

# Defining Moments

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Northwoods, their home away from home.

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# Ready for an Adventure?

## Come with Us!

In the following pages we . . .

- Follow doctors and nurses through a typical day in Ministry Howard Young Health Care's emergency departments
- Stop at two gift shops and a thrift store that helped Auxiliary volunteers raise \$72,800 in 2014 to fund hospital projects and initiatives
- Learn about the Foundation's "Our Legacy" fundraising campaign to purchase breakthrough medical technology for the Northwoods
- Hear about a patient's harrowing 9-1-1 moment

Whew! That is just some of what we have in store for you in this issue of *Defining Moments*. Read on!

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# The Mission of the Howard Young Foundation

*The Howard Young Medical Center was built in 1977 through a very generous bequest provided by philanthropist Howard Young. Bearing his name to honor his philanthropic gift, the Foundation was established in 1984 to advance the health and wellness of all people in the communities we serve through your charitable support.*



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## THE HOSPITALS OF MINISTRY HOWARD YOUNG HEALTH CARE



Howard Young Medical Center, Woodruff, WI



Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital, Eagle River, WI

# From the Chairman...

## Welcome to the very busy Northwoods!



**Trig Solberg**  
Board Chairman

As this issue of *Defining Moments* went to press, local businesses were making final preparations to serve the 65,000 seasonal residents and 75,000 tourists who enjoy the Northwoods each summer.

Through the generosity of donors who support the Howard Young Foundation's mission of ensuring quality healthcare in the area, our Northwoods hospitals and emergency medical services (EMS) departments are also well-prepared.

Since the Winter 2014 issue of *Defining Moments*, we have funded the purchase of:

- LUCAS™2 Chest Compression Systems for EMS departments in Boulder Junction, Conover, Manitowish Waters, Mercer, Plum Lake and Presque Isle. These lifesaving devices improve the survival rate of cardiac arrest victims by 44%, and were purchased as part of the Foundation's ongoing community outreach initiative. Learn more about the initiative and this critical piece of equipment on pages 6-7.
- Carbon monoxide monitors for the emergency departments at Howard Young Medical Center (HYMC) in Woodruff and Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital (MERMH) in Eagle River. The monitors clip to a patient's fingertip and painlessly measure carbon monoxide levels within seconds. Treatment can begin immediately, without the delay of waiting for blood test results.
- HoverMatt® Air Transfer System mattresses for each hospital. When inflated, the mattresses provide a safe and comfortable way to move or reposition patients and decrease staff injuries that can occur when lifting or transferring patients.

### INTRODUCING THE FOUNDATION'S "OUR LEGACY" CAMPAIGN

I am excited to announce the Foundation's "Our Legacy" campaign, which kicked off earlier this month. The purpose of the campaign is twofold:

- 1) Raise charitable support toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art 128-Slice CT Scanner to complement the *One Heart* Cardiology Suite, located within HYMC
- 2) Increase awareness among the 14 communities served by our local hospitals of the comprehensive healthcare services available to them right here at home. A volunteer ambassador from each community is assisting with the campaign. You can read much more about the campaign and the scanner on pages 8-9. I hope you are inspired to become involved.

### THANK YOU, DONORS!

We are pleased to honor our wonderful donors by including their names on pages 19-23. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our residents and visitors!

Would you like to be included as a new donor in a future issue of *Defining Moments*? Contact Mike Gibbons, Foundation president, at 715.439.4005 or [Michael.gibbons@ministryhealth.org](mailto:Michael.gibbons@ministryhealth.org). It would be our pleasure to meet you!

Sincerely,

**Trig Solberg**, Board Chairman  
Howard Young Foundation

# Learn More about the Howard Young Foundation

## Watch Our Video, “Legacies”

The Howard Young Foundation invites you to view our brand-new video, “Legacies,” which depicts the heritage, mission and accomplishments of the Howard Young Foundation.

Made possible by Lowell and Dana Bostrom, owners of Woodruff Ace Hardware & Rental Center and Minocqua Dance, “Legacies” reflects on our area’s journey to healthcare excellence from the days of Dr. Kate Pelham-Newcomb and Howard Young to the current work of the Foundation.

