

# Foundation Announces Grants 2018



In its seventh year of funding proposals submitted by staff members for their departments, **Passavant Hospital Foundation** announced that 20 projects are being funded, thanks to a partnership among the Foundation, the **Auxiliary** and the **Hospital** itself.

The **20 projects** funded range in cost from \$850 to \$52,750 for a total of **\$232,224**.

Every project funded improves patient diagnosis, treatment, comfort and/or safety or significantly improves the working environment for staff.

The Foundation's Mission Support Committee vetted the proposals. **John Borza, DNP, CRNA, Jennifer Hall, RN, Peggy Hayden, RN and Patti Massa**, information technology, 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.

**Janet Heidet**, president, **Beverly Aufman**, past 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 - \$39,436

**Patient Transport at McCandless/Emergency Department at Cranberry:** Ergonomic wheelchairs for easier in-and-out access

**Imaging Services at McCandless and Cranberry:** Gynecological stretchers to perform ultrasound exams with improved patient comfort and diagnostic accuracy

**Cardiovascular Services/Radiology:** AccuVein illumination devices to provide greater vein visibility for IV access

## Funded by the Hospital - \$46,583

**5 North Pavilion:** Antimicrobial bedside commodes in rooms for elective joint replacement patients

**Nursing:** Continuing education and development for the Hospital Ethics Committee

**APS/PACU:** Pre-op cabling addition for language interpretation to improve communication between patients and staff

**Quality and Risk Department:** iPads to assist patients with visual, hearing and language impairments

**Education:** Medical manikin and catheter training equipment

**Cardiovascular Services:** Cardiovascular patient education program

**6 Main:** Patient/family consultation room furnishings

**Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy:** Bodyweight supported treadmill for treating patients after stroke and spinal cord injury

## Funded by Passavant Hospital Foundation - \$107,005

**Critical Care Medicine:** Portable ultrasound machine for quicker bedside diagnosis

**Safety:** Lock Out/Tag Out program for hospital equipment to enhance staff safety

**3 Main:** Specialized chair for mobility and safety of Alzheimer's, dementia and cognitively impaired patients

**Quality, Patient Safety & Patient Experience:** Establishment of the UPMC Passavant Patient and Family Advisory Council

**Therapy, 3 Main, 4 South:** Specialized recliners to increase patient mobility and prevent injury

**EVS Services, Infection Prevention, Operating Room:** Furniture in Assembly Hall for conference and education purposes

## Funded jointly by the Auxiliary and the Foundation - \$39,200

**Cancer Center:** Chairs with heat, massage and safety features for patients receiving chemotherapy which can last up to 8 hours