Passavant Hospital Foundation
Serving the Health of All in the Community

Passavant Hospital Foundation advances the health and wellness of our community through educational seminars and special community initiatives.

Working with Crisis Center North and UPMC Passavant’s Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, Passavant Hospital Foundation is funding specialized training for local police to aid in identifying the most dangerous domestic violence situations and the most appropriate law enforcement response.

Partnering with the Baierl Family YMCA and the UPMC Passavant Heart and Vascular Institute, the Foundation is helping to underwrite cardiac rehab maintenance for individuals who otherwise could not afford to participate.

In cooperation with the American Heart Association and six local school districts, the Foundation will fund CPR training for all area seventh graders this coming school year.

At the Kearns Spirituality Center, a gift from the Foundation helps families from out of town who cannot afford to stay at a hotel while a loved one is hospitalized.

The Foundation partners with Club Julian 24-Hour Fitness for a monthly Wellness Wednesday health lecture series. Held the first Wednesday of each month from 1 – 2 pm, the Foundation brings top-notch clinicians to the club for presentations that are free and open to the public; you need not be a member to attend. Upcoming sessions include:

- October 7 - Nerve Pain: Causes and What I Can Do About It presented by Emily Toussant, MPT, UPMC Centers for Rehab Services
- November 4 - Muscles: What are They Trying to Tell Us? by Brian S. Caricato, DPT, MS, OCS, UPMC Centers for Rehab Services

CCAC-North on Rt. 19 is another location for Foundation health education programming. Sessions from 6:30 – 8:30 pm are free and open to the public. A certificate of attendance is awarded. (UPMC Passavant is a hospital accredited by The Joint Commission and an approved provider for continuing education requirements for professional nurses.)

Registration is required; call 412-369-3701 to register. The fall schedule includes:

- October 20 – The Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver presented by Frank J. Kozziara II, MD, board certified gastroenterologist, Gastroenterology Associates of Pittsburgh
- November 17 – The Do’s and Don’ts of Dementia by Patricia Ann Meyer, CRNP, UPMC Passavant

The Foundation also presents health education programming at Cumberland Woods Village in McCandless and Sherwood Oaks in Cranberry, and partners with nurses from the UPMC Passavant Emergency Department to offer bike helmets and car seats to those who need them at various community presentations. To receive email notices about all upcoming community sessions, email PHF@upmc.edu.

Remember or Honor a Loved One in the Healing Garden

The Healing Garden at UPMC Passavant is a place to experience peace and connect with nature while staying in or visiting the hospital. Commemorative bricks line the garden path, with proceeds benefiting Passavant Hospital Foundation projects such as the recently established Patient Assistance Fund. Administered by the Care Management team of social workers and nurses at the hospital, the Fund aids financially struggling patients who cannot afford medications or equipment needed at discharge. “The Fund does not cover the hospital bill,” said Fay Morgan, Passavant Hospital Foundation President/CEO. “It assists our most vulnerable patients to have the best opportunity to return to health when they return home.”

Brothers Steve, Greg and Ty Gonabe dedicated a bench to their mother Geraldine’s memory in the hospital’s Healing Garden earlier this year. Gerry was a dedicated hospital volunteer 2005-11.

Donor Gift Improves Cardiac Testing

UPMC Passavant Imaging now has advanced software for cardiac examinations. The new software significantly decreases the amount of radiation that cardiac patients receive in their computed tomography (CT) studies, while at the same time improving the pictures the radiologists see.

The new technology allows doctors to image the heart only during a specific part of the cardiac cycle when the heart is not contracting, and turns off the radiation for the remainder of the cycle, decreasing the patient’s radiation dose significantly, as much as 50 percent. This is particularly important when patients require repeated studies.

“At UPMC Passavant Imaging we are committed to offering our patients the most advanced technologies and especially those that enhance patient safety,” said Karen Barkey, MD, radiologist.

This new technology was made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous donor through Passavant Hospital Foundation which granted $40,450 for the software purchase.