Tune in to see some of the major advancements funded through the generosity of our donors since 2012, including:

- Testing for heart disease with a state-of-the-art nuclear imaging camera, the first of its kind in the state
- Performing CPR with the LUCAS™2 Chest Compression System
- Expediting care with the Ministry Spirit 2 Medical Transportation Helicopter
- Acquiring and transmitting an EKG using the LifeNet System
- Making surgery less invasive with the da Vinci® Robotic Surgical System

“Legacies” is being promoted in local media outlets and via 30-second trailers in local theaters. It is also being shown at community campaign presentations and Foundation events. To view it now, please visit [howardyoungfoundation.org](http://howardyoungfoundation.org).



Scenes from the Howard Young Foundation Video, “Legacies.”



# Your Gifts at Work

## Providing Local Communities with Advanced Emergency Cardiac Care

You might not be a doctor—or even know CPR—but your gifts to the Howard Young Foundation have an active hand in saving the lives of cardiac arrest victims in the Northwoods. Through the charitable support of our donors, the Foundation is providing local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) departments with LUCAS™2 Chest Compression Systems. These critical devices improve survival rates to the hospital by 44%.

For cardiac arrest victims, the availability of the LUCAS™2 system is truly a defining moment that can mean the difference between life and death. When secured to a patient's chest, this portable instrument automatically provides continual, standardized chest compressions and improves resuscitation rates by maintaining vital blood flow to the heart and brain.

The effectiveness of compressions delivered by a human rescuer decrease as the rescuer tires, often after only a minute. A key advantage of the LUCAS™2 is that it can deliver high-quality, life-sustaining compressions indefinitely. Manual compressions often need to be stopped intermittently during patient transport, while the LUCAS™2 delivers uninterrupted compressions at an optimum rate of at least 100 compressions per minute and a depth of at least two inches, in accordance with American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR.

Having the LUCAS™2 available reduces on-scene crowding and chaos by reducing the number of people required to provide CPR and allows EMS personnel who would otherwise be delivering chest compressions to provide additional lifesaving support. It also enhances the safety of paramedics

by allowing them to remain seated and seat-belted in the ambulance during transport, instead of providing chest compressions.

At the hospital, medical staff can utilize the LUCAS™2 to keep patients alive by maintaining proper circulation while emergency department physicians and staff perform other measures to stabilize the patient.

### LIFESAVING PARTNERSHIPS

The Foundation provided the EMS departments based at Howard Young Medical Center and Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital each with a LUCAS™2 in early 2014. To make the device available to more communities in the Northwoods, the Foundation has committed to funding 50 percent of the \$15,000 price tag, if the EMS departments or the communities they serve contribute the remaining 50 percent. Through this partnership, the Foundation has helped provide Boulder Junction, Conover, Manitowish Waters, Mercer, Plum Lake and Presque Isle with LUCAS™2 systems. The Foundation continues to establish partnerships with additional EMS departments.

### WORTH THE INVESTMENT

The LUCAS™2 devices are worth the investment, said Don Fites, a Howard Young Foundation benefactor who witnessed the device in action at a local restaurant after another patron collapsed. Recalling the experience, Fites said, “The paramedics had the greatest piece of equipment; a device that performed chest compressions automatically. When I saw that, it really struck me that the Foundation is funding things that save lives.”



Photos courtesy of Dean Hall, Lakeland Times.



Adam Kussard, assistant chief, Mercer Ambulance (L) and Tim Westphal, paramedic, HYMC, demonstrate the LUCAS™2 Chest Compression System.

Howard Young Foundation president Mike Gibbons (center) poses with EMS personnel after presenting them with LUCAS™2 Chest Compression Systems. (Pictured L to R): George Arnold, chief, Mercer Ambulance; Samantha Kussard, EMT, Mercer; Daryll Behnke, ambulance director, Manitowish Waters; Adam Kussard, assistant chief, Mercer; Mike Gibbons, president, HYF; Barb Rasmussen, assistant service director, Plum Lake; Kevin Rasmussen, fire chief/EMS service director, Plum Lake; and Karen Ives-Gray, EMT, Plum Lake.

