



# LIBERTY

HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

## ANNUAL REPORT | 2021

Improving the quality of health,  
wellness and care in the  
Liberty Hospital community

# SUMMARY OF SUPPORT

## FISCAL YEAR FINANCIALS

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

### Events [GROSS]

Liberty Hospital Half Marathon	\$3,877
Golf Classic	\$75,720
Twilight at the TreeHouse	\$127,173
Kyleigh's Gift Run Walk	\$26,684
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$233,454</b>

### Philanthropy

Individual Gifts	\$241,525
Corporate Giving	\$25,393
Grants	\$8,694
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$275,612</b>

**TOTAL GIVING:**  
**\$509,066**

Events (Liberty Hospital Half Marathon, Golf Classic, Twilight at the TreeHouse & Kyleigh's Gift Run Walk), individuals, corporate giving, and grants contributed to over \$500,000 dollars raised to improve the health and wellness in the Liberty Hospital service area.

**7,133**  
**LIVES CHANGED**

Foundation programs such as the TreeHouse, Patient Assistance, Hughes Family Assistance, Kyleigh's Gift and much more have made a life-changing impact on 7,133 people in our community

## 2020-2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### OFFICERS

Angela Castle - President  
Kari Jo Thomann Bear, CFP - President-Elect  
Daniel Forbes - Treasurer  
Charlie Hughes - Secretary  
Leisha Barry - Past President

### TRUSTEES

Kari Anson  
Troy Dietrich  
Joe Edmondson  
Matt Garrison, DDS  
Ryan Gerstner  
Julie Gilmor  
Stevie Green  
Laurel Haley  
Chris Igoe  
Lynn Jackson  
Susan Olson  
Michael Patton  
Chris Shultz, DDS  
Elizabeth Thorpe-Greenwald  
Lynsey Waldman

### REGIONAL

### ADVISORY

### COUNCIL

Raghu Adiga, MD  
Rachel Caldwell-Mullins  
Gary Cooper, MD  
Brett Daffron  
Mariah Gregg-Fling  
Dru Peregrine  
Jodi Sundaram  
Michael Torno  
Mario Usera  
Thomas Vansaghi, PhD

### HONORARY

### TRUSTEES

Raymond R. Brock, Jr.  
Fran Bussey  
Don Fletcher  
Juarenne Hester  
Janie James  
Mary Ellen Knop  
Gregory E. Lund  
Karen Mathes  
Ron Mullennix  
Irene Thomas  
Ellen Todd

### STAFF

Midori Carpenter  
Emily Morgan  
Aimee Tilley  
Maddison Watkins

# LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I know I am not alone in feeling heartache. COVID-19 has affected our lives in many ways, from minor inconveniences to tragic loss and the emotional spectrum from frustration to fear. Our community is not immune to the ripple effects of the pandemic, as we have seen increased need across the range of our programs – more crises faced by our frontline staff and more complex needs from a growing number of vulnerable patient families.

When facing heartache, I remind myself of a Theodore Roosevelt quote: “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” That gives me hope. I see staff all around Liberty Hospital living those words every day, selflessly and tirelessly. I have hope because I have the honor and privilege of witnessing how donors like you do the same and change lives with your generosity, including these:

- 1,110 guests stayed at the TreeHouse as a caregiver or patient during treatment
- 986 qualified patients provided with life-sustaining medications, therapies, and long-term care support through Patient Assistance
- 557 staff across 21 different departments received resilience training
- 1,688 care packages delivered to Liberty Hospital frontline workers to show appreciation

On behalf of the 7,133 people you reached last year through your gifts of time and treasure, thank you. By doing what you can, with what you have, here in our community, you are furthering our mission of improving health, wellness, and care for all.

