

## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Over the past 100 years, Mary Rutan Hospital has seen many changes – and 2018 was no different.

Most notable for 2018 is the Mary Rutan Health Center, which opened early in the year, providing our community's first full-service, seven-day-a-week urgent care center. The Health Center also is home to our region's most complete and advanced selection of therapy services, our state-of-the-art sports medicine facility, comprehensive occupational health services, and on-site laboratory, x-ray and pharmacy.

And already in 2019 – Mary Rutan's 100th anniversary year – we have opened our newest regional clinic, the Mary Rutan Hospital Indian Lake Clinic (see Page 12). Plus, we launched the innovative MRH Disease Management Clinic, which helps people manage chronic conditions, improve their health and quality of life, and reduce their use of health care services and the associated expenses (Page 12).

Among all the changes that Mary Rutan Hospital has seen since 1919 (read a review of MRH history beginning on Page 3), one constant remains. That is the enduring commitment of generations of our physicians, nurses, staff, volunteers and directors to the health care and wellness of our community.

My fellow MRH team members and I are humbled by the trust that generations of families have placed in Mary Rutan Hospital. While we have been honored to receive numerous awards from national health care organizations for the quality of the care we provide, we consider our community's trust to be our greatest mark of success.

We also cherish the collaborative partnerships we have established and maintained over the years with organizations that share our concern for the health of our community. These alliances have enabled us to better understand and provide for the needs of local residents.

Thanks to our dedicated physicians, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, patients and community partners, we are positioned to begin our next century of caring stronger than ever – committed to remaining an independent, community-minded health care provider.



Amanda C. Goble
President & CEO



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Mary Rutan HOSPITAL

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#### • MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide progressive quality health care with a personal touch.

#### VISION STATEMENT:

Mary Rutan Hospital's team members are committed to providing progressive quality health care with a personal touch. Using our mission as a foundation, we strive to:

- Meet the health and wellness needs of our community through expansion, enhancement and innovation of services.
- Maintain a position of financial strength and efficiency, utilizing sound management practices with a focus on providing health care value.
- Maximize the patient experience by providing quality health care and excellent service.
- Promote a culture of teamwork, engagement, professionalism and respect.

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# A CENTURY OF CARING



# Celebrating the History of Mary Rutan Hospital

2019 marks an incredible milestone for Mary Rutan Hospital – our 100-year anniversary!

We have a history to be proud of – as one of a select few Ohio health care providers to maintain our status as an independent, stand-alone community hospital. And after all

these years, Mary Rutan Hospital continues to provide our community access to a growing network of top-level health care facilities, services and specialists.

Mary Rutan Hospital opened in 1919 as a 25-bed, two-floor hospital, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Rebecca R. Rutan Williams. Mrs. Williams, the only child of William and Mary Magruder Rutan, was a prominent Bellefontaine citizen and land owner.

She deeded an 880-acre Ridgeway area farm to the City of Bellefontaine – and proceeds from the sale of that farm were used to build the hospital.

Mrs. Williams' only request: that the hospital be named in memory of her mother, Mary Rutan.

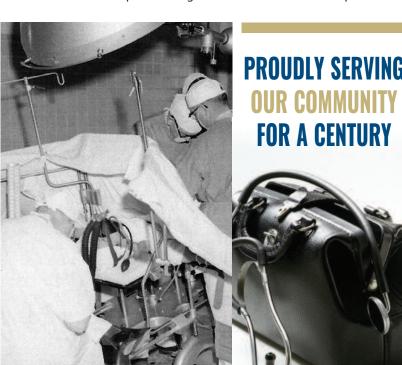
Since then, Mary Rutan Hospital has completed numerous expansions, each time adding to the health care services offered to the community.

"We are fortunate that many individuals and organizations have followed Mrs. Williams' example, partnering with us to help expand the range of health care services that Mary Rutan Hospital provides," says President & CEO Mandy Goble. "Logan County is an exceptionally generous and caring community."

She adds, "The partnerships and collaborative efforts of many throughout the community have strengthened our organization and helped us gain a clear understanding of the health care and wellness needs of local residents – so that we can better provide for them."

Today, Mary Rutan Hospital is a leading not-for-profit health care organization that provides an integrated system of inpatient, outpatient and community services to meet the health and wellness needs of all members of the community.

The recent opening of the Mary Rutan Hospital Indian Lake Clinic brings our total off-site locations to 15 in our four-county region – Logan, Champaign, Hardin and Shelby. Mary Rutan Hospital team members deliver award-winning services that are recognized by patients and their families, as well as independent organizations that rank the hospital among the best.







## OUR SERVICES HAVE GROWN OVER THE YEARS TO INCLUDE:

- Allergy
- Audiology and Hearing Aids
- Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation
- Cardiovascular Services
- Care Coordination
- Corporate Health Services
- Coumadin Clinic
- Dermatology
- Disease Management
- Ear. Nose and Throat
- Emergency Department
- Family Birth Center
- Feeding, Swallowing and Voice Therapy
- Home Medical Equipment
- Internal Medicine
- Laboratory Services
- Neurology
- Nutritional Counseling
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Occupational Therapy
- Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
- Outpatient Services
- Pediatrics
- Physical Therapy
- Radiology/Imaging Center
- Respiratory Care
- Sleep Disorders Center
- Speech Therapy
- · Sports Medicine
- Surgical Services
- Urgent Care
- Urology
- Weight Management



### MARY ANN Magruder Rutan

The wife of William Rutan, she is the namesake of Mary Rutan Hospital and Rutan Park. She was born in the early 1800s in Georgetown.