“ The paramedics had the greatest piece of equipment... when I saw that, it really struck me that the Foundation is funding things that save lives. ”

## 6 Benefits of the LUCAS™2 Chest Compression System

LUCAS™2 COMPRESSIONS	MANUAL COMPRESSIONS
1. Sustains a higher blood flow to the brain and heart	1. Effectiveness depends upon the strength of the rescuer
2. Standardized for optimum rate and depth of each compression	2. Rate and depth vary from compression to compression and from rescuer to rescuer
3. Provides compressions indefinitely	3. Rescuers providing chest compressions can fatigue, often after only one minute
4. Provides uninterrupted compressions	4. Compressions must be stopped when transporting patients up or down stairs, transferring patients in and out of the ambulance and switching rescuers due to fatigue
5. Effective on patients of any weight	5. Weight of patient (and rescuer) can alter the effectiveness of chest compressions
6. Frees rescuer to provide other lifesaving support	6. Prevents rescuers from performing other important tasks



*Gifts to “Our Legacy” campaign will fund the purchase of a \$1 million 128-Slice CT Scanner for HYMC. Below: Detailed heart image captured by the scanner.*



# Introducing HYF’s “OUR LEGACY” Campaign

Become involved  
in the Legacy of a  
New Generation!

In 1949, students from Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Grade School organized a “million penny” fundraising campaign to support Dr. Kate Pelham-Newcomb’s vision of establishing a hospital in our community. The public rallied behind the effort and Lakeland Memorial Hospital, the predecessor to Howard Young Medical Center (HYMC) and Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital (MERMH), was built.

In 1977, Howard Young created his own legacy when he provided funding to build a new hospital and left an endowment for its ongoing support. Dr. Kate’s and Howard Young’s legacies still benefit us today.

## **BUILDING UPON A LEGACY OF CARING**

Now, those of us who live and vacation in the Northwoods have the opportunity to create our own legacy during the Howard Young Foundation’s “Our Legacy” 1 = 4 match campaign. During the campaign, which began May 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2015, every gift quadruples in value through the generosity of Foundation benefactors Donald E. Funk and Ministry Health Care.



The goal of the campaign is to raise \$1 million toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art 128-Slice CT Scanner to complement the services of the *One Heart* Cardiology Suite and the emergency department at HYMC.

The CT scanner offers breakthrough technology for diagnosing heart disease. Additionally, it offers a calcium scoring technology physicians can use as a screening tool to detect potential heart concerns before a patient experiences an acute episode requiring emergency care. When a patient does present to the emergency department with chest pain, a single scan on this machine can be used to rule out or diagnose the three most common and potentially fatal causes of chest pain. Finally, the new scanner uses a significantly lower dose of radiation, benefiting all patients who require a CT scan of any part of the body.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS THE KEY

Just like the “million penny” campaign, the success of “Our Legacy” campaign depends upon the support of those who will benefit from it—everyone who lives in and visits the communities served by our local hospitals.

### Quadruple Your Gift’s Impact!

Here’s how the quadruple, dollar-for-dollar match works:

Donald E. Funk, a member of the Foundation’s Bonhomie “Good Friend” Club, is doubling gifts from the community up to \$250,000 for a total of \$500,000. That amount is being matched by Ministry Health Care to achieve our goal of \$1 million.

“We are extremely humbled by the generosity of Mr. Funk and Ministry Health Care in helping the Howard Young Foundation’s efforts to make this technology available to patients in our area,” said Foundation president Mike Gibbons.

Funk, who is also a member of the Foundation’s Signature Society, said he is happy and proud to be a campaign sponsor. “This is the kind of technology

that sets our hospitals apart,” he said. “We are very fortunate to have, in the Howard Young Foundation, an organization so dedicated to the health and welfare of people in the Northwoods. I support the Foundation because I know it makes a real difference.”



Donald E. Funk

**You can be part of our generation’s legacy.** Watch for fundraising events now being planned by the Foundation’s Community Ambassadors throughout the Northwoods.

### THE CRITICAL ROLE OF HEALTHCARE PHILANTHROPY

During the campaign, the Foundation also hopes to raise awareness of the critical role philanthropy has in ensuring access to the highest quality of healthcare right here at home.

### Why it Matters

Rural hospitals nationwide are struggling due to rising costs and devastating cuts in government reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid. In the Northwoods, where 71 percent of the patients treated at HYMC and MERMH are covered under these programs, reimbursement barely covers the cost of care.

