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PATIENT SUPPORT

For most of MJ Robinson's patients picking up a prescription isn't a big deal. Neither is a return trip for a follow-up with the doctor, or getting a walker, crutches or cane. But for some, the ability to pay for these items is a real barrier to recovery – and can even delay their discharge from the hospital. Thanks to donor support, the Care Line is there to help these patients meet an immediate need and get on with their lives. For MJ, a RN case manager, it means her patients can safely go home and will be less likely to get sick, injure themselves or be readmitted. "We want all our patients to have a safe discharge plan and be successful at home," MJ said. "The Care Line enables me to help make this happen for some of the most vulnerable we care for."

The Care Line provides emergency assistance for Stormont Vail Health and Cotton O'Neil Clinic patients and their families. In 2019, the program helped more than 9,900 patients with over 16,000 needs totaling \$140,539.

- Provided prescriptions and durable medical equipment at a cost of \$54,986.
- Offered transportation assistance totaling \$35,869 – a nearly 27% increase over 2018.
- Served 4,557 meals and provided 219 overnight stays for out-of-town families with a loved one hospitalized at Stormont Vail Health.
- Purchased nearly 4,500 items of clothing for patients needing something to wear at discharge.

EDUCATION AND RECOGNITION

Telehealth services are rapidly expanding at Stormont Vail Health – and, it's more than remote visits with a physician. E-visits through MyChart, virtual nursing and virtual patient safety monitoring at the hospital, and telepsychiatry are just some of the services the health care system has invested in over the past two years. And, there's more to come as technology, laws and regulations, and patient preferences evolve according to Barb Columbus, Telehealth Services manager. That's why she was excited to receive a Continuing Education Grant from the Stormont Vail Foundation to attend the Telehealth Innovation Forum. "Not only did I have a chance to learn about advances in telehealth, but was able to meet with other professionals to hear about their programs and how they were able to overcome challenges," Barb said. "Continuing education opportunities like mine help Stormont Vail continue to innovate, grow and transform to best meet the needs of our patients."

Donor gifts support nursing education, professional development, and recognition of outstanding patient care and service.

- Expanded nursing scholarship reach through partnership with the Kansas Board of Regents, matching the Foundation's \$165,500 commitment.
- Funded 26 continuing education grants for Stormont Vail employees, totaling \$34,015.
- Sponsored the Excellence in Nursing, Lab and Pharmacy employee awards.
- Received a \$25,000 gift from Stormont Vail School of Nursing retirees to fund future nursing scholarships.



CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Training matters. This is especially true when it comes to treating trauma patients. Confidently providing timely, specialized care can make the difference between life and death. Because of donor gifts, Stormont Vail Health's trauma team has the flexibility to train on their own schedule with the addition of TraumaMan, an advanced surgical simulator. "The training we need is not easily practiced," said Brinton Baker, PA-C, trauma services manager. "TraumaMan is the closest thing to a realistic experience on a human, allowing team members to practice a wide variety of emergency surgical interventions including chest tube insertion, cricothyroidotomy, and tracheostomy." And, according to Brinton, because hospitals across the region send their most critical patients to Stormont Vail, the trauma team is now able to offer training using TraumaMan to these providers, improving the likelihood of successful outcomes for more patients.

In 2019, nearly \$430,000 in capital and equipment requests were funded by the Foundation through donor requests, grants, and endowed funds.

- Equipment purchases including a pediatric ambulatory blood pressure monitoring system for the Heart Center, wheelchair accessible exam tables for clinics across the region, and a vein illuminator for the Cancer Center.
- Victoria obstetrics simulator to be used for training staff at The Birthplace and Emergency department.
- Facility renovations and upgrades including the surgical waiting room at the hospital, Innovation Room for the Performance Excellence department, and outdoor area at the North Fielding clinic.
- Underwriting for the 2019 Nursing Symposium, conflict management course for Security department, and clinical meetings for Pharmacy staff.

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Three-year old Justice is inquisitive, determined, and simply adorable. As Stormont Vail Health's CMN Champion she helps raise funds for pediatric services by attending area Children's Miracle Network campaign events, interacting with partner employees and donors, and serving as an ambassador for the health system. Right by her side is her mom, Brittony Lewis who says her family's involvement with CMN is a way to "pay it forward." While staying at home with Justice right after her birth and diagnosis, Brittony says she had a lot of time to think about how lucky they were to receive the care Justice needed and dream about how she could help other families. "Becoming a Miracle Family gave us that opportunity," Brittony said. "And, I know it's making a difference just by the way people respond to Justice." Brittony notes she and her family also get a lot out of their involvement. "I have really enjoyed getting connected with the other Miracle Moms," she said. "While we're not going through the exact same diagnosis, they all know what it's like to have a child facing significant health issues."

Funds raised by Children's Miracle Network partners support a number of pediatric services at Stormont Vail including Child Life Services, the Neonatal Intensive Care follow-up clinic, and programs that encourage, educate, and support breastfeeding.

- Increased contributions raised by CMN partners by 12% over 2018 totals.
- Initiated monthly meetings with Extra Life gamers resulting in a 16% growth in fundraising.
- Saw a significant jump in fundraising by the region's three Panda Express locations, up over 46% in the first ten months of 2019.
- Engaged nearly 100 Stormont Vail employees as CMN volunteers.





OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Foundation assets grew to \$26.5 million.
- Received more than \$2 million in contributions.
- Raised nearly \$337,000 for Stormont Vail's first Cotton O'Neil Mobile Clinic through the 19th Annual BIG HEARTS Golf Tournament, grants, and other gifts.
- Received \$306,685 in contributions from 1,570 Stormont Vail staff and physicians.