## 1915

#### **DONATION ARRANGED**

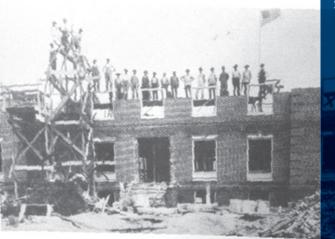
Rebecca Rutan Williams, donated monies in memory of her mother, to build a community hospital.

## 917

## SELECTION AND PURCHASE OF LAND

In June 1917, the trustees announced that land had been purchased for the new hospital on North Madriver Street at the intersection of Palmer Avenue – two lots facing Madriver Street and three lots facing Palmer Avenue, at a total cost of \$2,000.

# MARY RUTAN HOSPITAL HISTORY AT A GLANCE



1919

1920

#### THE HOSPITAL BEGINS OPERATION

The two-story, colonial-style hospital opened in March 1919, with 22 beds and 2 floors. The hospital's first three patients were admitted March 30. And the first baby was born at Mary Rutan Hospital on April 29, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ehrhart of Bellefontaine. In honor of the occasion, they named their new daughter Mary Rutan Ehrhart.

# 1930

1936

The hospital's first annual report reported 549 admitted

patients, 469 surgeries and 19 births. The most common

occupations of patients included housewife, farmer, clerk,

laborer, telephone operator, teacher, cigar maker and

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

electrician.

### **OXYGEN TENT AVAILABLE**

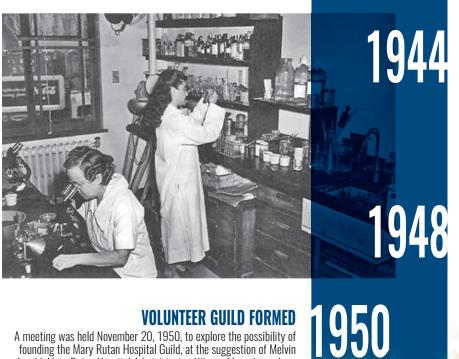
The "oxygenaire" oxygen tent was introduced at the hospital to help patients recover from respiratory diseases, at a cost of 50 cents an hour.



## THIRD FLOOR ADDED

A third floor was added to the hospital due to increasing maternity cases and a state requirement that all maternity care be segregated on one floor.





#### FIRST SUPPLY OF PENICILLIN

Penicillin, one of the first forms of antibiotics, was first used at Mary Rutan Hospital, significantly aiding in the treatment of bacterial infections.



#### **HOSPITAL EXPANSION**

A much-needed expansion was completed with the assistance of a \$93,386.66 federal grant – adding 36 beds and 13 bassinets.

#### **VOLUNTEER GUILD FORMED**

A meeting was held November 20, 1950, to explore the possibility of founding the Mary Rutan Hospital Guild, at the suggestion of Melvin Arnold, Mary Rutan Hospital Administrator. Wives of board members and other interested women formed a nucleus group.

> Since then, the Guild has been an integral part of hospital operations, raising funds for needed equipment and providing volunteer services to help ensure that all patients and visitors are as comfortable as possible.





# NEW WEST WING AND ENTRANCE

This expansion helped modernize the hospital and provide room for more beds and a gift shop for the Guild. The new entrance faced Palmer Avenue. LA LIZATER DE L'ALLER DE L'ALLER



#### **CARDIOLOGY SERVICES INTRODUCED**

After passing away from heart failure, the daughter of a former physician left a sizable donation to the hospital for development of the cardiology department. The department was created primarily by Dr. Harry Graber, Mary Rutan's first cardiologist, followed by Dr. Evan Dixon. Both doctors also helped expand the hospital's nuclear and peripheral vascular programs.







1978

#### **ESTABLISHED AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

Mary Rutan Hospital became a not-for-profit corporation after being a municipal hospital since its origin. With this change, the hospital officially became Mary Rutan Hospital of Logan County, serving as the county's only total acute health care facility.

1979

#### **ADDITION OF OBSTETRICS WING**

The community helped financially support this \$6.5 million endeavor, which expanded the hospital to 113 beds. The addition was dedicated to those who had given so much of their time and service to Mary Rutan Hospital.



## SECOND PHASE OF CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING

The hospital implemented a second phase of corporate restructuring, forming the Mary Rutan Health Association, a holding corporation for Mary Rutan Hospital, the Mary Rutan Foundation and Logan View LLC.

1984



2002

#### PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTER

The need for an off-site outpatient therapy facility became clear when the hospital had more than 40,000 therapy visits in 2001. So, in 2002, with the help of \$500,000 in federal funding, Mary Rutan Hospital built a new physical therapy center to support physical, occupational, speech and audiology therapies.



EXPANSION

Emergency room visits increased from 15,000 to 22,000, from 1996-2006, stretching the Mary Rutan Hospital Emergency Department beyond capacity. In June 2006, a community campaign was kicked off to raise funds to expand the Emergency Department. The new Emergency Department opened in 2007, with five times the space of the original department.

ray and pre-admissions testing.

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT** 







#### "A" HOSPITAL SAFETY SCORE

Mary Rutan Hospital receives the first of many "A" hospital safety scores. This "A" rating went to only a select few U.S. hospitals that excel in patient safety. At the time of this award, we were the only hospital in our six-county region to do so.



