clinic was able to continue to assist her with vouchers for medical visits until she was healthy and back on her feet. In addition, she received the help of a social worker to assist her in obtaining eligibility for insurance and other community resources. She is now working full time and can afford to pay for her own health care services.

She expressed her gratitude for the services the SSM Health Samaritan Clinic provided during her time of need.

SSM Health Samaritan Clinic



Helps an average of more than 500 people annually in Fond du Lac and Dodge counties.



33 YEARS - The Samaritan Clinic was established in 1992.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Presenting Sponsor: \$15,000
- Platinum Sponsor: \$7,500
- Gold Sponsor: \$5,000
- Silver Sponsor: \$2,500
- Bronze Sponsor: \$1,500
- Donation in place of sponsorship

Recognition varies by each sponsorship level.



SAVE THE DATE: **Monday, August 18**

The Charity Open, a premier event bringing together more than 300 esteemed community members and leaders, is a day of golf, raffles, dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment. An impactful program and touching patient testimonial are featured.

Jeff Faris' Legacy

"I felt honored to care for Jeff alongside his impressive hospice team – it was truly a perfect match. We utilized most, if not all, of the services hospice provides. From the nurses to the social workers, to the chaplains and pastoral care, we were supported through every phase of Jeff's care." – Anne Faris, Jeff's wife

Those who knew Jeff knew him for his silly sense of humor, love for telling stories, and a smile that shined through his eyes. He had a hardworking entrepreneurial spirit and was a servant leader within his community. To his family, he was the greatest, most courageous, loving father and husband who devoted his life to his family. In 2016, Jeff began experiencing shortness of breath that was unusual for him. Seeking medical care, Jeff was ultimately diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a disease where the origin cannot be pinpointed, and was given just five years to live. Despite his terminal prognosis, with the love and support of his family, and his faith, he remained positive through it all. He would not give up easily.

Over the next several years, despite the progression of the disease and health setbacks, Jeff would continually set new goals for himself, boxes to check, and "lasts" to embrace.



Faris family

While living longer than the five years he was given, in 2021, he began to decline more quickly. Jeff had called SSM Health at Home Hospice early, with the desire that his family get familiar with it, as with the hospice team with each of them. Throughout his 11-month journey on hospice, Jeff remained home with his family and friends by his side.

On May 12, 2023, after more than seven years of suffering through a courageous journey, with family by his side, he took his final breath and confirmed the truth of life's greatest mystery, peacefully leaving behind his physical body, but not his family - nor his beautiful spirit.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Presenting Sponsor: \$25,000
- Eagle Sponsor: \$7,500
- Club Pro Sponsor: \$500
- Premier Sponsor: \$15,000
- Birdie Sponsor: \$5,000
- Limited sponsorship opportunities available closer to date of event.
- Ace Sponsor: \$10,000
- Par Sponsor: \$2,500

Caring for You at CHRISTMAS

Together we make a difference.



Saturday, December 6

Benefiting the Carol Hyland Caring for You Fund

The Caring for You at Christmas Holiday Luncheon features beautifully designed and uniquely themed tablescapes created by many community volunteers. This event is one-of-a-kind, as no two tables are alike, and each is as individualized as the artist themselves. A small program is presented and a patient who has benefited from the fund is featured.

Jodi's Journey After Loss

"There is no way that we could have made it through this without help. Knowing that people had your back and were willing to give to a cause that they'll never know of the recipient is incredible. They just don't understand how needed, necessary, and wonderful it is that there are people in this community who are willing to donate to those struggling." - Jodi Greenfield

Jodi Greenfield, of Fond du Lac, didn't realize just how notable May 29 of 2024 would be; an already sad but honorable day for her and her family. The day she and her daughter, Abby, lost their husband and father to brain cancer. A true sign that her husband has been watching over her from above, on the seventh anniversary of his passing, Jodi discovered a lump in her breast.

A mother and young widow went from living life in a new normal, after loss, to then being diagnosed with breast cancer. With a positive attitude and strong spirit, Jodi sought treatment through SSM Health Cancer Care in Fond du Lac.