With gratitude,



Midori Carpenter



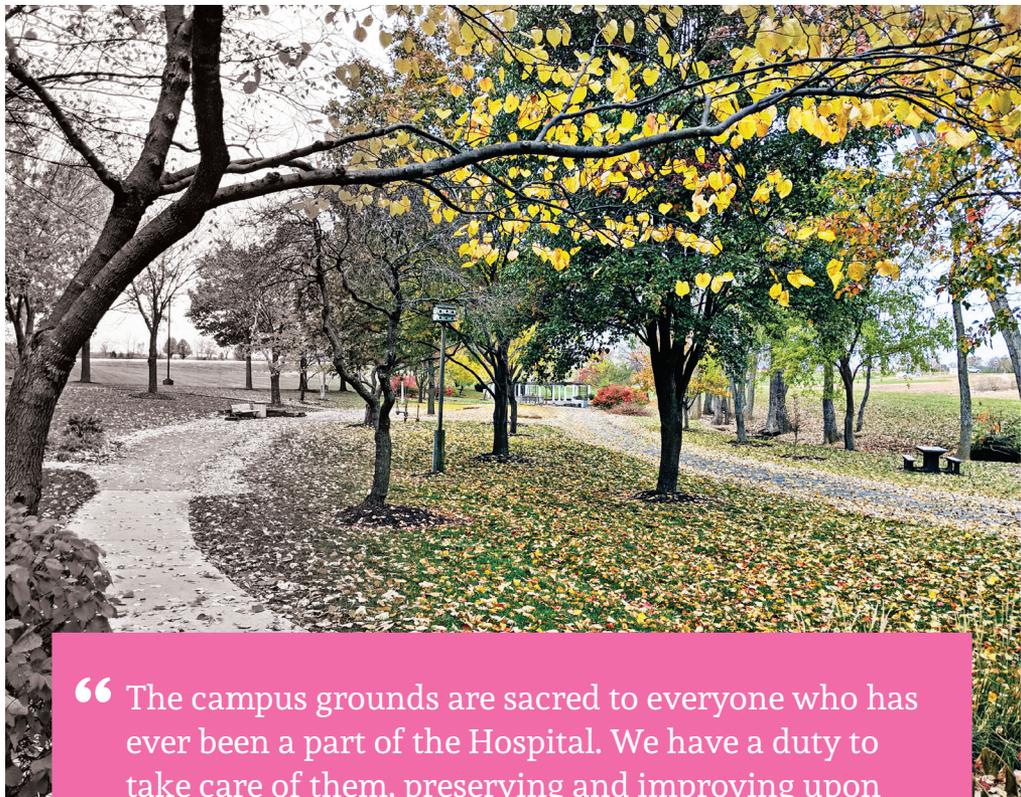
Midori Carpenter  
Executive Director



Frontline worker thank you's celebrating Hospital Week.

“ Do what you can,  
with what you have,  
where you are. ”

— Theodore Roosevelt



“ The campus grounds are sacred to everyone who has ever been a part of the Hospital. We have a duty to take care of them, preserving and improving upon the place that has been home, and still is home, to so many of us. ”

— *Nathan Spencer, Liberty Hospital Grounds Supervisor*

## The Walking Trail at Liberty Hospital

Carole and Conrad were TreeHouse volunteers that passed away in 2020. Family members chose to memorialize Carole and Conrad’s service to the Hospital with a memorial tree planted behind the TreeHouse, on the walking trail.

The Arbor and Walking Trail at Liberty Hospital provide serenity and comfort to our patients and their visitors, as well as staff and volunteers. As you honor the memory of your loved one and celebrate the life of someone dear, gifts helps maintain high standards of comfort and care for our patients.



Conrad & Carole Smith

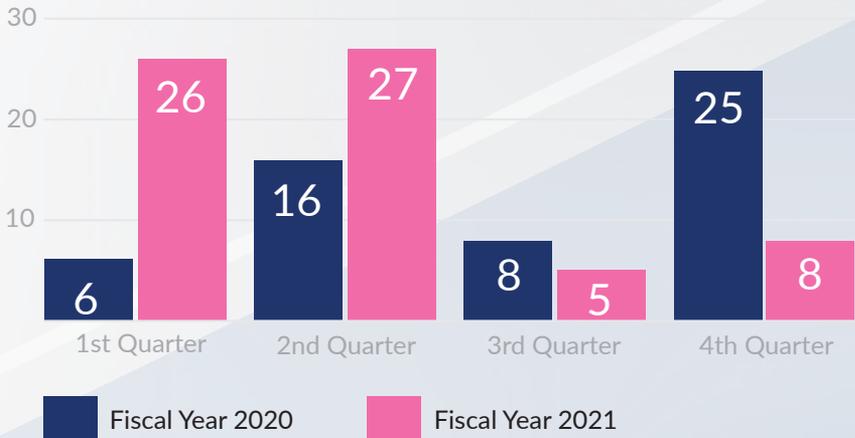
“ The TreeHouse allowed us to stay close to the hospital during treatment. It is hard to put into words how much relief it brought us. It was a relaxing and stress relieving experience, and we couldn't ask for a better place to stay. ”

— Dale & Suzanne, TreeHouse Guests



## TreeHouse

- During the 2021 fiscal year, 1,110 guests utilized the TreeHouse as a “home away from home”



Year Over Year  
Employee  
Crisis  
Requests

## Hughes Family Assistance Fund

In the past year, **66 Hospital employees** in crisis received assistance for basic needs like; rent/mortgage, utilities, medical bills & groceries/food.