2014

**EXPANSION OF SERVICES OUTSIDE LOGAN COUNTY** 

Mary Rutan Hospital recognized the need for specialized health care close to home for Champaign County residents. In 2014, the Mary Rutan Hospital Urbana Clinic was opened, offering a variety of specialty care providers at the new location.

2016 NA

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Mary Rutan Hospital earned national recognition as one of the Top 100 Rural & Community hospitals in the United States. One of only seven Ohio hospitals to receive this distinction.

Many Rucan HEALTH CENTER

#### **HEALTH CENTER**

RURAL & COMMUN**I**TY

The new Mary Rutan Health Center provides the area's first full-service urgent care. The Health Center also is home to Corporate Health Services, Mary Rutan Hospital Therapy and Sports Medicine, and Sports Enhancement Training, which includes a therapy pool, advanced training equipment, and turf and court-simulated training space.

2018



1919-2019





## **SPECIAL DELIVERY**

# A Surrogate Mother Took Friendship to the Next Level by Delivering Twins at Mary Rutan Hospital

This spring, two special five-year-olds are registering for kindergarten at Benjamin Logan Elementary School. Here's the story of how they came to be. And how friendship conquered heartache, bringing new life and a strong bond between two families. And how Mary Rutan Hospital is honored to have had a role.

hris and Kristy Daniels of Bellefontaine had two children – son, Carter and daughter, Georgia. But they felt their family was not yet complete. Repeated miscarriages left them wracked with disappointment. Emotionally spent, they began exploring alternative options. This included surrogate pregnancy – having a surrogate mother carry their baby.

In February 2013, the Daniels' story took an unexpected turn when Kristy's friend Colleen Bodin casually mentioned: "I'm thinking about becoming a surrogate."

"This came from out of the blue," Kristy remembers. Kristy hadn't talked with Colleen much about the couple's private desperation. And Colleen hadn't previously shared her plans with Kristy. Colleen first considered serving as a surrogate after the birth of her and husband John's third child, Brooks, now 7. After talking with John, she approached her OB/GYN, Jay Meyer, M.D., about the possibility.



Kristy Daniels, left, with her twins, daughter Chandler and son Chase, and friend Colleen Bodin, who took their friendship to the next level. Colleen carried and delivered the twins five years ago at Mary Rutan Hospital and will be their principal when they enter school in August at Benjamin Logan Elementary.

Dr. Meyer had also delivered the Bodins' two other children at Mary Rutan Hospital – Winifred (Winnie), now 11, and Charlotte (Lottie), now 9.

She explains why she was interested in becoming a surrogate: "I loved being pregnant, and I never had problems. I carried full-term."

In addition, Colleen had a relative who was having difficulty getting pregnant. Watching others struggle with pregnancy, when carrying a baby was relatively easy for her, convinced Colleen to apply with a surrogacy agency.

Kristy mentioned Colleen's intentions to her mother, who said, "God is telling you to ask her (to serve as her surrogate). There are not many people you could trust to do this. You just have to ask her to do this for you."

#### The Start of Something Special

Kristy and Colleen had become fast friends not long after Kristy and Chris, who own Briarwood Sporting Club, moved to Bellefontaine in 2008.

They got to know one another while their kids (Colleen's Winnie and Lottie and Kristy's Carter and Georgia) took swim lessons at the Hilliker YMCA and participated in gymnastics.

Their friendship grew as they began co-teaching Zumba at the Y. Colleen, a high school guidance counselor at Indian Lake Schools at the time and now principal at Benjamin Logan Elementary School, and John, an attorney with Thompson, Dunlap and Heydinger, joined Briarwood.

After Colleen's revelation, their relationship began developing on a deeper level. They started exploring the possibility of Colleen serving as the Daniels' surrogate.

Chris was initially wary of the idea of surrogacy – primarily with the thought of entering an agreement with someone they might meet for the first time through an agency.

"No way would I allow someone I don't know and trust to deliver my baby," she recalls him saying. But the wariness subsided when they began putting a familiar and trusted face to their deliberations for and against surrogacy.

Besides being a good friend, Colleen was "the perfect candidate," Kristy said. "She exercises, she takes great care of herself. She was on the treadmill three miles a day right up to all of her deliveries."

And Kristy's OB/GYN gave her a vote of confidence as being a good candidate for in vitro fertilization and surrogacy.

Colleen was in it from the start. She says, "It was difficult to see Kristy and Chris go through this. They're such a great couple and fantastic parents." She adds, "It just feels this was very much what was meant to be. We're so close, and our kids are so close. This just seemed so easy and natural." When they decided to move forward with the plan, the two couples worked as a team. Kristy said that she and Colleen "went totally medical," attending to all the health-related issues. With John's legal expertise, their husbands took care of the business side of the arrangement, going "totally legal."

When they consulted with a lawyer to make the arrangements, Colleen recalls, "The attorney said this was the easiest thing ever, that we had it all figured out."

#### **Shared Expectations**

Two of Kristy's eggs, which had been fertilized through in vitro fertilization (IVF), were implanted in Colleen. As a gestational surrogate, Colleen would have no genetic ties to any baby resulting from the pregnancy. The baby - or - babies would carry Chris and Kristy's genes.

At the same time, Kristy was also implanted with two of her own fertilized eggs. To help promote pregnancy, Kristy and Colleen each gave the other shots of progesterone. They continued to exercise together at the local Y and pray together that one, some, or all of the implanted eggs would result in growing the Daniels' family.

