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Foundation Receives Historic Gift



Franceline Parris

Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation has received a \$200,000 bequest from the Franceline M. Parris Trust, which is the largest single donation ever received by the Foundation.

“We are truly honored to receive this remarkable gift,” said Sonya McLelland, administrative director. “How humbling it is that Franceline chose to entrust us with such a legacy.”

A native of Lee’s Summit, Franceline married Floyd Parris in 1937, and the couple moved to Pleasant Hill, where they farmed for more than 50 years. After Floyd’s death in 1993, Franceline moved to Harrisonville, and joined the Cass Regional Auxiliary shortly thereafter. Education was important to Franceline, and she funded several scholarship awards through the Foundation over the last decade. She passed away in October 2017 at the age of 99.

Per her wishes, a portion of Franceline’s gift will be used to fund the construction costs of the present hospital facility. The remainder of her donation will be used for other charitable purposes as determined by the Foundation board of directors.

For more information, contact **Sonya McLelland** at (816) 380-3474, extension 4650, or via email at smclelland@cassregional.org.

Bequests Provide a Lasting Legacy

Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation has been fortunate to receive several bequests over the years. At the direction of the individual donors, these gifts have been used to establish scholarships for health care students, obtain life-saving equipment for Cass Regional, or furnish certain areas of the medical center. We honor these generous individuals who have left behind a lasting legacy of changing lives and saving lives.

- **Alma Brown** (1908-1998) - Funds used to provide scholarships for health care students
- **Will Ella Deacon** (1904-2003) - Funds used to purchase medical (cardiac) equipment in memory of her brother, **Andrew G. Deacon**
- **Evelyn Kirsch** (1909-2003) - Funds used to provide scholarships for health care students
- **Cleo M. McCoy** (1907-2001) - Funds used to purchase medical equipment and/or support area of greatest need
- **Irene H. Webster Pippitt** - (1906-2001) Funds used to support capital improvements and/or support area of greatest need



Grin & Bear It 5K Run/Walk Raises Over \$6,700 for Cass Regional Patients

Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation hosted the ninth annual Grin & Bear It Run on Saturday, Sept. 22. The event grossed more than \$6,700 for the Patient Assistance Fund, which is used to help Cass Regional patients in need with expenses such as transportation, medication and medical supplies.

More than 100 registrants signed up for the 5K. Chris Kurzweil, Foundation board member and hospital trustee, served a pancake breakfast to participants. Health screenings were provided by phlebotomist Casey

Keyton and massages were provided by chiropractors Dr. Alex Schatt and Dr. Rachel Porter of KC CORE. In addition to the run, a plant sale benefiting the Cass Regional Gardens was hosted in the Healing Garden courtyard (*see page 4 for more information*).

The Grin & Bear It 5K Run/Walk is held in memory of Cara Jo Roberts. Cara’s nickname was “Care Bear,” which is how the event got its name.

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: Lydia Baker of Harrisonville, Missouri, and Carter Dumas of Adrian, Missouri

Hill, Lockhart Named Co-Recipients of Jan Perry Scholarship



Laura Hill, RN, and Makenzi Lockhart, CNA, have been named co-recipients of the Fall 2018 Jan Perry Scholarship for Cass Regional employees. Each will receive a \$1,000 award, which will be paid directly to their respective educational institutions.

Hill has worked as a registered nurse on the Med/Surg Unit since 2009, and is presently enrolled in the RN-BSN program at Grand Canyon University.

Lockhart works as a certified nurse assistant on the Med/Surg Unit, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The scholarship program was established in 2002 by the late Jan Perry of Harrisonville (pictured above). Jan, who was member of the Cass Regional Auxiliary, was motivated by the gratitude she felt for the nurses who cared for her throughout her battle with cancer. She initially funded the scholarship by putting back a little of her grocery money each week until she had saved \$1,000. After her death in 2007, her husband, Wirt, made a donation to expand Jan's scholarship program to two \$2,000 annual scholarships. Selection for the award is based on financial need and career goals.



Laura Hill, RN



Makenzi Lockhart, CNA

Scholarship Programs

Through the generosity of donors just like you, more than 125 students have received scholarships to help them achieve their career goals in health care.

Alma Brown Scholarship

The Alma Brown Scholarship was established in 2013 with a bequest from Alma Brown of Harrisonville. This \$1,000 scholarship is offered once a year.

Wanda Brown Scholarship

The Wanda Brown Scholarship was established in 1999 with a gift from Wanda A. Brown. This \$1,000 scholarship is offered once a year.

Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship

The Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship was established by friends and colleagues to honor Mr. Douglas' 25 years of service on the hospital board. This variable scholarship is offered once a year.

Geraldine Kidd Scholarship

The Geraldine Kidd Scholarship was established by colleagues, family and friends in memory of "Gerri" Kidd, who was an LPN for over 20 years at Cass Regional. This variable scholarship is offered once a year.

Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 with a bequest from Dr. Kirsch's widow, Evelyn. This variable scholarship is offered twice a year.

Jan Perry Scholarship

The Jan Perry Scholarship was established in 2002 by the late Jan Perry, who was a member of the Cass Regional Auxiliary, and her husband, Wirt. This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded twice a year.

Business was “Blooming” at the Annual Plant Sale

The eighth annual Plant Sale was held on Friday, September 21, and Saturday, September 22, 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 of Missouri 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.

The sale generated over \$3,000 for the Gardens Fund. The fund supports the ongoing maintenance of Cass Regional’s gardens.

To learn more about how you can support the Gardens Fund at Cass Regional, please contact **Becky Welch**, Foundation assistant, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4810, or via email at rwelch@cassregional.org.



Upcoming Events

Pie-A-Thon - \$5 all you can eat pie

Friday, November 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cass Regional Conference Rooms 1, 2, & 3

To donate a pie, please contact **Patty**

Putnam via email at pputnam@cassregional.org.

Save the Date

Boots & Bar-B-Que

Saturday, June 1, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Big Iron Town, Pleasant Hill, Mo.

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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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