# Kyleigh's Gift

Over **1,626** new families received Sleep-Sacks for their newborn baby. Kyleigh's Gift also provided:

- **376** meal vouchers for families with babies in the NICU
- **15** families received bereavement support and utilized our Caring Cradle when facing a full-term loss
- **104** miscarriage care packages were given to women across Liberty Hospital
- **29,100** diapers were distributed to **388** families in need
- **14** families received assistance with necessary items such as car seats, pack-n-plays, breast pumps and formula



Liberty North High School's 'Females Empowered' group helps organize diapers for Kyleigh's Gift.

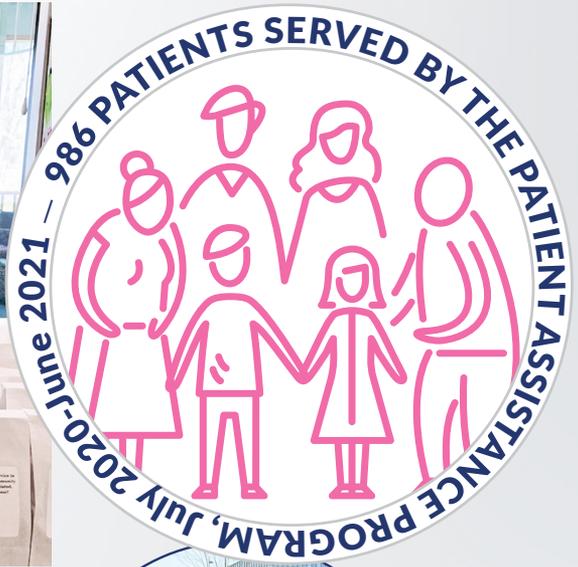
Homemade treats are packed and ready for Frontline workers.



The past 12 months have been challenging, rewarding and a constant exercise in flexibility. COVID-19 continues to change many aspects of how we work and serve our community.

It is your support that has allowed the Foundation to 'roll with the changes'. Foundation programs have made a life-changing impact on over 7,133 people over the past year. Your support made so many things possible. Please take a few moments to read just how your gifts have helped so many in the Liberty Hospital community.

# GIVING BACK



## COVID-19 Relief

- **557** staff across **21** different departments received resilience training and exercises to combat COVID-related job stress
- **1,688** Care Packages have been delivered to our Liberty Hospital frontline workers



We have a volunteer role for everyone!

By listening to the needs of Hospital employees, patients and our community, we have been challenged to adapt and quickly respond to the most urgent needs. Whether it is volunteering for community-wide vaccination clinics (Operation Safe), providing morale-boosting snack-packs or increasing the scope of employee assistance, we have been thankful that we are able to see these needs as opportunities for Foundation staff and volunteers to serve in different and meaningful ways.

## Volunteers

- **115** volunteers provided over **300** hours of service saving the Foundation approximately **\$8,790** in staffing costs



If you would like to volunteer for the Foundation, fill out this online form and let us know.

[libertyhospitalfoundation.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/](https://libertyhospitalfoundation.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/)

“ I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the generosity of the Thomann family. I am honored to have been chosen as a recipient. Continuing my education only increases my ability to serve this community and Hospital. I look forward to making my career at Liberty Hospital, and I appreciate the support in pursuit of my education. ”

— *Lindsay, Thomann Financial Services, Inc., Scholarship Recipient*

## Professional Education

- **146** Hospital Employees received Stocksdale Family Educational Assistance funds toward coursework that leads to a degree or licensure/certification
- **5** Hospital employees received the Thomann Financial Services, Inc. scholarship that supports advanced degrees such as MSN and MBA
- **5** High School Seniors from Park Hill South, William Chrisman, North Platte, Liberty and Smithville High Schools received nursing scholarships
- **1** Hospital Employee received funding to pursue their BSN to RN degree

## Patient Assistance

In the past twelve months, 986 patients in need have received patient assistance:

- **406** patients received transportation to and from appointments
- **35** patients provided with translation services
- **259** patients received assistance with essential medications
- **1** patient received a Cardiac Rehab scholarship
- **224** patients were provided new clothing upon discharge
- **55** uninsured Liberty Public School students received care/medications through Liberty Hospital Urgent Care
- **6** patients received co-pay assistance

If you would like more information on our Grateful Patient program, or to make a gift in honor of a member of our care team, an area of care, or a program that made a difference in your life, please visit our website.