One morning while at the dentist office Kristy got a disappointing phone call, that she was not pregnant. However, her dismay was followed by excitement when Colleen called with news that she was pregnant. The excitement doubled later when they all learned Colleen was carrying twins! This pregnancy was a shared experience for many. "Our friends, our families were all very supportive," Kristy said.

Throughout the pregnancy, Kristy brought food to the Bodins and provided Colleen maternity clothing – and ice cream. Colleen's own children enjoyed feeling the babies kick and even read to them as they grew in utero.

#### The Delivery

Because of Colleen's favorable experiences delivering her three children at Mary Rutan Hospital, Kristy supported her desire to have the twins delivered there, too.

Colleen said, "Dr. Meyer is a hero. He and the nurses at Mary Rutan Hospital made this all go so well." And that included how he helped her and the twins survive a scare 20 weeks into the pregnancy. Colleen's son, Brooks, then 2 years old, jumped off the back of a couch and took an accidental spill onto Colleen's abdomen. The impact hurt, and Colleen began bleeding.

Dr. Meyer met them at the MRH Emergency Department, where she was diagnosed with placental abruption, a partial separation of the placenta from the uterine lining. Dr. Meyer prescribed bed rest and kept a close watch on Colleen and the babies through the rest of her pregnancy.

Dr. Meyer maintained his hero status right through the delivery, at a little more than 36 weeks into





Colleen's pregnancy, on May 19, 2014.

Prior to the delivery, Colleen shared her concerns with Dr. Meyer: "I wouldn't be coming home with babies, but I already had three kids at home. I didn't want a C-section. I think he heard me – he understood my greatest fear."

Yet, one of the twins was positioned breach, complicating the delivery. Dr. Meyers, however, was able to reposition the baby for a normal delivery.

Kristy and Chris's new daughter, Chandler, was the first to arrive. Their son, Chase, true to his name, followed.

But his breathing concerned the delivery team. Arrangements were made to take him to Nationwide Children's Hospital. His condition quickly improved, though, and he stayed at Mary Rutan, until he and Chandler went home with Kristy and Chris.

Chris's mother, from Tampa, Florida, was there to witness the joyous occasion and said of the experience at Mary Rutan: "This is the best, most attentive staff."

#### And There's More...

"When the twins were six months old and crawling around," says Kristy, she and Chris had a surprise announcement to make: She was pregnant. On September 24, 2015, Gracyn was born, bringing the total of Daniels children to five.

"We really wanted one more child and ended up with three. God definitely has a sense of humor. It's almost like having triplets, they're so close," Kristy jokes.

Next fall the twins start kindergarten at Benjamin Logan Elementary, where Colleen is principal. "I'm just so tickled they'll be in your school," Kristy tells Colleen. And Colleen is happy to be helping them grow once again.

Dr. Meyers has grandchildren who attend Benjamin Logan Elementary. Colleen says, "He still gets a Christmas card every year from our family. We just think the world of him. He's one amazing doctor." After the special delivery of Chris and Kristy Daniels' twins, Chandler and Chase, Kristy watches over her newborns as they're cared for by Mary Rutan Hospital nurses Karen Aldo and Sally Harshbarger.



## Mary Rutan Hospital Auxiliary Guild

## THE GIFT OF A SMILE

## Others recognized for their volunteer service to the organization in 2018 include:

#### **STAR AWARD**

Outstanding first-year member Lynda Arehart

#### **50 CLUB**

Members who served at least 50 hours in one month Marlene Ashbaugh Susan Corwin Sherri Engle Mary Yoder

#### **ENDURING AWARD**

Members who have worked an average of 5 hours per week Marlene Ashbaugh Susan Corwin Sherri Engle Susan Holycross Barbara Kerrigan Elsie Lucas Mary Yoder

#### YEARS OF SERVICE

55 Years Nina McPherson 50 Years Judy Verbsky 20 Years

Katie Amidon Martha Bayliss

15 Years Mike Kreglow Connie Regula Janet VanHoose

5 Years

Wilma Ferguson Betty Hennessy Susie Holycross Thomas Mangette Beverly Shroyer Christina Watkins Maureen Yoder

For more information on becoming a **Mary Rutan Hospital volunteer**, stop by the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital, or call volunteer coordinator, Christie Barns, at **(937) 599-7005**.

n 1964, Nina McPherson was eager to join the workforce. However, this notion was unfavorable with her husband, so she chose to volunteer and became a member of the Mary Rutan Hospital Auxiliary Guild. In her early days, Nina was the Greeting Card Chairperson and responsible for making weights, by hand, for physical therapy patients. Today, Nina is an integral part of the Patient Care Service area and is responsible for reviewing required documents and talking with all new patients admitted to the hospital.

Taking time with patients is what Nina enjoys most. Regardless the length of visit, Nina is never in a hurry to cut her time short, if a patient is eager to talk. She told a story of an older woman who had all but given up. As with all patients, Nina listened and offered words of encouragement. Frequently she will offer a prayer if the patient asks. The next day, the patient's daughter stopped Nina to thank her. The daughter stated, "I don't know what you said to my mother, but her whole attitude toward her health and life is so much better. It's because of you." Nina claims she has no idea what she may have said but commented, "Whatever I said, I was glad I could help. Maybe God intervened." Nina carries a prayer card in the pocket of her volunteer smock. It is a prayer for being a good listener. Whenever she enters a patient room, she hopes that is a gift she is able to offer.