Jodi and Abby Greenfield

Receiving expert care, Jodi quickly began juggling routine appointments, chemotherapy, a lumpectomy, and radiation amidst her cancer journey, requiring the support of her daughter, family, and friends.

While navigating treatment, Jodi found herself worrying about finances and was assisted through the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation and its Carol Hyland Caring for You Fund with gas and grocery cards.

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LOVE LIGHTS

November and December

For more than two decades, Love Lights has been a beloved, community wide fundraiser.

Love Lights are purchased in honor or memory of loved ones to be celebrated or remembered during the holiday season. Following the annual Love Lights Tree Lighting Ceremony in early December, Love Lights remain shining brightly on the beautifully lit evergreen in front of SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital. The names of those honored and remembered are displayed throughout the holiday season.

In past years, Love Lights has supported a number of different Agnesian HealthCare Foundation funds based on need, including SSM Health's Cancer Care, Treffert Center, Samaritan Clinic, Cardiology, Behavioral Health, Caring for You Fund, and Domestic Violence support.

When Minutes Matter

Sudden cardiac arrest is among the leading causes of death in the United States. Currently, the only way to restore a regular rhythm during cardiac arrest is to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

An AED, which can be used by a lay person, "shocks" the heart back into normal rhythm. They are vital medical tools that can save lives, and having access to an AED and knowing how to use one is critical.

Since 2008, the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation has provided more than 260 AEDs to local service organizations, EMS groups, churches, non-profits, and businesses.

Proceeds from the 2024 Love Lights benefited the AED fund. We will continue to take bold steps in making our community a safer place to live and work.



Since 2002, community contributions to Love Lights have raised more than \$529,000.

How to Make an Impact

In addition to our major fundraisers, many other funds and initiatives rely on the support of our community for vital needs. From one-time gifts to recurring gifts, there are many options to show your support.

Planned Giving

When you give a planned gift for the future, you are leaving a legacy – a reflection of your values, priorities, and commitment to support exceptional health care in our community. Consider options like a bequest, life insurance, and other beneficiary designations, trust, appreciated assets, or estate gifts.

Endowments

A gift can be established in the form of a named endowment, with a minimum gift of \$25,000. Your gift will leave a lasting legacy and will benefit your chosen cause in perpetuity.

Matching Gifts

Increase the value of your donation to the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation by applying for a matching gift from your employer.

Recurring Gifts

Consider establishing a monthly, quarterly, or annual recurring gift.

Make a gift supporting what you feel most strongly about. What are you most passionate about supporting?

2024 BY THE NUMBERS

What's raised here, stays here.



Purchased **24 Heartbeat Bears** for patients and families experiencing infant loss. The bears record the heartbeat of the baby prior to passing and provide a forever keepsake for families as they navigate losing a child.



Funded **SSM Health Adult Day Services'** custom pergola on outdoor patio to serve as a wonderful extension of program space.



Funded **Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)** training for SSM Health Behavioral Health clinicians. EMDR training equips mental health professionals to provide more efficient and effective trauma-informed and curative care for patients, allowing the patient to progress more quickly in their treatment.



Annually provides approximately **\$100,000** to support the **SSM Health Samaritan Clinic**.



Provided nearly **\$350,000** to support **hospice patients** who otherwise could not afford the services.



Provided **\$30,000** to purchase new **pharmacy delivery vehicle** in Waupun, providing unique medication delivery service to skilled nursing facilities and homebound patients in greater Fond du Lac communities.



Provided **\$200,000** to purchase new furniture on all **SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital** inpatient units. Patient recliners, visitor seating, and sleeping sofas helping families be more comfortable while supporting their loved one in the hospital.



Supported **183 patients** with more than **\$83,000** in assistance for essentials such as gas, groceries, rent, or utilities through the **Caring for You Fund**.

Overall, in 2024, we provided **\$1,721,810** to support an array of essential programs and quality services tailored to the unique health care needs of our community.