

# Door County CARES



DOOR COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER  
FOUNDATION NEWS



Ensuring our  
community's access to

**EXCEPTIONAL HEALTHCARE,**  
now and in the future.

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## Hopeful Highlights

The past year was full of highs and lows, but even in the darkest times, the sun always rises. Our donors have shown up in ways we never thought possible. Here are some highlights of what has been accomplished:

**\$430,000**

**\$430,000** was raised to support our COVID Relief Campaign

**\$250,000**

**\$250,000** was raised for the Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic

**\$150,000**

The 24th Annual Golf Marathon raised a record-breaking **\$150,000** for the Pete and Jelaine Horton Skilled Nursing Facility

**\$30,000**

Over **\$30,000** was raised for the Auxiliary Health Care Scholarship Fund

# COVID-19 Relief Progress

COVID-19 became a reality in March 2020. Since that time, much has changed. We knew help would be needed, but the uncertainty around exactly how much help was overwhelming. Our community of donors stepped in and made it possible for Door County Medical Center to serve, care for and protect this community at a world-class level.

Since last March, \$430,000 has been raised to support Door County Medical Center's efforts to fight against COVID-19. Funds were used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff; equipment like ventilators, testing analyzers and vaccine storage refrigerators; set up four extra ICU rooms; and renovate the testing site.

"WITHOUT THE FUNDING PROVIDED THROUGH THE DOOR COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION, THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE COULD HAVE HAD FAR MORE DEVASTATING EFFECTS. BECAUSE OF FUNDING THAT WAS PROVIDED, WE OUT PERFORMED MANY OTHER WISCONSIN COUNTIES IN MANAGING CAPACITY, EFFICIENT TESTING AND NOW, EFFICIENT VACCINATION. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS CHANGED THE OUTCOME OF THE PANDEMIC IN DOOR COUNTY AND WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL."

- Dr. James Heise, Door County Medical Center Chief Medical Officer

Without this funding Door County Medical Center would have been another overwhelmed rural medical center. Instead, during periods of the highest COVID-19 case counts in Door County, DCMC reached capacity, but never went over. Lives were saved and people were protected.

Now, Door County is one of the counties in the state with the highest vaccination rate. While we mourn the lives lost and affected by COVID-19, we know that we have done and continue to do everything in our power to combat this disease and our donors made it possible.

*Dr. James Heise receiving his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.*



## Bright Smiles - Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic

The Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic provides dental care to over 5,000 underprivileged members of our community every year - 5,000 people in Door and Kewaunee Counties who otherwise would not receive much needed dental care.

In this past year, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic that has challenged so many organizations and individuals, the team at the DCMC Dental Clinic has rolled up their sleeves and made many sacrifices to ensure that this underserved population could continue to be treated safely.

In order to continue to serve, we set a goal of \$250,000 to cover the deficits Medicaid reimbursements do not, and keep our clinic running to ensure everyone receives the basic dental care they deserve in an environment that is safe.

We are happy to report that we met our goal through grant writing, the Annual Appeal, and the Annual Tooth Fairy Fundraiser. While we still have a way to go, we are optimistic that the Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic will be putting smiles on faces for years to come.

*Andrew Anderson of Door County Medical Center Rehabilitation dressed as a tooth fairy to collect donations for the Dental Clinic. Over \$3,000 was raised from the Tooth Fairy Fundraiser.*



# Bright Futures - Auxiliary Health Care Scholarship Fund

The Door County Medical Center Auxiliary is an invaluable contributor to the success of the Door County Medical Center Foundation through fundraising and volunteer work. One of the largest events of the year, The Angel Ball, raises funds to support a very important initiative: The Auxiliary Health Care Scholarship Fund.

The Auxiliary Health Care Scholarship Fund helps further the education of our community's next generation of healthcare workers and heroes. Scholarships are awarded to selected local high school students planning to pursue healthcare careers and prior graduates who are continuing their healthcare education.

The Auxiliary Angel Ball is typically held in December and is the main fundraiser for the Healthcare Scholarship Program.

When the Angel Ball was cancelled late last year due to COVID-19, the committee had to get creative. They came up with other donation ideas to ensure at least some healthcare scholarships were available to award in 2021. Initiatives included an appeal letter and the Door Way Gift Shop ornament sale.

Thanks to the generosity of our Auxiliary members, DCMC employees, and our wonderfully generous community, over \$30,000 was raised. The awards committee will be able to award almost as many scholarships as in 2020.

"THE GENEROSITY OF THE DONORS TO THE DOOR COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY HELPED ME ATTEND MARQUETTE TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT. I HAVE BEEN PRACTICING SINCE 2011 AND I CAN'T IMAGINE A CAREER MORE FULFILLING THAN ONE TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS."

*Mollie Petersen, PA, one of the newest additions to the DCMC surgical team.*



THE DOOR COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY  
LOGGED OVER **11,000** VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2020.

## On the Horizon

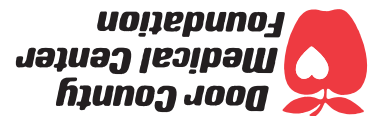
Watch for information on these upcoming events (held with appropriate COVID-19 precautions in place) and giving opportunities.

- **14th Annual Queen for a Day Golf Outing** – Monday, June 28th at Idlewild Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the David Spude Cancer Center Endowment Fund and Door CANcer, Inc.
- **60th Auxiliary House and Garden Walk** – Tuesday, July 27th Proceeds benefit the Pete and Jelaine Horton Skilled Nursing Facility.
- **25th Annual Golf Marathon** – Wednesday, September 1st at the Orchards Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the Pete and Jelaine Horton Skilled Nursing Facility.
- **Coming this Summer:** An endowment campaign with a goal to raise \$500,000 in support of our mission - to ensure our community's access to state-of-the-art, outstanding healthcare.



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Founded in 1990, the Door County Medical Center Foundation ensures our community's access to state-of-the-art, outstanding healthcare by developing and managing giving opportunities. Since its inception, the foundation has raised over **\$30 million**, funding continual updates to the facilities at Door County Medical Center and providing services to those most in need.

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