Enjoying the responses, Nina frequently asks patients, "What's the most important thing in life?"

"To smile," a 94-year old patient exclaimed, one day. The gentleman assured Nina that this simple gesture can brighten a person's day. Since then, Nina has taken that advice to heart. No matter the situation, you will always see her wearing a beautiful smile as she goes about her work at the hospital.



During her years of service, Nina has seen a lot of changes throughout Mary Rutan Hospital. She credits many positive strategies to Mr. Ewing Crawfis, past president/CEO of Mary Rutan Hospital. "At the time, he turned the organization around." Another worthy praise was for Jim Schwind, director of the Care Coordination Department, who Nina honors with being a great mentor and someone who is always encouraging.

Nina summarized her motivation to volunteer with, "The work is very rewarding and interesting. The people of Logan County are such great people and often remark how friendly the hospital is. I really enjoy working here or I wouldn't have done it for 55 years!"

Today, the Guild roster has 95 members who provide daily assistance in nine different service areas throughout three different buildings. In 2018, these members provided 9,200 hours of volunteer time to the organization. Of these hours, 608 were from 20 new volunteers.

In addition to services, the Guild's purpose is to make charitable contributions to Mary Rutan Hospital as needs arise. To date, the Guild has donated over \$1,080,000. Its most recent gift was a \$75,000 commitment to the Mary Rutan Health Center capital campaign.

#### **HOURS OF SERVICE**

7000 Hours Judy Verbsky, 7074 4000 Hours

Susan Corwin, 4265

Elsie Lucas, 4163 3000 Hours Barbara Kerrigan, 3202

Barbara Lee, 3006 2500 Hours Sherrie Engle, 2815

2000 Hours Nancy Wilkinson, 2048 1500 Hours

Robert Notestine, 1517 Mike Peak, 1545 Connie Regula, 1566 Jan VanHoose, 1533

1000 Hours Marlene Ashbaugh, 1198 Susan Holycross, 1036 Mary Yoder, 1096

800 Hours Beverly Shroyer, 856 700 Hours

Sandy Aler, 729 Karen Swisher, 700 Maureen Yoder, 713

600 Hours Marjorie Bixler, 665 Wilma Ferguson, 679

400 Hours Sharon Brown, 426 Betty Hennessy, 423 Linda Hicks, 450

300 Hours Susan Berry, 310 Peggy King, 338 Karen Kitt, 350 Ellen Stevenson, 342

200 Hours Kim Arthur, 254 Marie Downing, 204 Lana Fulkerson, 224 Krista Harman, 255 Nikki Smith, 276

100 Hours Lynda Arehart, 113 Joan Downing, 110 Clara Hughes, 107 Thomas Mangette, 195 Nadine Tussing, 139

## **MRH Opens Disease Management Clinic**

People with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), heart disease and obesity typically require more health care services than the general population. This includes physician office visits, hospital care and prescription drugs. We know the costs can add up.

Because the number of people battling chronic conditions in our community is increasing, and health care costs continue to rise, Mary Rutan Hospital recently opened the Mary Rutan Hospital Disease Management Clinic, located on the first floor of the hospital.

The clinic helps people manage chronic conditions, improve their health and quality of life, and reduce their use of health care services and the associated expenses.

The new clinic uses a multidisciplinary team of providers – physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians and respiratory therapists. They help patients manage their conditions and adopt healthy lifestyle practices. Our mission is to encourage healthy behaviors.

"We know that living with a chronic disease can be difficult and that making healthy

lifestyle changes may be even more so," said Christina Myers, PharmD, BCPS, Mary Rutan Hospital pharmacy director. "But we're here to provide personal encouragement and professional support."

Mary Rutan Hospital Disease Management currently consists of six service areas designed to help patients

live with specific chronic conditions and reduce the risk of avoidable complications, emergency room visits and hospitalization.

These six service areas include COPD Management, Lipid Management, Coumadin Clinic, Diabetes Management, Weight Management and Nutrition Therapy. Mary Rutan Hospital Disease Management targets each patient's most critical chronic disease and coordinates care for their condition.





If you know someone you believe could benefit from these services, please have them talk with their primary care provider or contact Mary Rutan Hospital Disease Management directly at (937) 651-6518.

## **Newest Regional Clinic Opens at Indian Lake**

Our newest regional clinic opened April 3, 2019. The Mary Rutan Hospital Indian Lake Clinic offers specialty health care services that include pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery, and laboratory services. The newly remodeled clinic space is located on the second floor of the Aries Wellness Center, 8200 St. Rt. 366, Russells Point.

"The Indian Lake Clinic marks an exciting time of growth for health care in the region and our commitment to providing great care across the communities we serve," says Chad Ross, Mary Rutan Hospital Vice President of Operations.

"The clinic represents a convenient access point for patients and their families who are seeking specialty health care services. The current service areas were determined based on community needs. Additional specialty care providers will be considered for the future."

Dr. Janet Zurovchak (Gynecology), Dr. Michael Cray (General Surgery) and Dr. Janet Dunn (Pediatrics) were handpicked to staff the clinic, because of their clinical expertise and passion for delivering high quality, compassionate health care to the community.



Mary Rutan Hospital Indian Lake Clinic is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For an appointment, call (937) 292-5063.



Plan for Logan County.