The Foundation made grants for 34 hospital projects totaling $405,016 in fiscal year 2015.
Passavant Hospital Foundation Celebrates a Legacy of Caring

UPMC Passavant is celebrating its 166th year of providing health care in the greater Pittsburgh area. Originally named the Pittsburgh Infirmary, the hospital was founded in 1849 by Lutheran pastor William A. Passavant in the town of Allegheny (now the northside of Pittsburgh), quickly moving to a more permanent location in Laceyville (now the Hill District).

The collective effort of community members brought the hospital to its present location in 1964 as North Hills Passavant. The merger with UPMC in 1997 has helped it grow into the state-of-the-art medical facility it is today, with strong specialty programs in heart care, cancer care, orthopaedics, and spine surgery at the McCandless campus.

In 2002 the old St. Francis Hospital in Cranberry became UPMC Passavant Cranberry, now housing a comprehensive Breast Center and state-of-the-art Imaging Center.

Passavant Hospital Foundation will host a dinner at the Marriott North in Cranberry on October 8 to celebrate the hospital’s history and service, and will honor outstanding individuals — including medical professionals, volunteers and community leaders — who have contributed to its legacy of caring and growth. Honorees for the Foundation’s “Legacy of Caring” awards have been announced. They are:

Gerald Cessna, MD* – OB/GYN physician Gerald Cessna was a staunch supporter of Passavant’s growth, practicing at the hospital when it was located in the Hill District and at its present location. He ran the OB/GYN department for many years and was a medical staff leader. Dr. Cessna was nominated by Jesse Weigel, MD, who worked closely with Dr. Cessna while heading the hospital’s Emergency Department.

Jeanmarie Daugherty, RN, CEN – Nurse Jeanmarie Daugherty has been employed at UPMC Passavant for 37 years, 16 years in the Emergency Department. But even before that, while in high school, she was a volunteer. Since 2005 she and Donna Galbraith, BSN, RN, CEN, have conducted the UPMC Passavant Injury Prevention Program, giving community presentations and distributing child safety seats and bike helmets free of charge to those who need them.

Ralph DeStefano, Esq. – Ralph DeStefano was elected to the board at North Hills Passavant Hospital in 1976, then hired to serve as President and CEO in 1990. Under his tenure the facility grew in size and added tertiary (advanced) services. Cindy Tomazich, PT, a 40-year Passavant employee who is now head of the hospital’s inpatient physical therapy and occupational therapy departments nominated Mr. DeStefano. She remembers meeting him when she was a new staff member in 1976. “He was knowledgeable, understanding, and supportive of the challenges the staff faced in their work.” Auxiliary member Pat Kutcher also nominated Mr. DeStefano, noting his leadership in the building of Cumberland Woods Village senior living facility and the Passavant Hospital Foundation Conference Center and Legacy Theatre, two great community assets adjacent to the hospital. Mr. DeStefano served as President of Passavant Hospital Foundation from 2009 to 2013.

Robert Ford, MD – From 1967 to 2002, Dr. Robert Ford served as an OB/GYN physician at the hospital, delivering more than 9,000 babies. But he was nominated by Dr. Lewis “Pete” Nettour for his leadership that enabled Passavant to serve Nigeria. From 1990 to 2004, Dr. Ford led 12 mission trips to the Jos University Teaching Hospital, beginning with a core group of Passavant physicians and eventually growing to more than 50 medical volunteers from the Pittsburgh area and beyond. “We supplemented the teaching program of nurses, interns and 170 residents,” said Dr. Ford.

With the donation of machines and expertise from Passavant, this volunteer effort resulted in the first ultrasound care and training program in northern Nigeria, covering five million people; it remains in operation today. Their work also revolutionized anesthesia care there in the same way. The group also took books from Passavant’s library to establish the first medical library there. With help from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr. Ford and his volunteers enabled Jos’ one microbiologist to establish a large HIV/AIDS lab now serving over 1,000 patients each day.

