

Foundation Announces Grants 2017



In its sixth year of funding proposals submitted by staff members for their departments, **Passavant Hospital Foundation** announced that 22 projects are being funded, thanks to a partnership among the Foundation, the **Auxiliary** and the **Hospital** itself.

The **22 projects** funded range in cost from \$1,000 to \$52,750 for a total of **\$341,487**.

Fay Morgan, Foundation President/CEO noted that "Every project funded improves patient diagnosis, treatment, comfort and/or safety or significantly improves the working environment for staff." Four proposals were deferred, due to funding limitations.

The Foundation's Mission Support Committee vetted the proposals.

John Borza, DNP, CRNA, Jennifer Hall, RN, Peggy Hayden, RN, Patti Massa, information technology, and **Ryan Witt**, communications, represented staff on the selection panel.

Physician representatives included **Karen Barkey, MD, Kenneth Huber, MD, Joseph Romano, MD, Thomas Schauble, MD, Andrew Thomas, MD, John Uribe, MD** and **Daniel Sullivan, MD**, who is chair of the Foundation board.

Beverly Aufman, president, and **Jean Eckert**, treasurer, served for the Auxiliary. **Eric Kofmehl, PhD**, and **Karen Morrison** served as community representatives.

Rounding out the committee were **Richard Hamilton** and **Patricia Kutcher**, who serve on the boards of both the Foundation and the Hospital. Mr. Hamilton is chair of the hospital board.

Funded by Passavant Hospital Auxiliary - \$51,242

Cardiopulmonary Rehab: Upper body ergometer for use with patients who have balance or mobility issues, allowing prescribed exercise

Respiratory Services: Mobile ventilator, cough assist device and monitoring system for improved patient care, transport and comfort

Emergency Department at Cranberry: IV infusion pumps for use when transporting patients to another facility

Funded by the Hospital - \$115,055

Infection Prevention: Hand hygiene promotion

Occupational Therapy: Aids for independence with self-care

Diagnostic Imaging: Dedicated ice/water dispenser

Imaging Services at Cranberry: MRI metal detector for patient safety

Security: Fleet upgrade for improved visitor service

Sterile Processing: table and container upgrade

Funded by Passavant Hospital Foundation - \$175,190

Food and Nutrition: Patient care carts and insulated containers for use in hospice rooms

Speech Language Pathology: Oral hygiene project

Respiratory Services: Cough assist device for patients with a neuromuscular disorder, spinal cord injury, polio or other ailment

Nursing: Advanced professional development in ethics

Progressive Care: Restoration room

Anesthesiology: Nerve block ultrasound to provide greater visibility of the nerves via a real-time scan for improved needle placement and patient comfort

Cardiovascular Services/Diagnostic Imaging: Reclining chairs for patient comfort during heart diagnostic testing lasting up to five hours

Emergency Department at McCandless: Padded chairs in the treatment rooms for family use, that hang on the wall out of the way when the situation requires it

4North, 5South, 3Main and Rehab at McCandless and C2Main at Cranberry: Specialized recliners to increase patient mobility and activity to reduce pneumonia, blood clots and pressure ulcers

Patient Transport: Ergonomic wheelchairs for easier in-and-out access

Engineering and Maintenance: Ceiling access containment unit for isolation of dirt, bacteria and spores during repairs