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS REPORT

## A story of community...

The story of Mary Rutan Hospital is one of community. Engrained in Logan County for 100 years, its leadership, physicians, staff and board of directors are committed to the health, safety and well-being of all who reside in Logan County and surrounding communities.





hat began in 1919 as a two-story building, accommodating 22 patients, has grown into a health system now encompassing 15 locations, over 1,000 employees, physicians and volunteers, providing primary, specialty, urgent and emergent services tailored to the areas of risk and need identified in the community. Mary Rutan Hospital's growth is intentional, focused and driven by the voice and needs of the community, obtained and monitored through collaborative efforts with area partners and the facilitation of the Community Needs Assessment and Health Improvement

During 2018, the community's third Needs Assessment was administered. Information was obtained through a survey mailed to 50% of households in Logan County and through focus groups, key informant interviews and secondary data obtained to support and validate findings. The survey was led and funded by Mary Rutan Hospital, Mary Rutan Foundation, United Way of Logan County, Community Health and Wellness Partners, Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Services Board of Logan and Champaign Counties and the Logan County Health District. In July, a diverse group of 80 individuals, representing health and human service agencies, law enforcement, industry, churches, schools and concerned Logan County residents, participated in a Community Call to Action. This group reviewed the findings of the assessment, selected priority areas, began to plan strategies to address the identified priorities and assigned the priorities to one of the area coalitions for ongoing action and monitoring.

#### The priority areas identified include:

- Obesity and Overweight
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Maltreatment of Children
- Awareness/Access to Resources
- Housing and Homelessness
- Workforce Development/ Readiness

Overweight and obesity levels of Logan County residents are above state and national levels. To address these alarming statistics, Mary Rutan

Hospital and Mary Rutan Foundation have implemented numerous programs and services to create a healthier Logan County.

A robust chronic disease management clinic and a medically monitored weight management program were implemented. In addition, targeted community outreach programs and services were developed and administered for free or a minimal fee.

**Creating A Healthy Me** is one of the targeted

I continue to benefit from what I learned in the Creating A Healthy Me session. Each week I took away at least one piece of information that helped me as I began my journey to a healthier lifestyle, which eventually included a 55pound weight loss. The information was basic. interesting and easily applicable to daily living. The speakers were professional, prepared and willingly addressed the concerns of participants during class. The program helped me be more mindful of what I was eating and how it could be easier to put effort into positive food and lifestyle choices that result in improved and continued wellness, than to live with the consequences that eventually accompany negative ones. I knew my excess weight and sedentary lifestyle were two huge strikes against me. especially as a breast cancer survivor, and the classes helped me with the goal I have of remaining in the game for years to come.

- Miriam Baier





I was diagnosed with a neurological condition two years ago and needed help to get out of bed. My therapists, Jess and Erica, are very helpful and sincere and want to help me get better. I was only working two hours a day. Now I can work six to seven hours and not get tired. The class is fun and affordable.

Carl Good

The team challenges us to do better with mobility and have a good time. When I was diagnosed, I was almost in a wheelchair and couldn't play my guitar. Now I can keep my balance. and my dexterity has improved so I can still play my guitar.

Jason LeVan

programs. This 8-week program is a journey to a healthier lifestyle, guided by registered dieticians, an exercise physiologist and licensed social workers. The program includes complimentary health screenings, weekly education, resources and tools to equip participants for success. Numerous community members have participated and seen success. Another community program, Delay the **Disease™**, began in 2018. Led by members of the MRH Therapy Team, the program assists

individuals with Parkinson's disease and other degenerative neurological conditions. This evidenced-based fitness program is designed to empower those living with these conditions by optimizing their daily physical function and helping to delay the progression of symptoms.

This program is designed to retrain the mind and body. After the 12-week session, participants reported improvement in quality of life, regaining ability to successfully manage aspects of their disease, and extending their independence.

Mary Rutan Foundation awarded nine area agencies and schools grants totaling nearly \$50,000 in 2018. This year marks the fifth year that Mary Rutan Foundation h administered its Community Hea

& Wellness Grant Program. Since its inception, nearly \$234,000 has been invested in community health and wellness initiatives through grants awarded to 48 recipients. Several of these programs continue to thrive in our community, sustained through new partnerships and funding sources.

During the 2018 grant cycle, Benjamin Logan School District was awarded \$10,000 for the Growing Gardens, Growing Minds -Towards a Healthy Future Project. Although food

education is not

mandatory in schools nationwide, through this funding, Benjamin Logan School District is leading the way through a pilot program in Logan County to implement many food-related education activities in grades K-12, including nutrition lessons and projects where students of all ages grow, touch, cook, taste and sell food.

Outcomes and objectives will be monitored over a multi-year period through a survey administered during third, sixth, ninth and twelfth grade, focused on eating habits, knowledge of nutrition and attitudes toward a healthy diet.

These are just a few of the stories of Mary Rutan Hospital's contributions to the community. In 2018, Mary Rutan Hospital and Mary Rutan Foundation invested more than \$17 million toward improving the health of our community through health education, prevention programs, screenings and financial assistance for area residents with limited resources for health care.

MARY RUTAN HOSPITAL'S 2018 INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY BENEFITS\*

## \$17+ MILLION

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		Health Professional Education	\$134,987
		Community Health Improvement Services	\$387,064
		Financial & In-kind Support	\$127,029
		Community Building Activities & Support	\$80,504
		Community Needs Assessment	\$39,885
		Subsidized Health Services & Research	\$32,401
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\*Numbers are based on 2018 unaudited financial information.