Dr. Ford’s wife Karen served as chief organizer for the trips. Since 2006 the Fords have hosted six physicians from Nigeria here in their home for specialty post-graduate training.

Richard S. Hamilton – Richard Hamilton is presently chair of the UPMC Passavant board, serving with energy, leadership, vision and longevity. He first joined the hospital board in 1993, becoming chair in 2004, and he is Passavant’s elected representative to the UPMC board. But his leadership in health care doesn’t stop there. He also serves on the boards of UPMC Altoona, UPMC Hamot, the UPMC Health Plan, UPMC Senior Communities, and Passavant Hospital Foundation, serving to improve healthcare throughout our region.

Christine Koenig – Project specialist Christine Koenig joined the Passavant family when the old St. Francis Hospital in Cranberry became a campus of UPMC Passavant. Her supervisor, Director of Nursing Melanie Heuston, describes her as the “go to” person at the Cranberry site, a steady force through changes and often working

From the top, clockwise: Jeanmarie Daugherty (37 years of service), Janet Lindner (38), Elaine Wolford (35), Dr. Thomas Schauble (23), Christine Koenig (15), Terri Petrick (9), Richard Hamilton (22) and Dr. Daniel Sullivan (25).

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Passavant Through the Years

The Pittsburgh Infirmary 1851
Passavant Hospital of Pittsburgh 1899
UPMC Passavant 2015

behind the scenes unsung. Writes a colleague: “Chrissy is always a great ambassador for UPMC Passavant Cranberry…dedicated to the growth of this campus and the health and well-being of the Cranberry community.”

Janet D. Lindner, RPh – Janet Lindner started at Passavant 38 years ago as a pharmacy intern, retiring in 2014 as the hospital’s Director of Pharmacy. With her leadership, the hospital implemented a wide range of computerization and automation projects including a robot for medication cart fill, automated dispensing cabinets and anesthesia carts, and the first computer generated medication administration record. Janet is noted for leading by example, and she served on many hospital and system-wide committees to improve procedures and interdepartmental communication and ultimately patient care.

Alexander McAliley* and William Slowik* – Alexander McAliley was the first president and Bill Slowik was the architect of the hospital at its present location. According to Diane Kolling, Director of Volunteer and Guest Services, these two men had a strong and unique relationship, with Mr. Slowik’s design of the facility making Mr. McAliley’s vision a reality. “They always kept the patients and visitors in mind,” said Ms. Kolling.

To bring the hospital to the North Hills in 1964, the two men were involved in traditional fundraisers such as black-tie galas and art shows, but they also initiated and participated in talent shows including one where Mr. McAliley wore a tutu, and musicals including one where Mr. Slowik played Elvis.

Mr. McAliley served as hospital president until his retirement in 1988. Mr. Slowik – and his son Paul, following in his father’s footsteps – went on to design many additions and renovations at the hospital.

Terri Petrick – Terri Petrick was President of UPMC Passavant from 2002 to 2010, following the hospital’s merger with UPMC. She formed a strong collaborative relationship with the hospital’s board of trustees and led the development and implementation of a strategic plan that resulted in a six-year expansion of Five Centers of Excellence. During her tenure admissions grew 36 percent, market share increased 10 percent, and the employee base grew by almost 50 percent while staff turnover decreased by the same amount. The medical staff grew from 500 to 700 with both primary care physicians and sub-specialists (Cardiology/Cardiac Surgery, Oncology, Orthopedics and Neurosurgery). In 2010 the hospital opened the clinical pavilion, reflecting the growth and development of the facility under her leadership.