### Charitable funding is the defining difference that keeps our nonprofit hospitals thriving.

“Without charitable support, our hospitals could easily become just another casualty,” noted Gibbons. “While many rural hospitals are struggling financially, the generosity of our donors and the hard work of the Foundation’s board of directors and staff ensures that the hospitals of Howard Young Health Care are not only the exception, but exceptional.

**I urge everyone to get behind our mission of supporting our local hospitals, which serve the communities in which we all live.”**

# Why We Give

Contributions to the Howard Young Foundation support a comprehensive EMS system, emergency departments staffed 24/7 by board-certified emergency medicine physicians, and the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment for our communities' ambulances and hospitals. Thank you to all of our donors who, like the Uihleins featured below, make our work possible.



*Dick and Liz Uihlein,  
Extraordinary  
Benefactors*

Liz and Dick Uihlein live in Illinois, but their hearts belong to the Northwoods. They spend as much time as possible at their second home in Manitowish Waters, own businesses there, and are proud to invest in the area in many ways, including the healthcare of its residents and visitors.

“Liz and I have always loved the Northwoods,” Dick commented. “I think having a top-notch medical facility here is essential, especially with all of the tourists and outdoor activities in the summer months. Accidents happen. People don’t realize the importance of local emergency care until they need it.”

The Uihleins experienced the need for emergency care when their son was injured in a car accident many years ago in another remote area of Wisconsin. “It was very serious,” Liz stated. “I don’t know what would have happened if emergency care had not been available.”

“We give because we care about our home away from home.”

By supporting our local hospitals through their generous support of the Howard Young Foundation, Liz and Dick hope to ensure that year-round residents, seasonal residents and all who visit the Northwoods have access to the care they need in an emergency.

***“It’s enormously important that the hospitals and emergency rooms are here for us all,” Dick stressed. “We know that our gifts to the Howard Young Foundation help make that possible. I encourage everyone to support the Foundation’s work.”***

***Liz and Dick Uihlein own Uline, the leading distributor of shipping, industrial and packaging materials to businesses throughout North America. The family-owned business is based in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. Liz also owns four Northwoods businesses: Smokey’s at Manitowish Waters, The Lodge at Manitowish Waters, To The Nines and The Lake House.***

# A Typical Day in the Emergency Department?

## No such thing!

What is it like to work in our Northwoods emergency departments? Let's just say there is no such thing as a typical day. We talked with doctors and nurses for a close-up look at working in the emergency departments at Howard Young Medical Center (HYMC) and Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital (MERMH).

For Liz Horwath, RN, the adrenaline starts pumping when she walks through the door to begin her night shift at MERMH's emergency department (ED). "You can tell if it's busy by how many patients are in the lobby. We can start out with no one being there and within minutes have every room full, people waiting and ambulances coming in. It can be very fast-paced. You have to be as efficient as possible while remembering that you are taking care of a human being. Every person who walks through the door is there for our help."

Kato Wauters, RN, works at HYMC and thrives on the variety. "On any given day I can take care of a newborn baby or an elderly patient. The oldest patient I've cared for was 104 years old. Ours is an aging population, so we see a lot of congestive heart failure and other chronic illnesses. The variety in patient

demographic and care required—whether it's trauma, urgent care or cardiac care—I really enjoy that."

The influx of 75,000 summer tourists adds up to hectic days at the ED. "In the summer months we see a significant bump up in our daily census," noted Wauters. "We see a lot of recreational injuries, especially on weekends and holidays."

### EMOTIONAL HIGHS AND LOWS ARE PART OF THE JOB

Horwath talked about the "roller coaster" of emotions in emergency medicine. "You can be in one room with a dying patient and their family, but have to put on a different face when you go in the next room, because that patient's circumstance is different."

Co-worker Christina Olivotti, RN, recalled the case of a young child who was critically injured in a devastating accident. "When you have patients about the same age as your children, it hits home a little bit harder; it's more emotional."

How does staff handle those emotions? "You don't think about it," said Horwath. "You just do what you have to do. You just do your job."





# A Typical Day in the Emergency Department?

## (Continued)

Resources are in place to assist staff with emotions, and the team who work together on difficult cases also support each other.

For Wauters, dealing with the emotional aspect of nursing is the “gratitude I’ve developed for the gifts in my own life; my children, family, husband, and parents. I’m reminded almost daily of how quickly things can change.”