Visit the Mary Rutan Hospital website, marvrutan.org, or call the Community Relations Department at (937) 599-7003 for copies of the Logan County **Community Needs Assessment**, Community & MRH Health Improvement Plan or contact one of our financial counselors at (937) 651-6446 for MRH financial assistance policies and applications.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2019









## **CLASSES**

#### **SOLID GROUND CLASSES - FREE**

4-week fall prevention program. Classes can be scheduled for private groups at your location or ours. Call (937) 599-7005 to schedule.

#### **CREATING A HEALTHY ME**

Trying to stick to a special diet or fitness regime can be tough. Consider learning how to make healthier lifestyle choices to accomplish your goals by participating in the Creating A Healthy Me class, instructed by licensed professionals.

8-week program

Mondays beginning September 9. Classes held at 1 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Mary Rutan Health Center 1134 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine \$25 program fee includes health screening, weekly give-a-ways, class instruction and chance to win a FitBit. Call (937) 599-7005 to register.

#### DELAY THE DISEASE

Mary Rutan Hospital Therapy & Sports Medicine offers a specialized group exercise program for people with degenerative neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease. This national wellness program is led by physical and occupational therapists. 12-week program

Wednesdays 11 a.m. to Noon. Mary Rutan Hospital Health Center 1134 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine \$75 program fee includes a pre-screening and post-screening.

Call (937) 593-0822 to register.

#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY CPR - FREE

Learn the basic skills of CPR for adults, children and infants in your private setting. Topics include CPR, choking, and making the emergency call. This class is for anyone who wants to learn the skills of CPR but is not required to have a course completion card.

Call (937) 599-7005 to schedule your small group session.

#### **BASIC LIFE SUPPORT PROVIDER CLASS**

This class includes instruction, AHA student workbook and course completion card.

Mary Rutan Hospital Business Center 21 Hunter Place, Bellefontaine \$40 program fee

Call (937) 599-7013 for course dates and to register.

#### EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY - FREE

The Logan County Cancer Society offers a program designed for women dealing

with hair loss and skin changes from chemotherapy and radiation. Participants will learn specific techniques to help make the most of their appearance while undergoing treatment. They will also take home a makeup package valued at \$200. Mary Rutan Hospital Crawfis Imaging Center 120 Dowell Avenue, Bellefontaine Call (937) 935-1153 to schedule an appointment.

#### **CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION - FREE**

Support for new mothers.

#### Monthly classes

Mary Rutan Hospital Family Birth Center 205 E. Palmer Rd., Bellefontaine Call (937) 592-9943 for specific class dates and times.

## WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - FREE INFORMATIONAL SESSION

The burdens of being overweight are tremendous. Like other diseases, treating weight-related problems needs to be safe, effective and ongoing – a true lifestyle change. The clinical team provides the tools needed to replace old habits with new, healthier ones.

1st Thursday, each month Mary Rutan Hospital Café Conference Room 205 E. Palmer Rd., Bellefontaine Call (937) 599-7044 to learn more. Registration not required.

## **EVENTS**

#### **WEEKLY FARMERS' MARKET**

June through September, locally grown produce is available under the canopy. **Wednesdays from Noon to 3 p.m.**Mary Rutan Hospital
205 E. Palmer Rd., Bellefontaine

## DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT WELLNESS EVENT – FREE

Thursday, September 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mary Rutan Hospital Crossroads Business Center 21 Hunter Place, Bellefontaine

Call (937) 593-1236 for more information.

#### **MEDICATION TAKE BACK**

Keep our community safe and free of unused medication. Always dispose of unused or expired medications at a permanent drop box location or attend a Take Back event held annually in the spring and fall at Mary Rutan Hospital under the canopy.

Call (937) 599-7005 for event dates.

## PERMANENT MEDICATION DROP BOXES IN LOGAN AND CHAMPAIGN COUNTY:

- Mary Rutan Hospital
  Located in the hallway near the Emergency
  Department
  24/7/365
- Logan County Sheriff's Office 284 Co. Rd. 32 S., Bellefontaine 24/7/365
- Russells Point Police Department 433 Orchard Island Rd. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
- Champaign County Sheriff's Office 300 Miami Street, Urbana 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saint Paris Police Department 357 W. Main Street, St. Paris 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mechanicsburg Police Department 18 N. Main Street, Mechanicsburg 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

#### **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Coming later in 2019.

Fostering a special need in our community, this group will accommodate interactive participation and support with caregivers onsite or through a web portal in the comfort of participant's homes.

#### **CELIAC DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP**

**2nd Monday each month at 6:30 p.m.**Mary Rutan Hospital Crossroads Business Center

21 Hunter Place, Bellefontaine Call (937) 651-6428 for more information.

#### **DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

1st Thursday each month, September through May at 7 p.m.

Mary Rutan Hospital Crossroads Business Center

21 Hunter Place, Bellefontaine Call (937) 651-6355 for more information.

#### **LOGAN COUNTY BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP**

4th Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. Mary Rutan Hospital Café Conference Room 205 E. Palmer Rd., Bellefontaine Call (937) 593-1236 for more information

#### **MENDED HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP**

2nd Thursday each month, September through May at 6 p.m.

Mary Rutan Hospital Café Conference Room 205 E. Palmer Rd., Bellefontaine Call (937) 935-1747 for more information.

## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

#### **MEDICATION ASSISTANCE**

One-time emergency assistance, as well as complimentary services coordinated through the MRH pharmacy team to link patients and community members to drug companies' medication assistance programs.