[libertyhospitalfoundation.org/  
gratefulpatient/](https://libertyhospitalfoundation.org/gratefulpatient/)



# GRATEFUL Heart



Jim Carey is no stranger to Liberty Hospital. A life-long Kearney resident and an Auxiliary volunteer, Jim was used to ushering visiting families and patients around Hospital halls. Jim even met his wife, Illa while volunteering and they were wed in the Hospital chapel. To say the Hospital has a special place in his heart, is an understatement.

As a retired USPS employee and a former Ice Cream shop owner, Jim likes to be busy. He enjoys his weekly workouts with his Trainer, spending time outdoors, jigsaw puzzles and even saving a stray cat or two. As far as Jim was concerned he was healthy and happy, so you can imagine his surprise when his next visit to the Hospital wasn't to help others, it was to receive help for himself.

The early symptoms were mild. A little fatigue, some shortness of breath – was he working out too much? But it was summer and he was working outside so he didn't think much of it.

After some encouragement from his wife, Illa, Jim made an appointment with Dr. Dwarak Soundarraj. A blood pressure check, stress test, unexpected cardiac arrest and acute respiratory failure made it clear that that Jim needed a triple-heart bypass and soon. Jim spent three long days in the ICU, followed by 12 weeks of Cardiac rehabilitation. "I can't say enough about the staff at Liberty Hospital. My ICU nurses would visit me when I was in rehab. Dr. Dwarak Soundarraj and Dr. Michael Gibson, literally saved my life. I would not be here without them."

Soon Jim was back to his pre-heart attack activities – including mowing all three acres of his property. Thankful for the incredible care received, Jim and Illa quickly decided to make a charitable donation in honor of their medical staff. "We knew we wanted to make a difference for the doctors and the nurses who cared for Jim, and for all the families served by the Liberty Hospital."

Through Liberty Hospital Foundation, the Carey family's gift will impact many patients and families in the future with Foundation programs such as Patient Assistance, the TreeHouse, Kyleigh's Gift and financial support to Liberty Hospital employees who are experiencing times of crisis.

Today Jim is a healthy and thriving. The memory of his care at Liberty Hospital is still fresh in his mind and close to his heart. "The kindness of each and every person at the Liberty Hospital still amazes me."

# 24% OF EMPLOYEES MADE GIFTS TO LIBERTY HOSPITAL THIS YEAR!

Liberty Hospital employees give back to the hospital and the community all year long. Through the Employee Giving Campaign, employees give through recurring payroll deductions, one-time gifts and PTO hours. Employees support events such as our Kyleigh's Gift 5K Walk/ Run, our annual Golf Classic, and Twilight at the Tree-House, and they help us fundraise during our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Our employees make a difference everyday with the work that they do, and also as wonderful supporters of important programs at Liberty Hospital Foundation!



Liberty Hospital employees raise some funds and strike a pose at our Super Bowl raffle.



## Physician Giving Society IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

We recently established our Physician Giving Society, a pathway for physicians who wish to improve the health, wellness and care of our community through philanthropy by supporting the Liberty Hospital Foundation.

The society of active and retired physicians continues the tradition of healthcare excellence in the Liberty Hospital service area by providing funds for various Foundation programs. Thank you to the following physicians who are charter members:

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dr. Justin Albani  | Dr. James Magera  |
| Dr. Heather Doss   | Dr. James Olson   |
| Dr. Rebecca Fisher | Dr. John Owen     |
| Dr. Michael Green  | Dr. Sheila Owens  |
| Dr. Adam Harrold   | Dr. Jamie Rigden  |
| Dr. Ryan Huyser    | Dr. David Whitmer |
|                    | Dr. Dale Wytock   |

For more information, please visit the Liberty Hospital Foundation website.