Thomas Schauble, MD – Dr. Tom Schauble has been with Passavant for 23 years and has been instrumental in transforming it from a community-based hospital to one that provides advanced care and services. A leader in critical care, Dr. Schauble has led a number of change teams, with a focus on providing safe and excellent patient care. He has grown his medical practice, Pulmonary Partners, to nine critical care physicians and four mid-level providers, able to respond to every emergency situation in the hospital to initiate the “Rapid Response Team,” a national patient safety initiative. Dr. Schauble has served as president of the Medical Staff, a member of the Medical Executive committee, chair of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, chair of the Department of Medicine, and a member of the credentialing and peer review committees. “Dr. Schauble is not only a skilled provider but compassionate and caring in many challenging situations that require delivery of difficult news,” according to Maggie Lattanzio, MSN, RN, CCRN, clinician on the Intensive Care Unit. “Dr. Schauble has always focused on what is right for the patient.”

Daniel Sullivan, MD – Dr. Dan Sullivan has served UPMC Passavant as an anesthesiologist, joining the medical staff in 1989. In 1996, he was chosen as Chief Anesthesiologist, leading the department of 60+ clinicians with exemplary clinical practice and professional conduct. Colleague Ralph Gaudio, MD noted that Dr. Sullivan has worked hard to build a strong team, improving efficiency and work flow in the OR. He has served on the hospital Board since 1989 and has been a member of the Passavant Hospital Foundation Board of Directors since 1998, chairing the Foundation Board since 2012. “His contribution, work ethic and dedication make him a distinguished leader among his peers,” said Dr. Gaudio.

Elaine Wolford, MSN, RN – Elaine Wolford has been a dedicated employee of UPMC Passavant for 35 years. She started as a staff nurse on the Medical/Surgical floor, moved to serve in the ICU, and arrived in Surgical Services in 1990. She worked in PeriAnesthesia nursing and became the Clinical Director of Surgical Services in 2004. “She has never lost sight of the patient and family experience and what it takes to achieve excellence,” said Kimberley Confer, MSN, RN, CAPA, who directs the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit. “Elaine demonstrates empathy and concern for patients on a daily basis.” Ms. Wolford currently has responsibility for the smooth operation of all the operating rooms at both McCandless and Cranberry – 25 operating rooms – making sure that patients, staff and surgeons have both the equipment and support needed for quality, safe patient care.

*Deceased

“Hopeful Hearts” Campaign Launched

Passavant Hospital Foundation has launched a fundraising campaign for the advancement of open heart surgery in the greater North Hills of Pittsburgh.

The Open Heart Service at UPMC Passavant began in 1996 with the hospital now performing close to 300 open heart surgeries a year. While new cardiac operating rooms were introduced in 1999, over the past 15 years there have been advancements in technology. If implemented, these new technologies will allow additional procedures to be done at Passavant instead of being referred elsewhere.

“State-of-the-art equipment will allow surgeons to continue to provide the latest and best surgical care for patients with the added benefits that some need not undergo a transfer to another facility at a critical time,” said Fay Morgan, President/CEO at Passavant Hospital Foundation. “Instead they can be treated and recover close to home which helps patients and their families.”

Individuals wishing to learn more about the Hopeful Hearts campaign should contact the Foundation at (412) 748-6645.

See local dentist Scott Winkler talk about his successful heart surgery close to home on the Passavant Hospital Foundation YouTube channel (PsVntHospFound).

Medical Ethics Conference – October 30

Passavant Hospital Foundation will host a free, day-long Medical Ethics Conference in the Passavant Hospital Foundation Conference Center and Legacy Theatre on October 30.

The keynote address will be given by Audiey C. Kao, MD, PhD, Vice President of the Ethics Group of the American Medical Association. Stuart J. Youngner, MD, Department of Bioethics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine will be the featured speaker, he is President of the Association of Bioethics Program Directors.

Other presenters include: Denise Stahl, MSN, ACHPN, Executive Director, UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute; Andrew Thurston, MD, Medical Director, Palliative Care, UPMC Mercy; and Kathy Detar Gennuso DHCE, MSBLE, CEO, JCBioethics.

Attendees will be eligible for various continuing education credits. Seating is limited. For registration information, call the Foundation at (412) 748-6648.