Call Mary Rutan Hospital Care Coordination at (937) 599-7022 (for one-time assistance). Call Mary Rutan Hospital Retail Pharmacy at (937) 651-6796

## PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

To assist pediatric patients with the expense of needed behavioral medications. In some cases for transportation cost to required behavioral health pediatric visits outside of Logan County.

Call Mary Rutan Hospital Care Coordination at (937) 599-7022

#### **JON WEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

To assist individuals or families experiencing a major medical condition that involves treatment by a specialist not available in Logan County, and requires travel and/or extended stays at specific medical centers or institutions. Assistance is available for lodging, travel, meals and parking.

Call Mary Rutan Hospital Care Coordination at (937) 599-7022

#### MEDICAL / EMS / STNA SCHOLARSHIPS & LOANS

Since 1992, Mary Rutan Foundation has awarded over \$1.7 million in scholarships and loans to residents of Logan County pursuing a degree in the medical field.

Call Mary Rutan Foundation at (937) 599-7003

#### LOGAN COUNTY CANCER SOCIETY

The LCCS assists Logan County residents with a cancer diagnosis or cancer-related illness with related expenses:

- Medications up to \$300/month
- Supplies up to \$200/month
- Purchase of wigs up to \$300 maximum
- Travel expenses up to \$750/month
- Emergency funds to help with food, utilities, cleaning and special clothing needs for persons meeting certain criteria.

In some situations, assistance is available for screenings. However, physician expenses are not included.

Call Mary Rutan Hospital Care Coordination at (937) 599-7022





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Mary Rutan Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and organizations that made generous gifts in 2018. The generosity of our donors allows us to ensure that our families, friends and neighbors have access to high quality health care services close to home.

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# **ABUNDANT** GENEROSITY

Your gifts in support of the Logan County Cancer Society contributed to a year of abundant generosity, enabling us to provide assistance to community members touched by cancer.

This Annual Report is a celebration and recognition of your philanthropy and the ways in which you've helped to improve the lives of those we are privileged to serve.

In 2018, through your generous support, over 230 individuals received assistance totaling over \$136,500.

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Each year individuals, groups and businesses support special events held throughout the community in support of the Logan County Cancer Society. We are thankful for this support and the increased awareness that it brings to this service. These special gifts have allowed us to expand our services and available assistance to Logan County residents with a cancer diagnosis or cancer-related illness in their time of need. What a tremendous gift to give.

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Every day, avid sports fans cheer on their favorite teams while watching games on big screen Ultra-High-Definition (UHD) televisions in their living rooms. These 4K UHD TVs enable immersion in the excitement: the highs and lows, the replays and the white-knuckle, last-second moments of crucial matches.

When you go in for minimally invasive surgery, a crucial match is also in play. That's why Mary Rutan Hospital has invested in new 4K UHD surgical technology.

The VISERA 4K UHD System is now available for patients undergoing a range of minimally invasive surgeries. This new system offers four times the resolution, better light, and twice the color as High-Definition (HD), enabling our surgeons to see images with greater clarity in more resolution than ever possible. This is achieved through an optimized 4K imaging chain that works seamlessly to improve visibility and provide an immersive experience that brings the entire surgical team into the operation.





## THE VISERA 4K UHD SYSTEM allows our team to:

- View ultra-high-resolution images to help identify fine patterns and anatomical structures
- Have additional light to illuminate bleeding in surgical fields, visualize deep surgical cavities, and enhance the endoscopic viewing experience
- See more vivid shades of red and yellow for better visualization, allowing our surgeons to observe fine patterns and structures with high precision, higher contrast levels and more detail to support greater accuracy

## Mary Rutan Hospital Enters 2019 with an 'A' Hospital Safety Grade

Mary Rutan Hospital is again one of a select few hospitals in the region to earn an "A" grade for keeping patients safe and meeting the highest health care safety standards in the U.S. This recognition comes from the Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit health care organization that promotes quality, safety and transparency in the U.S. health care system.

The Leapfrog Group grades hospitals nationwide for their performance in preventing errors, infections and accidents that can harm patients.

"We are proud to receive an 'A' grade from the Leapfrog Group for the second straight time," said Mandy Goble, president and CEO of Mary Rutan Hospital. "These hard-earned grades are evidence of the outstanding efforts made by our clinical and quality teams to improve patient safety and clinical quality throughout our organization."

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment. We congratulate the clinicians, board, management and staff at Mary Rutan Hospital for showing the country what it means to put patients first."

In assigning A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety

Grade program uses 27 publicly available, peer-reviewed hospital safety measures chosen and analyzed by a panel of top patient safety experts.

"Our primary focus is to achieve the highest level of safety and quality care for our patients. We continue to set the bar higher each time," said Dr. Grant Varian, medical

director of Mary Rutan Hospital. "This year we focused on several initiatives to improve quality, safety and patient experience. This score is an excellent and welcome affirmation of the care patients expect and receive from Mary Rutan Hospital."

The honors from Leapfrog are the most recent in a long list of achievements for Mary Rutan Hospital. These include being recognized as one of the Top 100 Rural and Community Hospitals in the United States and achieving one of the highest value-based purchasing scores in Ohio, earning incentive payments for the quality of care Mary Rutan Hospital provides Medicare patients.



For more information please visit hospitalsafetygrade.org for Mary Rutan Hospital's full Leapfrog grade and tips for staying safe in the hospital.

