

# Making a Difference

A Newsletter for Our Donors

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# Join Us for "The Inside Scoop"

Cass Regional Foundation will be hosting its annual fundraising dinner, titled "The Inside Scoop," on Saturday, April 16, at Loch Lloyd Country Club in Belton, Missouri. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and silent auction, which will be followed by dinner and a live auction. Tickets are \$75 each, and the fundraising goal for the event is \$80,000.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support the construction of an addition to Cass Regional Medical Center that will house a new, upgraded magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine.

Cass Regional's MRI machine has been housed in a mobile unit since the hospital starting offering the service more than 15 years ago. The approximately \$2.3 million, 7,000-square-foot addition that is planned for this year will accommodate the new MRI machine as well as the hospital's 64-slice computed tomography (CT) scanner. The project includes the construction of shell space to house future Emergency Department growth. Plans also call for a remodel of the Medical Imaging reception area, moving the bone density testing room to the Women's Center, relocating the radiologist's reading room, and moving ultrasound to a larger area in order to provide more space for ultrasound-assisted procedures.

The new MRI machine will feature a bigger bore (opening) and shorter depth to reduce claustrophobia, and will offer a higher weight capacity (550 pounds, up from the previous weight limit of 350 pounds). Scan times will be reduced, and patients will no longer have to be exposed to the elements in order to access the MRI, thus reducing

discomfort and the risk of falling created by inclement weather. The new machine offers Quiet Suite technology, which prevents the "knocking" or "pounding" noise that older machines make.

The construction project also includes moving the existing 64-slice CT scanner to a bigger room, making it more accommodating for trauma patients and biopsy patients. Both the new MRI room and the new CT room will have windows, which will help reduce the claustrophobia experienced by some patients. Another highlight of the project is the addition of three nursing bays to better monitor medicated patients. This feature and other new elements will allow Cass Regional to offer MRI with sedation for patients who need it due to anxiety and/or other medical conditions.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact Melissa Lattin at (816) 380-5888, extension 4810, or via e-mail at mlattin@cassregional.org. Information is also available at www. cassregional.org/foundation and on Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation's Facebook page.





# Scholarships: A Legacy that Changes Lives & Saves Lives

Cass Regional Foundation has been honored administer to scholarship programs throughout the years. Since its start in 1989, the Foundation has awarded 114 scholarships totaling over \$115,000, which have helped more than 80 health care providers achieve their educational goals. These programs are only made possible through donors who believed in changing the lives of students by alleviating some of the burdens associated with cost. In time, those students move on to save lives through their work.

#### Alma Brown Scholarship

The Alma Brown Scholarship was established with a bequest from Alma Brown of Harrisonville. Mrs. Brown worked in the dietary department of a local nursing home before her retirement. The scholarship is awarded each year to support Cass Regional employees or Cass County residents pursuing education in nursing or in an allied health field.

#### Wanda Brown Scholarship



The Wanda Brown Scholarship fund was established in 1999 with a gift from Wanda A. Brown of Harrisonville.

Mrs. Brown, who was a former board member of the Memorial Hospital Association, a member of the Cass Regional Auxiliary, and an active community volunteer, established the fund to support persons pursuing a nursing career.

#### Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship



Mr. Douglas was one of the first appointees to the hospital Board of Trustees when the hospital opened in the early 1960s,

and he served on the board for over 25 years. In honor of his service, friends and colleagues established the scholarship fund in 1985 to assist Cass County high school graduates and residents who are pursuing higher education in the health professions.

#### Geraldine Kidd Scholarship



Geraldine "Gerri"
Kidd was an LPN
at Cass Regional
Medical Center
for over 20 years,
and was highly
regarded by all
who worked

with her. After her passing in 1995, her colleagues, family and friends established the scholarship in her memory to support persons pursuing continuing education in nursing or in an allied health field.

#### Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship



Dr. Kirsch was a beloved family physician who cared for generations of Cass Countians until his death in 1977. His widow, Evelyn,

passed away in 2003 and established the scholarship fund with a gift from her estate. Two scholarships are awarded annually from the fund - one for Cass Regional employees and one for Cass County high school graduates - to support persons pursuing education in the field of health care.

# Dr. Gail G. Kroenke Memorial Scholarship



The Dr. Gail G. Kroenke Memorial Scholarship was established with gifts received in memory of Gail G. Kroenke, DVM. The scholarship

is awarded each year to support persons pursuing careers in speechlanguage pathology.

#### Jan Perry Scholarship



The Jan Perry Scholarship was established in 2002 by Jan Perry, a member of the Cass Regional Auxiliary. Mrs. Perry

provided the funds for the scholarship each year by saving a little of her grocery money each week. After her passing in 2007, her husband, Wirt, gave additional gifts to establish a long-term scholarship fund. Two scholarships - one for Cass Regional employees and one for Cass County residents - are awarded annually to persons pursuing education in nursing or in an allied health field.



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# Patient Assistance Fund Fills Growing Need

The Emergency Department (ED) at Cass Regional Medical Center sees an average of 40 patients each day. Due to the nature of some emergencies, a patient's clothing can not be salvaged and must be discarded. In recent months, the ED experienced a growing need for donations of new items to help clothe such patients when they are discharged.

The Patient Assistance Fund will now provide clothing to keep the Emergency Department stocked. Items include hats, gloves, sweat shirts, sweat pants, underwear and socks for both men and women, as well as socks for children. It's another way your donations are helping Cass Regional to "care for the person in each patient!"

Pictured right: Alta Kukovich, EMT, stocks cabinets with donated clothing.



# Upcoming Events

#### "The Inside Scoop"

(See page 1 for more details)
Saturday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m.
Loch Lloyd Country Club, Belton, Mo.
A Fundraising Dinner Benefitting the Medical Imaging
Department at Cass Regional Medical Center.

#### **Healthy Angels Ride**

Saturday, August 20 (tentative date)

More information will be in the July issue of "Making a Difference."

#### Grin & Bear It 5K and Family Fun Run

Saturday, September 17 (tentative date)

More information will be in the July issue of "Making a Difference."

"Like" Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation on Facebook to keep up with the latest information and upcoming events.

#### Our Mission

The mission of Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation is to support the medical center in its quest to provide exceptional quality health care for the community. The Foundation encourages private philanthropy to further the vision, values, and goals of the medical center, especially in community outreach.



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