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passavant Hospital Foundation supports this important peer support and education group for local families affected by a loved one’s substance abuse. The group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Passavant Hospital Foundation Conference Center at Cumberland Woods Village.

The group sponsored an Overdose Prevention Class on April 1, with 56 attendees. Alice Bell, LCSW, Overdose Prevention Project Coordinator at Prevention Point Pittsburgh, conducted the training, providing practical information about:

- How to identify symptoms of an overdose
- What to do and what NOT to do if you are present when someone overdoses
- How to administer Naloxone (Narcan)
- Information about the new Overdose Prevention Law – PA ACT 139

As a result of the training, Bridge to Hope received this note: “Thanks for having the Naloxone training last week. I have already used it and saved my son’s life. I cannot thank all of you enough for organizing that training.”

The Beyond Bridge to Hope group serves those who have lost a loved one due to substance abuse. The Vigil of Hope on June 3 was a moving, healing experience for 116 community members in attendance to hear Dr. Michael Flaherty, psychologist with 30 years’ experience in treatment, research, and policy development related to substance use, and US Attorney for WP, David Hickton on new directions in drug enforcement.

For more information visit Bridge2Hope.org or call (412) 748-5120.

Auxiliary Makes an Impact

Passavant Hospital Auxiliary is a committed group raising funds for projects that benefit patients and their families. One recently purchased item was a handheld echo/ultrasound machine for quick diagnosis at bedside in an emergency situation. “It has dramatically improved the speed and accuracy of our assessment in patients that are acutely short of breath or those with low blood pressure,” said pulmonologist Thomas Rice, MD. “The ability to rapidly image the heart and lungs at the bedside to not only diagnose but also guide therapeutic interventions improves patient care and will ultimately lead to lower health costs as less further diagnostic testing will be required.”

A forthcoming Auxiliary project is the outfitting of the hospital’s two hospice rooms for patient and family comfort in a more home-like environment.

Upcoming Auxiliary sales in the hospital’s main hallway include:

- **“What’s Hot” Sports**
  - September 15-16
  - Tees and many other sports-themed items to choose from!

- **“Goody House” Chocolates**
  - September 24-25
  - Gourmet chocolates and other delectables made right here in Pittsburgh.

- **“Euro Haus” Gifts**
  - October 1-2
  - Jewelry, scarves, Eastern European items as well as unusual gifts to delight.

- **“McFeely’s Gourmet Chocolates”**
  - October 6
  - Homemade chocolates, hand-dipped fresh fruits made daily. Gluten free fudge.

- **“Masquerade” Sale**
  - October 14-17
  - Experience the frenzy – jewelry and accessories sale!

- **“Pretzel Crazy” Halloween Sale**
  - October 23
  - Locally made caramel and chocolate pretzels and marshmallows in over 20 flavors.

- **“Dressed in Deception” Jewelry**
  - November 5-6
  - Don’t spend a fortune to look fabulous – affordable high-end reproduction jewelry!

- **“Fabulous Homemade Nut Rolls”**
  - November 12-13
  - Homemade baked goods and fancy treats – just like Grandma used to make.

- **“In Design Jewelry”**
  - November 23-24
  - All jewelry $6, designer inspired handbags, scarves and other select merchandise.

- **“Flowers by Bidwell” Holiday Floral**
  - December 2
  - Bidwell Training Center with holiday floral displays to further student careers – great deals!

- **“Just My Style Jewelry”**
  - December 8
  - Handmade jewelry pieces that are conversation pieces and won’t break the budget!

- **“Betsy Ann Chocolates”**
  - December 10
  - A Pittsburgh long-time favorite for all chocolate lovers.

- **“What’s Hot” Stocking Stuffers**
  - December 15
  - Tees, hoodies, scarves, hats, gloves, jewelry and many other items!

  Individuals who enjoy special events, friendship and making a true difference for the health of the North Hills community should call president Beverly Aufman at (412) 364-1814 or treasurer Kathy Buck at (412) 364-0260 for more information about the Auxiliary.