[libertyhospitalfoundation.org/  
physician-giving-society](https://libertyhospitalfoundation.org/physician-giving-society)

# RESILIENCE

## After Loss

Rashelle and Clint's love story sounds like a song on the radio. They grew up in a small town. Graduation took them both on different paths and adventures, but after bumping into each other back home, they reconnected and fell in love. Rashelle and Clint began to make a new life together. A home to experience all the 'firsts' a young couple looks forward to; first jobs, first home, first baby."

When Rashelle and Clint found out they were expecting they were over the moon to be growing their family. Rashelle's pregnancy was normal, perfect even. The weeks were getting closer to baby's due date and everything – the nursery, car seat, baby-proofing the house – it was ready and prepped for baby.

When the soon-to-be parents arrived at Liberty Hospital Birthing Center, they had no idea how their story would change. After a normal pregnancy and several hours of labor, their son, Henry was born sleeping. It was an outcome no one can prepare you for, and was a complete shock to the Kornemans and their family.

When a full-term loss occurs at Liberty Hospital, families are given the opportunity to use a Caring Cradle. The Caring Cradle, provided by Kyleigh's Gift, gives grieving families precious time they will never have again with their child. Time that would otherwise not be possible.



Faye Korneman with Henry's button

“Kyleigh's Gift provided us the most precious gift we could've asked for during the most horrific time in our lives. That gift was time.



Rashelle Korneman and newborn baby Faye.

“Everyone wanted to be around us.  
We didn’t want to do any of that.  
We needed space on our own, space to feel  
what we needed to feel.”



Faye Korneman



Learn more about how Kyleigh's Gift has touched thousands of lives through initiatives focused on infant wellness and parental support

[libertyhospitalfoundation.org/  
our-programs/kyleighs-gift/](https://libertyhospitalfoundation.org/our-programs/kyleighs-gift/)

The Caring Cradle gave us time to hold, kiss, snuggle and even spend the night with our boy right by our sides. We will forever be grateful for that!”

The weeks and months after losing baby Henry were painful. Family gatherings were avoided. Rashelle closed her social media accounts. The young couple was on autopilot, just trying to make it through each day.

It took a long time, but gradually Clint and Rashelle began to see family and friends again. They knew about the Foundation and Kyleigh's Gift through their experience with the Caring Cradle and they wanted to be sure the Caring Cradle would always be there for families in need, like it was for them with baby Henry.

The Korneman family now gathers each October with hundreds of other families and community members to support Kyleigh's Gift. In 2020, Team Henry walked virtually, and this year, Team Henry will have one more very special team member, baby sister, Faye.

# GET INVOLVED

## DONATE FINANCIALLY

When you give to the Foundation, you will provide resources for programs like Patient Assistance, the TreeHouse, scholarships and much more. Your gifts give patients and community members the opportunity to live a healthy lifestyle.



**libertyhospitalfoundation.org/  
waystogive**

Send us an email: **foundation@libertyhospital.org**

and let us know how you'd like to help the Northland's hometown Hospital.

## *Leave a legacy*

Your estate gift can change the lives of generations to come.

Securities and mutual funds that have increased in value and been held for more than one year are one of the most popular assets to use when making a gift to Liberty Hospital Foundation.

When you donate stock, you'll not only make a huge impact, but you'll avoid paying costly capital gains tax as well. Our trained staff is ready to help you through this process.

## *Wish list*

From TreeHouse personal hygiene items to snacks for frontline staff, there are many ways you can support the Foundation. Please visit our Amazon wish list that is updated regularly to help with our current greatest need.



**Liberty Hospital Foundation  
Amazon Wishlist**

“ If we truly care to – as the old adage goes – leave the world a little better than we found it, it would be difficult to find a better place than Liberty Hospital Foundation to direct your support, where they help heal and take care of our Community through their many programs and resources. ”

— Susie, Longtime Foundation friend & Gifts of Securities Donor



[libertyhospitalfoundation.org/  
events](http://libertyhospitalfoundation.org/events)

## You're Invited

Join us for several opportunities throughout the year to give back and have fun! Please mark your calendar for the annual events listed below.

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**Golf Classic**

**OCTOBER 9**  
**Kyleigh's Gift Run & Candlelight**

**MARCH 26**  
**Liberty Hospital Half Marathon & Jewell5K**

**JUNE 10**  
**Twilight at the TreeHouse**



# LIBERTY

HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

