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# Making a Difference

*Foundation news from Cass Regional Medical Center*

## Fundraiser Nets Over \$45,000 for Patient Assistance Fund

Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation hosted Spring into Action for Patients, a fundraising dinner and auction, on April 7 at The Beck Event Space in Harrisonville. Approximately \$47,000 was raised at the event, and proceeds will be directed to the Patient Assistance Fund at Cass Regional Medical Center. Since 2005, the fund has provided nearly \$108,000 in assistance to more than 1,450 patients from communities across the region, helping with medication, transportation, medical supplies, and certain therapies.

Nearly 150 guests attended the event and had the opportunity to bid on 32 silent auction items and 5 live auction items as well as participate in a 50/50 raffle, wine pull, jellybean jar guess, prize wheel, and photo booth.

The emcee of the event was Rich Linden, a nationally-known event host and DJ. The welcome was given by Gina Smith, foundation board president, and the invocation was given by Tracy Sloan, immediate past president. Sonya McLelland, foundation executive director, shared stories of some of the patients who have been helped by the Patient Assistance Fund.

Commerce Bank was the presenting sponsor. A World of Smiles; American Heritage, Realtors; HCA Midwest Health; Health Care Associated Emergency Physicians, LLC; and SJ Pain Associates, Inc. were table sponsors, and table patrons were BKD CPAs & Advisors; CPSK Insurance Services, Inc.; P & C Healthcare, LLC; Seigfried Bingham, P.C.; United Imaging Consultants, LLC; and Sonny and Toni Wiseman. The photo booth sponsor was Sherwood Community Bank, and drink ticket sponsors were Hoefle Law, LLC, and Clayton A. Jones, Attorney at Law. Supporters included Hawthorn Bank; HMN Architects, Inc.; Chris and Laurie Lang; Dr. Kevin Latinis; Cecil and Alice Law, and Drs. Visoslav and Marija Tonkovic-Capin.





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## Spring Scholarships Awarded

Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation recently awarded \$23,900 in scholarships to 17 area students who are pursuing health care careers.



Samara Lewis of Freeman, Missouri, was selected to receive the **Alma Brown Scholarship**. Lewis will graduate in 2022 from Midway High School and plans to major in nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Lewis received a \$1,000 scholarship, which was made possible by the generosity of Alma Brown, who passed away in 1998.



Aubree Arnett of Lee's Summit, Missouri, was selected to receive the **Wanda Brown Scholarship**. Arnett is a senior at Raymore-Peculiar High School and plans to major in nursing at the University of Central Missouri. She received a \$1,000 scholarship, which was donated by the late Wanda Brown, who was a member of the Cass Regional Medical Center Auxiliary for more than 60 years.



Audrey Rowe of Garden City, Missouri, was awarded the **Cass Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship**. Rowe is a graduate of Sherwood High School and currently attends Northwest Missouri State University, majoring in biology and psychology. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in occupational therapy. Rowe received a \$1,500 scholarship, which is given annually by the Cass Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.



Maria Cesonis of Harrisonville, Missouri, was awarded the **Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship**. Cesonis will graduate in 2022 from Harrisonville High School and plans to major in exercise science at Rockhurst University. After completing her undergraduate degree, Cesonis plans to attend graduate school to become a physical therapist. She received a \$1,000 scholarship, which was made possible by the generosity of the friends and family of the

late Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., who served on the Cass Regional Medical Center board of trustees for more than 25 years.



Riley Wagner of Raymore, Missouri, was named the first recipient of the **John K. Hoffman Memorial Scholarship**. Wagner is a graduate of Raymore-Peculiar High School and Truman State University, and is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Southwest Baptist University. He received a \$1,000 scholarship, which was made possible by donations received in memory of John Hoffman, PT. Hoffman worked as a physical

therapist at Cass Regional Medical Center for 35 years.

## OUR MISSION

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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.