### CARE YOU CAN COUNT ON

Served by HYMC and MERMH, Northwoods patients have access to two local emergency departments staffed around the clock by board-certified emergency medicine physicians. We asked the doctors and nurses what they would like people to know about their EDs.

Horwath was quick to respond. “Eagle River is a small hospital. People often think we have limited capabilities. But we can literally take care of anyone who comes through that door. I would compare our staff to any large hospital. We give our all to take care of patients, I truly believe that.” Staff consists of an emergency physician and two or three nurses per shift, paramedics, technicians, lab and radiology.

Olivotti agreed. “We are a full-functioning emergency department with the ability to treat patients, stabilize them, or transfer them if

necessary. As a critical access hospital, we do transfer truly critical cases to other facilities.”

Wauters shares a similar message about HYMC. “Sometimes people have the assumption that since this is a rural area we’re going to have a bare bones department, but that’s not true. We have a really great department. We have exceptionally well-trained staff and providers who give excellent care. I hear so frequently from members of our community and visitors what an amazing facility we have and how up-to-date our ED is. We exceed patients’ expectations.”

The team at HYMC’s department includes one emergency physician and two or three nurses per shift, nurse practitioners, physicians’ assistants, EMS staff, the flight crew from the Ministry Spirit 2 Medical Transportation Helicopter, respiratory therapy, lab and radiology.

Dr. Aubrey Hoye and Dr. Colette Solatka both relocated to the Northwoods from Illinois. They are proud of the high level of services provided locally. “We can and do treat the same kinds of cases—trauma, stroke, cardiac arrest—as the EDs where I worked in Chicago,” Dr. Solatka stated. She added that the need to transfer patients to other facilities for a higher level of care is not unique to our area. “The hospitals in Chicago also



**Colette Solatka, MD**  
Board-Certified  
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Eagle River Memorial  
Hospital



**Aubrey Hoye, DO**  
Board-Certified  
Emergency Physician  
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Hospital

had varying degrees of resources and had to transfer patients at times,” she said.

Drs. Hoyer and Solatka provide emergency care to patients at HYMC and MERMH. When asked about the difference between the two EDs, Dr. Hoyer said, “They are pretty much the same. The only difference is that patients at Eagle River who need to be admitted are transferred to sister hospitals.”

### THE REWARDS OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

It takes a special kind of person to work emergency medicine. Physicians and nurses invest much of themselves into the care of each patient.

Linda Gembolis, an RN at HYMC, echoed the feelings of all of the doctors and nurses with whom we spoke. “I like helping people in crisis; calming them, listening to them and caring for them. When you turn a bad situation around, save a life, make someone feel better, or help a family with a very sick child, those are the rewards,” she said.

Wauters recently received a guardian angel pin from a patient’s family member as a thank-you for the care she provided. “That was just the most meaningful thing,” she commented. “For someone to feel that I was their loved one’s guardian angel—you can’t ask for more than that.”

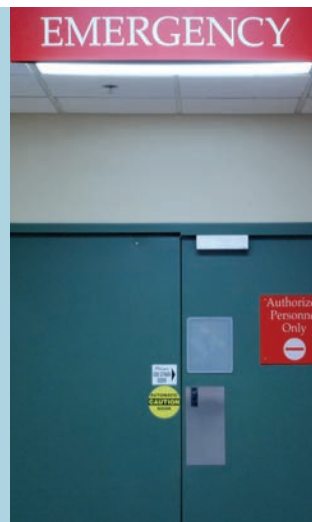
## Better Equipment, Better Care

*Every day in the emergency departments at HYMC and MERMH are filled with defining moments for patients and staff.*

The Howard Young Foundation is proud to provide the departments with vital equipment that is making a big difference.

“We received a GlideScope that gives us video control of an airway and improves accuracy when we need to intubate a patient,” noted Dr. Hoyer. “We also received a LUCAS™2 Chest Compression System that reduces the number of people needed to perform CPR. That’s huge when you have a smaller staff at night.”

Gembolis appreciates the many equipment upgrades funded by the Foundation, especially those that make patients safer and more comfortable, such as the Stryker Prime Transport Chair and Stryker ED stretchers. “The wheelchairs are much easier for elderly patients to get into, and the stretchers enable us to weigh patients without them having to get up. Both are really helpful when people are too weak or unsteady to stand.”



