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Please Support Our Annual Appeal

Dear Friends,

When Islanders are ill or injured on Beaver Island, the Rural Health Center is available to provide immediate medical care.

Since 1953 community contributions have helped make the Rural Health Center the valued health care provider that it is. We are grateful to Islanders for helping to create and support our committed team of caregivers. And we are immensely grateful for the outpouring of support we have received as our practitioners focus on responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

Gifts to the Annual Appeal are helping our clinicians touch the lives of hundreds – whether patients are facing an urgent need, a devastating illness or seeking to improve their quality of life.

The BIRHC is our community health center. We exist to serve you and your loved ones – to provide hope, healing and recovery.

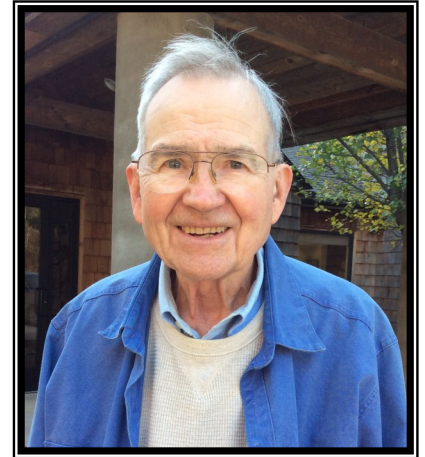
Your gift to the Annual Appeal is extremely important because it offers immediate resources that are directed to current community needs, such as hospice care.

You may specify your gift for a particular focus – The Endowment or the Special Projects/Urgent Needs Fund. And you can recognize a friend or loved one by making your Annual Appeal gift in his or her honor. Check this option on the enclosed donation envelope. The Health Center will inform that person of your gift and print the name in the Honor Roll section of our next newsletter. Memorial gifts will also be published in the Honor Roll.

To ensure proper recognition, please fill out and return the enclosed envelope along with your check made out to: “The Charlevoix County Community Foundation” and write BIRHC on the memo line. If you choose to allocate your gift to the Endowment Fund, please also indicate “Endowment” and your donation will be invested by the CCCF. Otherwise your gift will be added to the Special Projects/Urgent Needs Fund.

And please know your tax deductible donation is helping to make our community healthier. Right here. Right now. Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely, Don Spencer, President, BIRHC Board



Message from the Managing Director

I continue to be amazed by the dedication and compassion I see throughout the Health Center and fully understand how vital this group of health professionals and staff are to our ability to protect BI residents from the challenges of COVID-19. The past months have not only brought extraordinary challenges to the BIRHC Health Team, but also new opportunities to serve our expanding Island community in its time of need. As of November 1st the Center has tested over 200 patients for COVID-19 and about 3% or 6 people tested positive. And thanks to community wide support as well as the largess of our donors and friends, we remain equipped to meet the growing demands

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Welcome Kelly Becker!

Kelly Noel Becker is a Nurse Practitioner/Obesity specialist (FNP-BC). Ms. Becker started her nursing career in cardiopulmonary critical care. After a decade at the bedside, Ms. Becker worked as a critical care outcomes specialist, leading continuous quality improvement initiatives. She has been affiliated with many hospitals including Borgess Medical Center, in Kalamazoo, MI and was a Clinical Instructor at the Western Michigan University School of Medicine. Ms. Becker joined the medical team at the BIRHC in September, 2020.

Ms. Becker earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Western Michigan University and her Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI.



IN APPRECIATION OF SO MANY

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center would like to thank all who have responded to our Annual Appeals, supported our Endowment and Special Projects funds, and honored or memorialized loved ones by giving to the BIRHC. Without the community's always generous support, we could not fulfill our mission to provide high quality health care—without regard for ability to pay— to all who live on or visit Beaver Island.

IN MEMORY OF:

John and Laurene Adams, Kurt Becker, Bill Johnson, Skip McDonough, Florence Neumann, Joyce Runberg, John and Trudy Works.

IN HONOR OF:

Connie Wojan.

RECENT AND/OR NEW DONORS:

Chris and Linda Allen, Raymond Becker, David and Sharon Blanchard, Bernard Boyle, Thomas Bussell and Therese Fieldsen, Ron and Pat Calvin, David Cooley DDS, Elizabeth Couse, Frank and Dana D'Andraia, Deborah Dearborn and Amy Wendel, Peter Degroot, Richard and Penny Dilloway, Marilyn Clark Duda, Michael and Lea Ann Dunn, Edward and Elissa Farmer, Powell and Sandra Felix, Timothy and Lauren Fitzharris, William and Janice Freeman, John and Lenore Gordon, James and Barbara Haveman, Mike Kamrin and Katie See, Ron and Helen Jakubas, Gerhard and Gail Klemm, Carol Kloehn, Kelly Krantz, Donovan and Amy Langford, Richard Warren Larson, John and Marilyn Lefler, Pete and Sandy LoDico, Sally Lounsberry, Ellen Magee, James and Diane McDonough, Grace Meister, Roger and Delores Milton, Eric and Elizabeth Mudama, James and Marilyn Pecott, Erik Peterson, cody and Erin Randall, Jeffrey and Amy Risinger, Patricia Rowley, Chris and Susan Screven, Rosemary Smith, Hans and Davilyn Stein, Robert and Sharon Toms, Jeff and Nancy Traudt, Brian and Jeanette Tully, Bradley and Bethany Vernon, Sue Welke, Connie Wojan, Edward and Willa Wolcott and Phil and BJ Wyckoff.

