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## Be a Superhero for a Patient in Need!

Join us for "Superheroes for Patients," a fundraising dinner and auction, beginning at 5:30 p.m. April 28 at Loch Lloyd Country Club in Belton.

Proceeds from Superheroes for Patients will be used to expand the Foundation's Patient Assistance Fund. Since 2005, the fund has provided nearly \$49,000 in assistance to more than 850 patients from communities



across the region, primarily helping with transportation and medication needs.

One of the key areas of unmet need, according to hospital staff, is assistance with certain therapies, such as physical/occupational therapy, speech therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, diabetes education, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy/wound care.

In many cases, a patient may have insurance, but their policy does not cover therapy, or their copays are very high. Despite efforts made by staff to provide more affordable alternatives, patients often do not get the level of therapy they need. The result is that



patients don't recover or manage their conditions as well as they could, leading to a significantly reduced quality of life, lost wages, and increased health care costs caused by chronic health problems that could be avoided with appropriate therapy at the start.

The dinner and entry price is \$100 per person and the event will feature a live auction in addition to the silent auction. Our fundraising goal is \$60,000. For reservations, questions or more information, contact Donna Walters at (816) 380-5888, extension 7830, or email dwalters@cassregional.org.



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## Grin & Bear It 5K Run/Walk to be held September 22

Save the date for the ninth annual Grin & Bear It 5K Run/Walk! It will be held on Saturday, September 22, at Cass Regional Medical Center. Proceeds will benefit the Patient Assistance Fund at Cass Regional.

For more details, please visit https://www.cassregional.org/foundation/foundation-events/ or grinandbearitrun.com.







## Memorial Garden Serves as Tribute to Loved Ones



*Memorial Brick Path* As Memorial Day approaches, we are reminded of loved ones and friends we have lost through the years, as well as those who have made an impact on Cass Regional. Several donors have chosen to place an engraved brick or bench in our Memorial Garden as a meaningful tribute to a loved one's life.

The Memorial Garden was established in 1996 on the grounds of Cass Regional Medical Center's former facility at 1800 East Mechanic Street in Harrisonville. The garden was dedicated in memory of Rosemary Kauffman, who was a supervisor of the Medical/Surgical Unit at Cass Regional. When Cass Regional moved in 2009, the Memorial Garden was re-created on the northeast side of the hospital. The bricks and benches that graced the former site were relocated, and a new gazebo was constructed. Originally designed by the construction landscape architects, the garden has been modified and enhanced by several community

volunteers. Thanks to a generous gift from David Kauffman, Rosemary's husband, the gazebo was updated in 2015 and received a new metal roof.

Over 200 engraved bricks and 8 benches grace the garden, and have been placed by donors to remember and honor loved ones. Proceeds from the brick and bench donations are used to support the ongoing maintenance of the garden.

If you are interested in placing a brick or bench, please contact Sonya McLelland, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4650, or via e-mail at smclelland@cassregional.org.

# Upcoming Events

### **Superheroes for Patients**

5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 28 Loch Lloyd Country Club, Belton, Mo. See more information on page 1

### **Plant Sale**

Proceeds benefit The Cass Regional Gardens 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday, September 21 8 a.m. - until sold out, Saturday, September 22

### Grin & Bear It 5K Walk/Run

8 a.m., Saturday, September 22 Cass Regional Medical Center

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## **Our Mission**

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