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# Making a Difference

*Foundation news from Cass Regional Medical Center*

## New Scholarship Fund Established



**Sonny and Toni Wiseman**

Sonny and Toni Wiseman of Harrisonville recently established a new scholarship program with a gift to Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation. Per the couple's wishes, the Sonny and Toni Wiseman Scholarship is available to Cass Regional employees who have been accepted by an accredited program leading to:

- practical nurse licensure, registered nurse licensure, or a bachelor's degree in nursing;
- certification in a nursing specialty (ex., emergency nursing, surgical nursing);
- certification or a degree in medical technology or phlebotomy; or
- certification in dietary management (CDM, CFPP credential from the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals).

One \$500 scholarship will be offered each year. A committee composed of Foundation board members and Cass Regional Medical Center leaders independently reviews applications and scores each one based on the

information submitted. The scholarship is then awarded to the best overall applicant as determined by the selection committee.

"Sonny and I are thrilled to be able to help Cass Regional employees achieve their educational and certification goals through this scholarship program," said Toni, who serves on the Cass Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees and the foundation board. "They have taken such good care of us over the years, and we are glad to have the opportunity to show our appreciation by giving back to them."



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## Wiseman, Kirsch Scholarships Awarded

Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation recently awarded the Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship (for Cass Regional employees), and the inaugural Sonny and Toni Wiseman Scholarship.

**Richard Jones** and **Jamie Spence, RN, BSN**, were named co-recipients of the Kirsch Scholarship. Jones, who works full time as a phlebotomist in the Laboratory, is studying practical nursing at Cass Career Center. Spence, who works full time in the ICU, is pursuing Maternal Mental Health Certification in order to become a postpartum support resource for women and families in the region. Jones and Spence will each receive a \$1,000 award, which will be paid on their behalf to their respective educational/certifying organizations.

**Michael Henderson, LPN**, was selected to receive the first Wiseman Scholarship, which is only offered to Cass Regional employees. Henderson works full time in the Med/Surg Unit, and is pursuing an associate's degree in nursing at Rasmussen University in order to become a registered nurse. He received a \$500 award, which will be disbursed directly to the university on his behalf.

Congratulations to these recipients!



**Richard Jones**



**Jamie Spence, RN, BSN**



**Michael Henderson, LPN**

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Beginning Monday, February 1, the following scholarships will be open for application: Alma Brown Scholarship; Wanda Brown Scholarship; Elvin S. Douglas, Jr., Scholarship; Dr. Harold E. Kirsch Memorial Scholarship; Dr. Gail G. Kroenke Memorial Scholarship; Franceline Parris Scholarship; and Jan Perry Scholarship. Apply at <https://cass-scholarships.smapply.org/>. For more information, visit [cassregional.org/foundation/scholarships](https://cassregional.org/foundation/scholarships).

## Annual Dinner and Auction Postponed Until Next Year

The foundation's Special Events Committee recently decided to move the Spring into Action for Patients Dinner and Auction to Thursday, April 7, 2022, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please make sure to save the date on your 2022 calendar!



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- Scholarships opening  
February 1, 2021
- **Spring into Action for Patients**  
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