## Spring Scholarships Awarded, cont.



Mackenna Graef



Brianna Hilworth

Mackenna Graef of Harrisonville, Missouri; Brianna Hilworth of Archie, Missouri; Stephanie Mattson of Garden City, Missouri; and Chris Obersteadt of Lee's Summit, Missouri, were selected to receive the **Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship**. Graef will graduate from Harrisonville High School in 2022 and plans to major in nursing at the University of Central Missouri. Hilworth will graduate from Archie High School in 2022 and plans to major in nursing at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Mattson, who works as a certified nursing assistant at Cass Regional, is a graduate of Sherwood High School and is majoring in nursing at Avila University. Obersteadt will graduate from Raymore-Peculiar High School in 2022 and plans to major in physics of medicine/biology at Rockhurst University. Each recipient received a \$1,750 scholarship, which was made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Evelyn Kirsch, who left a gift to Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation in memory of her husband, Dr. Harold E. Kirsch.



Stephanie Mattson



Chris Obersteadt



Audrey Welhoff of Harrisonville, Missouri, was awarded the **Dr. Gail G. Kroenke Memorial Scholarship**. Welhoff is a graduate of Harrisonville High School and plans to attend graduate school at Missouri State University this fall to pursue a master's degree in speech-language pathology. She received a \$1,000 scholarship, which was made possible by donations received in memory of Gail G. Kroenke, DVM.



Samantha Bross



Macie Collings

Samantha Bross of Palmyra, Missouri; Macie Collings of Harrisonville, Missouri; Amy Rhodes of Harrisonville, Missouri; and Desi Skaggs of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, were selected to receive the **Franceline Parris Scholarship**. Bross works as a student radiologic technologist at Cass Regional and plans to attend the diagnostic ultrasound program at the University of Kansas later this year. Collings and Rhodes will graduate from Harrisonville High School in 2022, and both plan to pursue degrees in nursing at Pittsburg State University. Skaggs is a licensed practical nurse and works as a technician in the Emergency Department at Cass Regional. She plans to attend MidAmerica Nazarene University to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing. Each recipient received a \$1,725 scholarship, which was made possible by the generosity of the late Franceline Parris, who was a member of the Cass Regional Auxiliary.



Amy Rhodes



Desi Skaggs



Tim Gillam, RN, of Harrisonville, Missouri, was selected to receive the **Jan Perry Scholarship**. Gillam works full time as a charge nurse in the Medical/Surgical Unit at Cass Regional. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing through Grand Canyon University. Gillam received a \$2,000 scholarship, which was made possible by the generosity of Jan and Wirt Perry.

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## Spring Scholarships Awarded, cont.



Monica Moore of Harrisonville, Missouri, was awarded the **Beverly Smith Scholarship**. Moore will complete the practical nursing program at Cass Career Center in 2023 and plans to continue her studies to become a registered nurse. She received a \$1,000 scholarship, which was donated by Beverly Smith, a retired nurse and member of the Cass Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.



Sheynacy Curran of Harrisonville, Missouri, received the **Sonny and Toni Wiseman Scholarship**. Curran works full time as a phlebotomist at Cass Regional. She is attending Metropolitan Community College with a career goal of becoming a registered nurse. Curran received a \$500 award, which is made possible by Sonny and Toni Wiseman. Toni Wiseman is a member of the Cass Regional Medical Center board of trustees and the foundation board.

Since its start in 1989, Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation has awarded 198 scholarships totaling over \$210,000, which have helped nearly 190 individuals achieve their educational goals.



## Memorial Wind Sculpture Installed in Healing Garden

The “Ponderosa” wind sculpture that was purchased with donations received in memory of John Hoffman, PT, was installed in the Healing Garden at Cass Regional Medical Center earlier this month. John’s wife, Deborah Hoffman, was present for the installation.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful memorial, and to John’s colleagues in Physical and Occupational Therapy for assisting Deb in selecting this sculpture for Cass Regional’s Healing Garden.

## Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation

*Making Lives Better Since 1989*

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- Donate online at [www.cassregional.org/forms/make-a-donation/](http://www.cassregional.org/forms/make-a-donation/)
- Consider becoming a monthly donor
- Include Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation in your estate plans, living trust or will

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Plant Sale**  
Proceeds to benefit the Gardens Fund  
September 23-24, Healing Garden
- **Celebration Baskets Raffle**  
Proceeds to benefit the Patient Assistance Fund  
October 10-14, Cass Regional Rotunda

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