# Auxiliary Volunteers:

## Raising Funds to Raise the Bar on Healthcare

They are retired teachers and nurses. They are students. They are people who have benefited from our local hospitals and want to give back. They are the volunteers of the Auxiliary of Howard Young Medical Center (HYMC) and Auxiliary Partners of Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital (MERMH). Through their selfless service, they donate tens of thousands of dollars to the Howard Young Foundation each year, which is reinvested back into the hospitals.

### PUTTING THEIR TIME—AND MONEY—WHERE THEIR HEARTS ARE

These caring, dedicated volunteers donate the proceeds from multiple fundraisers throughout the year, including the volunteer-operated Auxiliary Gift Shop at each hospital. “People discover the gift shops when they’re visiting patients,” noted Kathy Viergutz, community service coordinator for both auxiliaries. “After that, they keep coming back for one-of-a-kind items they can’t find anywhere else. And 100 percent of the proceeds goes directly toward advancing healthcare in the Northwoods.” The MERMH volunteers also operate the Auxiliary Thrift Shop in downtown Eagle River, a major source of funding.



*Auxiliary Thrift Shop, Downtown Eagle River, is a successful and continual fundraiser.*

“Without the volunteers, the shops wouldn’t exist and we simply would not have these dollars available to invest in the quality of care our hospitals can offer,” commented Foundation president Mike Gibbons.

Last year, Auxiliary volunteers at HYMC donated 20,813 hours and contributed \$22,800 to the Foundation’s Special Gift Initiative, where it was matched dollar for dollar by Ministry Health Care, doubling its impact. The funds are earmarked for the *One Heart* Cardiology Suite and future upgrades to HYMC’s emergency department and operating room. The Auxiliary volunteers at MERMH donated 14,580 hours and raised \$50,000, most of it from the thrift shop, to purchase scopes for the outpatient surgery department and for the future purchase of a new ambulance.

When you see these volunteers at the hospitals or thrift shop—you can recognize them by their friendly smiles and navy-blue vests and smocks—please take a moment to thank them for all they do to support healthcare excellence in the Northwoods.



*Howard Young Medical Center Auxiliary Gift Shop (far left), Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop*





*Bill and Pat Hall*

# My 9-1-1 Moment

January 20, 2015, is a date Bill Hall will never forget. While snowmobiling with friends, his sled—and his world—flipped upside down.

Bill Hall is not your typical 80-year-old. While many of his friends escape to warmer climates for the winter, he had come back from his vacation home in Florida to “play in the snow” in Wisconsin’s beautiful Northwoods. An avid snowmobiler, Bill has driven thousands of miles on a sled. The thought of an accident on that picture-perfect Friday morning never occurred to him.

“The sun was out, the scenery was nice and conditions were ideal for riding,” Bill recalled. Traveling with a group of friends on the trails near St. Germain, he was near the middle of the group as he approached a sweeping curve.

Seconds later, his snowmobile flipped over; he isn’t quite sure how it happened. Stunned and surprised, he struggled to make sense of the accident as his friends helped him off the snowy trail before calling his wife Pat and 9-1-1. The EMS team stationed at

Howard Young Medical Center, just ten miles away, arrived at the scene within minutes, about the same time as Pat.

## A WIFE’S INTUITION PROVES RIGHT

Bill had a little trouble breathing, but didn’t think his injuries were serious. “I just thought I had the wind knocked out of me from hitting the ground,” he said. As Pat watched the paramedics put Bill on a gurney and place him in the ambulance, she suspected his injuries were worse than he let on. “He put on a brave face, but I could tell by looking at him that he was in a lot of pain.”

At the hospital, X-rays confirmed that Bill had indeed sustained major injuries—three broken ribs and a punctured right lung, known as a pneumothorax.

“Mr. Hall arrived in fair condition and had decreased breath sounds consistent with a pneumothorax,” explained Dr. Colette Solatka, the board-certified emergency medicine physician who treated him. “With that type of injury a person’s lung collapses. Air leaks out of the lung tissue and becomes trapped between the lung and the chest wall, causing significant pain and shortness of breath.”

