

# You help us keep the Hope, Dream & Vision Alive

## A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles.

Here are some miracles that our patients hoped for which you made possible!

- ▼ A Lourdes at Home patient lost everything in a recent fire including her clothes. This patient struggles with multiple health issues and mental illness; she is young and also has a young child. Through the **Anderson Fund** we were able to assist her with a down payment for a new apartment, a new mattress, and clothing and food to get her back on her feet. "Whether the blaze is large or small, our Lord was there to protect her."
- ❖ A male patient with metastatic prostate cancer requested assistance in paying his medical bills. Through The Geller Oncology Fund we were pleased to assist this gentleman to ease his worries so he can concentrate on his health and feeling better.
- ▼ A request came to the Foundation to purchase 12 baby monitors. These monitors are used by caregivers and family members of cancer patients to hear them if they need assistance. Having the monitors has made family members and this patient feel more comfortable knowing they are only a voice call away; no matter how quiet they may speak. We were able to assist these people through our Hospice Fund.
- We received a request from Broome Oncology from a cancer patient to assist with a bill from NYSEG. This patient was unable to return to work due to extreme pain in her hands and feet caused from the side effects of cancer treatments. She is also fighting depression. Through The Geller Oncology Fund we were able to assist with this request.
- We learned of a sweet gentleman that lives some distance away in Pennsylvania who comes to Lourdes Hospital for radiation treatments for prostate cancer. This person requested our assistance after finding it difficult to pay daily bills such as gas and transportation costs. Unfortunately, there is not an agency to assist this individual due to his crossing state lines for medical care. After receiving a bill from Broome Oncology the Foundation went forward in assisting him with his propane expense which he uses to heat his home. Through the **Sock Out Cancer Fund** assistance became a reality to this man in need.

These are but a few of the patients assisted on an almost daily basis. We would not be able to help them without your kindness and generousity. "You help us keep the Hope, Dream & Vision Alive" by assisting so many people in our community that are in need.

For it is in Giving that we receive!

THANK YOU!!

If you would like to make a donation to any of the funds listed above or learn more about other funds at the Lourdes Foundation, please contact us. You may also send a donation to us indicating your choice of fund or send an unrestricted gift to be used where the need is greatest.

# Many Thanks to the Mee Foundation for its grant of \$130,000!!

The Lourdes Hospital Foundation recently received a grant commitment of \$130,000 from the Mee Foundation in support of two vital areas of care which will greatly assist countless individuals in our community!

This generous commitment will support areas, which really make a positive impact on people's lives, namely, the Lourdes Alcohol and Drug Education Prevention Program (ADEPT) as well as the Student Assistance Program (SAP), and the Lourdes Oral Health Center located on Upper Front Street in Binghamton, NY.

The ADEPT Program has been part of the Broome County Community for over 10 years and is supervised and supported by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, to provide alcohol, drug, and problem gambling prevention education in Broome County. Working in conjunction with schools and other community agencies, this initiative seeks to provide deterrent education services to youth and families. Our prevention specialists can provide evidence-based programs in schools for students from middle school through college.

The SAP Program is a school based program offering counselling and prevention services to students who are at risk of drug and alcohol use due to personal, school, peer or family problems, who are exhibiting at-risk behaviors, or have begun the process of experimentation with drugs and alcohol. A student assistance counsellor provides counselling and support services which include crisis, individual, group and family counselling to students.

A portion of this grant will be applied to these two counseling

initiatives by funding a full-time SAP counsellor in the Union Endicott School District and a full-time SAP counsellor in the Chenango Valley School District for both school sessions during the calendar year 2018.

The remaining \$50,000 will be used in the purchase of four Dexis Platinum Digital X-Ray Sensors that are utilized as part of the new Mobile Dental Van Unit. These radiographic sensors will allow the dental clinician to take bitewing and periapical images, which will then be used by the dentist to diagnose dental decay, abscesses, bone levels, missing teeth and developmental delays or abnormalities.

Having these sensors in each of the operatory units within the new mobile unit will expedite the patient appointment process allowing children to be seen and treated in an efficient and prompt manner.

The reception of this grant will also make it possible for children in the Hancock Central School District to gain access to our oral health program via the mobile dental unit. As a result of our outreach here, many children that receive treatment services will retain their permanent dentition and have functionality throughout their adult lives. This includes having the ability to chew food and develop proper speech.

Thanks to the Mee Foundation, our children will benefit with having full-time Substance Abuse Counselors at two local school districts to educate and assist them in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. The Lourdes Oral Health Clinic will also assist many more children and adult patients with tooth decay, resulting in brighter smiles throughout our community as a result of this grant.



# The 2018 Friends of Lourdes Campaign

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# Lourdes Center for Oral Health advances its mission with receiving a Grant from the Decker Foundation in the amount of \$401,566!

Lourdes Dental Services, consisting of Lourdes Center for Oral Health and Lourdes Mobile Dental Services, advances our mission by providing quality, preventive and therapeutic oral health care to children and families. Through collaboration, education and outreach, Lourdes Dental Services increases public awareness of the importance of good oral health and its impact upon total health and well-being. Our Center for Oral Health has been in existence since 2005 and continues to assist those in need, especially children, with vital dental care.

An essential part of this undertaking is the mobile dental initiative, specifically the van itself, which goes out into the community to assist those in urgent need of dental care, who are mostly children.

The current mobile unit is nearing the end of its life and is in need of replacement. To that end, The Dr. G. Clifford and Florence B. Decker Foundation has made a grant commitment of \$401,566 that will completely cover the purchase of a new mobile dental unit!

This new van will be used in outreach to elementary schools as well as to rural and underserved communities in the Greater Binghamton area. Children will now have access to dental services such as our dental sealant program that has as its goal the preservation of first and second permanent molars from tooth decay by applying sealants to these young patient's teeth.

Smiles will be seen from miles away and in years to come because of The Decker Foundation's generous support.

Many thanks to the Decker Foundation for this wonderful gift which will literally brighten countless lives and smiles!!!!

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here are many ways to support the work of Lourdes Hospital. One of the easiest ways to make a planned gift is through a bequest. Through a simple provision in your will, you may make a gift to the Foundation.

Making a bequest is the most common type of planned gift, and is an excellent choice if you want to maintain control of your assets during your lifetime, and support Lourdes in the future. We can work with you and your financial advisor to craft specific bequest language that accurately reflects your gift intentions.

Our Heritage Society gratefully acknowledges the following individuals who have demonstrated their devotion to Lourdes Hospital through a planned gift. We would like to express our deepest appreciation as their gifts have enabled the Foundation to continue its support of Lourdes Hospital.

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