NEW 1953 SOCIETY MEMBERS:

The 1953 Society recognizes donors who have demonstrated their support for the Health Center by making a donation of any amount for two or more consecutive calendar years.

FOUNDER: *(Two to nine years of consecutive giving)* Ed and Bobbi Collins and Grace Meister.

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of this unique health emergency. Thank you in advance for contributing to our Annual Appeal for support. Your generosity ensures that those of us on the front lines of this crisis have someone in our corner. Your support has prepared us for moments like these, helping us plan for the unimaginable while caring for our community. And thank you too for standing with us.

—Tammy Radionoff

BIRHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Spencer, President
 Paul Welke, Vice President
 Frank D'Andraia, Secretary/Treasurer
 Diane McDonough, Director
 Cody Randall, Director
 Jim Wojan, Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of Bill Johnson: It is with sadness that the Board of Directors of the Health Center announces that Clyde William "Bill" Johnson III, a long-standing member of its Board of Directors, passed away on October 8, 2020. "Bill Johnson's passing is a great loss for the Board and the Center," said Tammy Radionoff, Manager of the Health Center. "Bill was a true doer and exceptional champion of the Center. On behalf of the Health Center Team, we express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Johnson family for their loss." A member of the Health Center's Board of Directors since 2015, Bill Johnson also served as the Board's Treasurer, and was a member of the Medical Services and Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program Committee, and chaired the Finance Committee and several Search Committees during his tenure on the Board of Directors. "Bill was an exceptional person and a thoughtful member of the Board. His volunteerism was noteworthy and his deep commitment to the success of the Health Center will have a lasting impact," said Don Spencer, President of the Board.

COVID-19 Testing: As of November the Health Center had tested more than 200 individuals for Covid-19.

AmazonSmile: As of August Island residents with AmazonSmile accounts have made it possible for the Center to receive \$564 in charitable contributions from Amazon. AmazonSmile is a simple way for individuals to support their favorite charitable organization, such as the Health Center. The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases. For More information see: smile.amazon.com.

Emergency Medical Services/Health Center Collaboration: The Health Center has donated an IV pump for use in the EMS Ambulance. The equipment enhances the ability of EMS to serve patients. Conversely, EMS has purchased an ultrasound machine and made it available for use by the Health Center when needed.

TRANSITIONS

Board of Directors: In November Paul Welke, the Peaine Township Trustee Representative, is scheduled for replacement as a result of the recent township elections. In December Don Spencer and Jim Wojan will step aside due to term limits. Spencer and Wojan are completing two consecutive 3-year terms as members of the Board.

DONATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL HELP:

- ◆ Provide compassionate treatment, with equipment, facilities, specialists, and insights that are just right for our mix of patients.
- ◆ Enable our physicians, nurse practitioners, and the other health professionals and Center team members support patients through:
 - Specialized equipment, facilities, and therapies that meet the unique needs of our patients.
 - Community health programs, including wellness and diagnostic screenings and public education efforts.
- ◆ Stem the "Funding Gap," for we rely on donors to help close the funding gap between the services we provide and the compensation we receive from other sources. This is because:
 - Government and other insurance carriers do not pay the total charges on the care delivered.
 - We care for families and individuals who do not have insurance or are unable to pay their bills.

FUNDS FROM THE ANNUAL APPEAL HELP ADDRESS ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS:

Hospice equipment and supplies

- Hospital beds (including electric)
- Electric lift/recliner chair
- Medications
- Oxygen concentrator and portable tanks for power outages
- Alternating air pressure mattress
- Ostomy supplies
- Dressings – bandages and other wound care supplies
- Mouth swabs
- Incontinence supplies
- Foley catheters
- Disposable gloves
- Suction equipment

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** Call BIRHC at 231-448-2275 for information on scheduling an appointment with a visiting care provider.*

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REGULAR APPOINTMENT HOURS

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am—5:00 pm
 Urgent patients can be seen on short notice during regular hours; please call first..

24-HOUR URGENT CARE AVAILABLE

Call the Health Center at 231-448-2275. Your call will be forwarded to the on-call BIRHC care provider.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Dial 911, and stay on the line....

There will be up to a 30-second delay.
 Emergency Medical Services personnel will respond.