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**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY**

CGH Health Foundation Presents \$100,000 Gift for New 3D Tomosynthesis Mammography System

A gift of \$100,000 from the CGH Health Foundation was presented this week toward purchase of the 3D Tomosynthesis mammography system. The highly anticipated new system was installed in December.

"We were honored to be able to assist in this important project for our area women," said Dr. Nancy Tran, CGH Hospitalist and Chair of the Foundation Annual Appeal this past year. "Thank you to all those CGHers and area citizens, businesses and clubs who made this possible."

The gift, pledged last spring by Foundation trustees, was made possible by a \$1 for \$1 match from a donor. Proceeds from the annual Delicious Designs event and the pizza promotion by Angelo's Pizzeria during the month of October comprised a major portion of funds raised.

With the new 3D Tomo system, CGH patients can expect an even higher level of care - earlier diagnosis due to more sensitive readings and a more comfortable mammography experience. "The new technology is available for all of our patients and is especially advantageous for women with dense breast tissue," said Gina Grennan, director of CGH Diagnostic Imaging Department. "We are excited to be able to offer this new modality, which has a more rapid scanning ability and lower dose exposure."



CGH Health Foundation Annual Appeal Chair Dr. Nancy Tran, second from left, presents a \$100,000 "check" to CGH Medical Center CEO Dr. Paul Steinke, third from left. The gift was pledged toward the new 3D Tomosynthesis mammography system last spring by Foundation Board trustees. Also present were Gina Grennan, left, director of CGH Diagnostic Imaging Department, and Dr. Matthew Cutter, chair of the Foundation Board, right.



Community Vaccine Update



Below is a COVID-19 Vaccine Update for community vaccinations.

We know many patients are curious as to when they will be contacted regarding their COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Please know that our vaccine availability is still very limited in Whiteside County, and it is dependent on allocations from the Whiteside County Health Department.

Here at CGH, we are making appointments based on the ages of those who are on our waitlist and are currently vaccinating patients over the age of 85.

- Over 800 patients 85 and older have been vaccinated.
- We currently have over 6000 patients on our waiting list that are age 65 and older. Once vaccine is available, they will receive more information about the date, time and location of their appointment. This may be several weeks from now.

Our vaccine supply situation changes daily, and we do not have a set amount of vaccine that is received each week. We have received zero some weeks and have had a high of 500 total for the public (received this week). Each allocation also includes the 2nd doses for those that were previously vaccinated. We understand that this is a very long process and we hope that more vaccine will become available in the near future.

If patients are on the CGH waitlist and are contacted to get the vaccine faster at the health department or a local pharmacy, please do not hesitate to encourage them to get their vaccine at those locations.

Thank you for your patience as we work together to vaccinate our patients and help end this pandemic.

****For CGH patients age 65 and older that would like to add their name to the waitlist that we are using to schedule vaccination appointments:**

- Visit www.cghmc.com/vaccine
- Call our Vaccine Waitlist Hotline (815-632-5298), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CGH Laboratory Accreditation



The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded accreditation to CGH Medical Center Laboratory Department, based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP's Accreditation Programs.

The facility's director, Farzan Eskandari, MD, FCAP was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. CGH Medical Center Laboratory Department is one of more than 8,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

"We're very proud of this certification, as it emphasizes our commitment to provide the highest level of care for our patients," said Farzan Eskandari, MD, FCAP, CGH Laboratory Medical Center Director.

The U.S. federal government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, as being equal-to or more stringent-than the government's own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

About 60-70% of all medical decisions are based on laboratory results. On average, CGH sees 73,000 outpatients a year at the hospital and the clinic labs. Many of the services performed in our laboratories include but are not limited to blood typing, blood transfusions, glucose tests, urine analysis, throat cultures, tissue blocks, and more. For more information on CGH Laboratories, visit www.cghmc.com/services/laboratory.

As the world's largest organization of board-certified pathologists and leading provider of laboratory accreditation and proficiency testing programs, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide.

CGH Health Foundation Scholarship Deadline

The CGH Health Foundation Nursing and Healthcare Scholarship application deadline is Tuesday, June 15 at 5 p.m. Students already accepted into their professional school of study for either a nursing or healthcare degree are eligible.



There are five nursing/healthcare scholarships available with just one application. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Residents of the CGH service area are eligible, including individuals living in Whiteside, Lee, Ogle, Carroll and Bureau counties.

Go to Lifeline/CGH Health Foundation/Internal Site/Scholarship forms to download the application. Or go to www.cghmc.com/scholarships. Scan completed forms to Foundation Executive Director Joan Hermes at Joan.Hermes@cghmc.com by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, drop off at 2600 N. Locust Street, or put in the Foundation mailbox.

DAISY Award Nominees

Congratulations to all CGH nurses nominated by our patients this quarter for the DAISY award, including: Elizabeth Accardi, Sabrina Allen, Darcie Bettner, Tina Dillon, Andrea Ferguson, Danielle Grobe, Andrew Jacobs, Angie Tschosik Johnson, Shelly Lewis, Amy Marcinkiewicz, Kelly McCormick, Elliot Mertes, Heather Musselman, Tara Olsen, Cindy Schott, Breah Sharp, Whitney Smith, Marcella Sproul, Kelli Teske, Jodi Thompson, Rebecca Tieman, Jan Valdez and Chelsey Vetter.





Save the Date!

Scrubs

On-Site Sale

Thursday, February 25th

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CGH Logo Apparel
Online Store to follow

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Caring Fund Scholarships

Congratulations to **Heather Babbitt** (Surgery - Main Clinic), **Chloe Buyers** (Laboratory), **Megan Christensen** (ED), **Serena Lahey** (Floats - Hospital), **Bethany Shearer** (Medical Floor) and **Marjorie Wiley** (Floats - Clinic), winners of CGH Caring Fund Scholarships for the spring semester.



The Caring Fund Scholarship was created in 2014 by the CGH Caring Fund Committee and is funded 100% through CGH Medical Center employee contributions.



Call (815) 625-0400, ext. 5550 for criteria and appointment

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**DAWN
WILLMAN**

Teacher
Daycare



FEBRUARY 2021

ABOUT ME

- **I live in:** Sterling
- **Joined CGH on:** August 15, 1995
- **Education:** Sauk Valley Community College, AAS Early Childhood Education
- **Hobbies:** Puzzles, scrapbooking, going on walks and spending time with family

Dawn is a huge asset to CGH Daycare! She always has the best attitude no matter the day! She is very caring, sensitive, hard-working, and has amazing patience. She always makes time to listen to children and parents. She gets along great with all her co-workers. She helps me in the office and whenever I need to bounce ideas off of someone, she is always there. She goes above and beyond and truly enjoys her job. She and her husband recently created some custom-made classroom table dividers, which took countless hours to make just for our center to be as safe as possible. These dividers are not even for her classroom, however, she knows we are all on the same team! Dawn is a true joy to work with and I couldn't do it without her!

PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT

My family and earning the Employee of the Month award

MY FAMILY

Husband, Josh; sons, Tyler and Cooper



Purpose, Worthwhile Work...
Making a Difference!