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Bench Placed to Memorialize Parents

To honor their parents, Mrs. Rebecca Morton and Mr. William Meyer recently purchased a granite bench for the Memorial Garden at Cass Regional. The bench honors Mrs. Helen Meyer and her husband, Mr. C.W. Meyer, who provided nearly two decades of leadership to Cass Regional, retiring in 1982. The bench faces west, reflecting Meyers' love for California, where they lived for several years after retirement.

"[The] bench will be a wonderful tribute to both of our parents," said Mrs. Morton. "Our father put his heart and soul into Cass Regional Medical Center. We will enjoy coming back and sitting on this bench, remembering all the good times from our years in Harrisonville."

The Memorial Garden was established in 1998 in memory of Rosemary Kauffman, RN. The garden provides a quiet place for reflection, meditation and prayer for patients, visitors and staff. All ongoing maintenance in the garden is funded solely through donations to Cass Regional Foundation and would not be possible without the support of donors like Mrs. Morton and Mr. Meyer.

To learn more about how you can honor or memorialize a loved one with the purchase of a granite bench, please contact Melissa Lattin, Foundation assistant, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4810, or via email at mlattin@cassregional.org.





Bubbling Boulder Offers Solace for a Mother

When Ms. Dorothy “Dotti” Harper, an Auxilian at Cass Regional, lost her two adult children, Mr. Terry Downs and Mrs. Shere Nicholson, she was left with no local resting place to visit and remember her son and daughter. She approached the Foundation, seeking a way to memorialize Terry and Shere, and donated a bubbling boulder for the Memorial Garden at Cass Regional.

The sound of the bubbling water has added another soothing element to the garden. “I wanted to add a feature all could enjoy,” said Dotti. “I’m so pleased with how it turned out.”

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The bubbling boulder offers a soothing ambience and serves as a tribute to the lives of Terry Downs and Shere Nicholson.

Wind Sculpture Placed in Memory of Father, Fire Chief

Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Price donated a wind sculpture, titled “Nautilus,” in memory of Linda Price’s father, Mr. Tony Picarella. The sculpture - crafted by artist Lyman Whitaker - has been placed next to the foot bridge in Cass Regional’s Healing Garden. Mrs. Price selected the piece to honor Mr. Picarella’s career as a fire chief.

The Healing Garden was established in 2009 through gifts to the *Help, Hope and Healing* Campaign. All ongoing maintenance in the garden is funded solely through donations to Cass Regional Foundation and would not be possible without the support of donors like Dr. and Mrs. Price.

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Linda and Richard Price, MD, pose with the new sculpture memorializing Tony Picarella.



Grin & Bear It 5K and Family Fun Run Raises Over \$2,300 for Patient Assistance Fund

The seventh annual Grin & Bear It 5K was held on Saturday, September 17. The event netted over \$2,300 for the Patient Assistance Fund, which helps disadvantaged Cass Regional patients with resources such as medications, home care supplies and transportation after they leave the hospital.

Over 120 registrants signed up for the 5K and Family Fun Run. Other activities included the Rotary Train hosted by the Harrisonville Rotary Club, balloon animals made by the clowns from Pollytime, face painting by Cobas Creations, and a coloring station

hosted by the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club. Chris Kurzweil, hospital trustee, served breakfast to participants. Health screenings were provided by phlebotomist Casey Keyton. In addition to the run, a plant sale benefiting the Cass Regional Gardens was hosted in the Healing Garden Courtyard. Please see page 4 for more information on the Plant Sale and the Gardens Fund.

Cass Regional Foundation would like to thank all of the participants, volunteers, donors and sponsors who helped make this event a success!

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Overall 5K winners: Nicole Ortiz of Harrisonville, Mo., and Nick Feurt of Garden City, Mo.



Annual Plant Sale Raises Over \$2,900 for the Gardens Fund

The seventh annual Plant Sale was held on Friday, September 16, and Saturday, September 17, in the Healing Garden at Cass Regional. Attendees shopped for their fall favorites, some of which were donated by community partners. Special thanks to Cass Regional's VIGs (very important gardeners) and the University Extension Master Gardeners, who staffed the sale and were on hand to answer plant-related questions. In addition to donating their time, the VIGs also divided and donated their own supply of perennials for the sale.

During the week of the sale, the Foundation hosted a raffle for a wooden truck planter that was handcrafted by the Old Order Mennonites of Tipton, Mo., and donated by Cricket Kroenke, Foundation Board member. Congratulations goes to Julie Huckleberry of Harrisonville, Mo., for winning the truck.

The sale and raffle generated over \$2,900 for the Gardens Fund. The fund, which supports the ongoing maintenance of Cass Regional's gardens, is supported solely by donations.



Julie Huckleberry poses with the handcrafted wooden truck planter

*No-one has
ever become
poor by giving.*

~ Anne Frank

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