Bill’s collapsed lung was treated by inserting a tube through an incision in his chest, suctioning out the air and re-inflating the lung. Bill tolerated the 20-minute procedure well, and within two hours of arriving at the emergency department had been diagnosed, treated and admitted to the hospital for observation. He was discharged two days later.

# My 9-1-1 Moment

## (Continued)

### EXPERT, COMPASSIONATE CARE

The Halls were impressed by the level of care Bill received from the paramedics and hospital staff. “Everybody involved was just wonderful—EMS, staff, everybody! They could not have been better,” Bill commented. “At the hospital, I didn’t even have to go to a special room for X-rays; they brought the machine to me. That was great, because it hurt when I moved.”

Pat echoes Bill’s praise for the care they received. “Everyone was amazing, so kind and reassuring. Dr. Solatka was wonderful. She hugged me and told me that Bill was going to be fine. We were in very good hands.”

As a member of the Women’s Legacy Council, a committee of the Howard Young Foundation board of directors, Pat was glad that the portable X-ray machine funded by the Foundation was available to

diagnose Bill’s injuries. Dr. Solatka is also thankful for the machine, calling it “a wonderful asset” that is used for many types of portable X-rays in the emergency department.



Dr. Colette Solatka

You can help fund much-needed equipment for Howard Young Medical Center and Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital through your contribution to the Howard Young Foundation. To provide a gift, please contact the Foundation at 715.439.4005 or access our website at [howardyoungfoundation.org](http://howardyoungfoundation.org). We would love to welcome you as a donor!

### SHARE YOUR DEFINING 9-1-1 MOMENT

If you or a loved one received emergency medical care at Howard Young Medical Center or Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital and would like to share your story with our readers, please call us at 715.439.4005 or email [info@hyfinc.org](mailto:info@hyfinc.org). You could be our next feature story!

# The Legacy

The indomitable Dr. Kate held a vision of bringing first-class medical care to the Northwoods area.

All legacies have their own beginnings. From earliest childhood, Katie Pelham had a dream. She longed to be a doctor, and with fierce determination fought hard against all the obstacles family and society could—and did—raise against this ambition. Her ultimate vision was achieved with the opening of Lakeland Memorial Hospital in 1954.

Dr. Kate's legacy is part of our heritage in the Lakeland community.

**It is up to us to continue it.**

## The Women's Legacy Council



In 2011, the Howard Young Foundation leadership embarked on an ambitious and vital initiative to ensure quality healthcare for generations to come in the Northwoods.

An essential element of the initiative was the creation of the Women's Legacy Council (WLC). Based on models throughout the country, Women and Philanthropy volunteer groups have a vision to bring about positive and necessary change in the world through women's compassion and charity.



*Dr. Kate Pelham-Newcomb*

For information about upcoming events or to learn more about the **Women's Legacy Council**, please contact Barb Maines at Howard Young Foundation at **715.439.4005** or [barb.maines@ministryhealth.org](mailto:barb.maines@ministryhealth.org).



# The Legacy

## (Continued)

A core group of sixteen women came together with the purpose of partnering with other women to continue our heritage by sustaining the high-quality healthcare in our community. Guided by their values and visions, consensus was reached that the most immediate community need was a diagnostic heart center. Work began, cultivation events organized, personal contacts were made.

### THE LEGACY CONTINUES

In September of 2014, it was exciting to know the new *One Heart* Cardiology Suite, located within Howard Young Medical Center, opened its doors to the first patient. Our first goal was reached, and innovative cardiac diagnostic equipment is now available to patients locally. We are very grateful to the many who were initial supporters of our efforts. The Women's Legacy Council provided \$400,000, which was matched dollar for dollar by Ministry Health Care for a total of \$800,000, allowing WLC to provide HALF of the cost of creating our new Cardiology Suite.

“A time for celebration.”

### THIS COMPLETES PHASE ONE... NOW WE MUST MOVE FORWARD.

Phase TWO involves CT Angiography technology which will enable the cardiologists to pinpoint blockages in the heart and better determine treatment options for patients. Additionally, Phase TWO also includes faster blood test results for heart attack evaluation and prevention outreach to high-risk cardiac populations.

Let us all join together going forward as we continue this great legacy that began so long ago.

### *Philanthropy:*

A love of mankind  
as manifested in deeds  
of beneficence.

*Please join us in our  
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