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Ensuring our
community's access to

EXCEPTIONAL HEALTHCARE,

now and in the future.



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Hopeful Highlights

You inspire us. When a need becomes known, the people of this community step up. As a result, awareness grows, resources are expanded and the overall health of Door County improves. We are eternally grateful that you share in our mission to ensure our community's access to exceptional healthcare. You inspire us to keep going, to never stop doing the work - and your support makes it possible.

\$4,500,000

\$4,500,000 raised, to date, in support of the **DCMC Behavioral Health Campaign**.

\$500,000

The Door County Medical Center Foundation pledges to raise \$500,000 for the **DCMC Birthing Center**.

\$600,000

\$600,000 has been raised for the **David Spude Cancer Center Endowment Fund** since 2005.

14,200

14,200 hours volunteered by the **DCMC Auxiliary** in 2024.

Door County Medical Center Birthing Center - A Critical, Mission-Driven Need

Across the country rural hospitals are shuttering their obstetrics units due to financial pressures, workforce shortages, and declining birth rates.

When a rural birthing center closes, a community faces increased travel time for care, increased infant and maternal mortality rates, worse outcomes for vulnerable populations and a widening of existing health disparities.

Pause for a moment to consider what it may mean to an expectant new family to travel from Sister Bay to Green Bay (76 miles!) in early February with an impending ice or snow storm when a mother goes into labor.

The Door County Medical Center (DCMC) Birthing Center is not impervious to the threat of closure. On average, 123 babies are born at DCMC every year. On average,

the cost to deliver a healthy baby is about \$30,000. Medicare, Medicaid and even private insurance does not reimburse at a high enough rate to cover that cost.

Despite the economic issues that DCMC's Birthing Center faces, DCMC and the DCMC Foundation are dedicated to keeping state-of-the-art, safe and accessible maternity care in our community.

With this in mind, the DCMC Foundation is establishing the DCMC Birthing Center Fund. We know that with the help of this incredible community we can ensure that residents of Door County can safely deliver their babies with the help of the caring staff at Door County Medical Center now, and well into the future.



Consider making your gift to the DCMC Birthing Center Fund today.



Behavioral Health Resources Expand

Over the past two years, the DCMC Foundation has raised \$4.5M to expand Behavioral Health resources and clear the blocks for individuals seeking treatment.

Our goals have been to expand services to all schools and clinics, expand Senior Life Solutions, expand Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services, increase availability of Psychiatric and Psychological services and increase the acceptability of behavioral health treatment.

Here's how we are stacking up:

- Behavioral Health presence in schools increased from 7 hours to 28 hours, weekly
- Expanded space for Senior Life Solutions
- Obtained state certification to treat SUD in an outpatient setting
- Added a full-time psychiatrist
- Added four additional Behavioral Health specialists, totalling eight full-time therapists
- Increased patient visits from 6,800 to 8,900, annually

While the work will continue, we want to celebrate everyone who has contributed to date. In just two years since the need was clearly identified, a plan of action was put into place, our community stepped up and incredible progress has been made toward meeting that need.

Celebrating 20 Years of the David Spude Cancer Center Fund

David Spude was a devoted husband and father who was respected by all who knew him. Sadly, David died of cancer in June of 2004.

His employer, the Doerr family, trusted and depended on him as their "right hand man" as they developed their motor plants throughout Wisconsin. As a tribute to David, his wife Lois, the Doerr family and the Door County Medical Center Foundation established the David Spude Cancer Center Fund to perpetually benefit the Door County Cancer Center facility.

Over \$600,000 has been raised since the fund's inception in 2005. Funds are

consistently allocated to update the single occupancy chemotherapy treatment rooms with the latest equipment and furnishings. The fund ensures that a full range of cancer diagnostic and treatment equipment is available close to home in the most comforting and peaceful environment possible.

Since 2005, the David Spude Cancer Center Fund has provided televisions for patient rooms, new furniture in the waiting area, chemotherapy treatment chairs, laptop computers and iPads as well as new chemotherapy pumps, a colonoscopy system upgrade and a CT scanner.

We invite you to support the David Spude Cancer Center Fund and this very vital medical facility in Door County.



"Every day of life is to be cherished and is a gift from God. Don't waste it."
- David Spude

Door County Medical Center Auxiliary

Thank you to the Door County Medical Center Auxiliary for 14,200 volunteer hours in 2024!

Your contributions of time are the equivalent of \$412,000 in labor. From staffing the gift shop, guiding patients through the hospital, helping in the Skilled Nursing Facility or organizing fundraising events such as the House and Garden Walk - your contribution is priceless to Door County Medical Center.

Have you considered becoming a DCMC Auxiliary volunteer? Learn more about this rewarding opportunity.



On the Horizon

Watch for information on these upcoming events!

- **Monday, June 23rd** - 18th Annual Queen for a Day Golf Outing to benefit the David Spude Cancer Center Endowment Fund and Door CANcer, Inc. at Idlewild Golf Course
- **Tuesday, July 29th** - 64th Annual Auxiliary House & Garden Walk benefitting the Behavioral Health Campaign
- **Wednesday, August 27th** - 29th Annual Golf Marathon benefitting the Behavioral Health Campaign at The Orchards Golf Course

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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 \$35 million, funding continual updates to the facilities at Door County Medical Center and providing services to those most in need.

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