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Cawby, Johns Awarded Jan Perry Scholarship



Jan Perry

Sarah Cawby and **Terry Johns**, RN, have been named co-recipients of the 2020 Jan Perry Scholarship for Cass Regional Medical Center employees. Each will receive a \$1,000 award, which will be paid to their respective educational institutions on their behalf.

Cawby lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and works as a technician in the Emergency Department at Cass Regional and as a paramedic for American Medical Response in Independence, Missouri. She is a graduate of Drexel High School and has worked at Cass Regional since 2016. Cawby is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Johns resides in Adrian, Missouri, and has been the manager of Cass Regional's Cardiac Rehabilitation department since 2011. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Chamberlain University.

The scholarship program was established at Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation in 2002 by the late Jan Perry of Harrisonville. 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.



Sarah Cawby



Terry Johns, RN



Community Trail Now Open for Use

The Floyd and Franceline Parris Community Trail, located behind the Cass Regional Medical Center campus in Harrisonville, is now open and available for use by the public.

The trail, which is a project of Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation, features two quarter-mile loops that wind through a natural setting. Benches are placed along the path for resting places, and a gazebo provides visual interest as well as additional seating and protection from the elements. The trail is paved in order to better accommodate visitors who use assistive devices such as wheelchairs and walkers. A small parking area is located at the trailhead, which can be accessed from where Healing Way ends on the northwest side of the Cass Regional campus.

The trail was built and will be maintained with donated funds. Franceline Parris, who was a member of the Cass Regional Auxiliary for nearly 25 years before her death in October 2017, named the foundation as a beneficiary of her trust. In January 2019, the foundation board voted to allot \$150,000 of her gift to the trail project, and to name it in honor of Franceline and her husband, Floyd, who passed away in 1993.

“We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Parris and her husband for making the trail possible,” said Sonya McLelland, administrative director of Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation. “It’s a tremendous honor for us to be stewards of their life’s work, which has become a legacy that will benefit the community for years to come.”

The eight acres on which the trail is located were donated to the foundation by Cass Medical Center Improvement Corporation, and other major donors to the project include Cass Regional Medical Center (\$100,000) and The Sunderland Foundation (\$50,000).

“We were pleased to partner with the foundation on the community trail through our donation,” said Chris Lang, CEO of the medical center. “We feel that our investment in the project demonstrates our commitment to promoting wellness. The trail invites people to be active and enjoy nature, which can help address some of the physical and mental health challenges that have been identified in our community health needs assessments.”

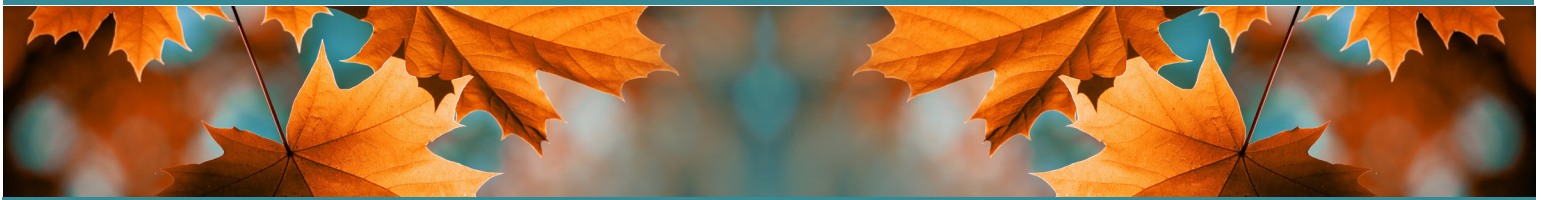
More than \$385,000 was donated for the trail, which was designed by C.L. Maurer of Landplan Engineering,

Lawrence, Kansas, and built by Howco Utilities, LLC, Pleasant Hill, Missouri. The five benches along the path were donated by the family and friends of Becky Beeman, Country Club Bank, Fred V. Kidd, Jr., the family and friends of Jamie Schlotzhauer, and Drs. Visoslav and Marija Tonkovic-Capin.

Several individuals and businesses also contributed through fundraising events that were held in 2019, as well as through the purchase of engraved pavers for a commemorative brick plaza that will be located at the trailhead. The granite supply for the pavers has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing a delay in production and installation. The foundation board anticipates that the plaza will be completed by mid-November.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the foundation’s board of directors decided to move the trail’s grand opening celebration to spring 2021. Please visit www.cassregional.org, or the foundation or hospital’s Facebook pages, for celebration updates as they are available.





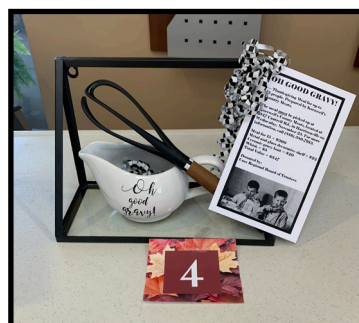


Celebration Baskets, Additional Raffles Raise Nearly \$12,500 for Patient Assistance Fund

The annual Celebration Basket raffle was held in the Rotunda at Cass Regional from October 5 - 9. There were 22 baskets donated by departments within the hospital, as well as by the Cass Regional Board of Trustees, the Cass Regional Foundation Board of Directors, the Cass Regional Auxiliary, Arnold and Sherry Swink and Harrisonville Schools. A trip to Colorado was donated by Gary and Katy Crabtree and an anonymous donor, and a 50/50 raffle was also offered.

The raffles generated nearly \$12,500 for the Patient Assistance Fund. The fund is used to help Cass Regional patients in need with expenses related to transportation, medication, medical supplies, and therapy.

To learn more about how you can support the Patient Assistance Fund at Cass Regional, please contact **Sonya McLelland**, administrative director, at (816) 380-5888, extension 4650, or via email at smcllland@cassregional.org.



Upcoming Events

Spring into Action for Patients

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Beck Event Space, Harrisonville, Mo.

"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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