

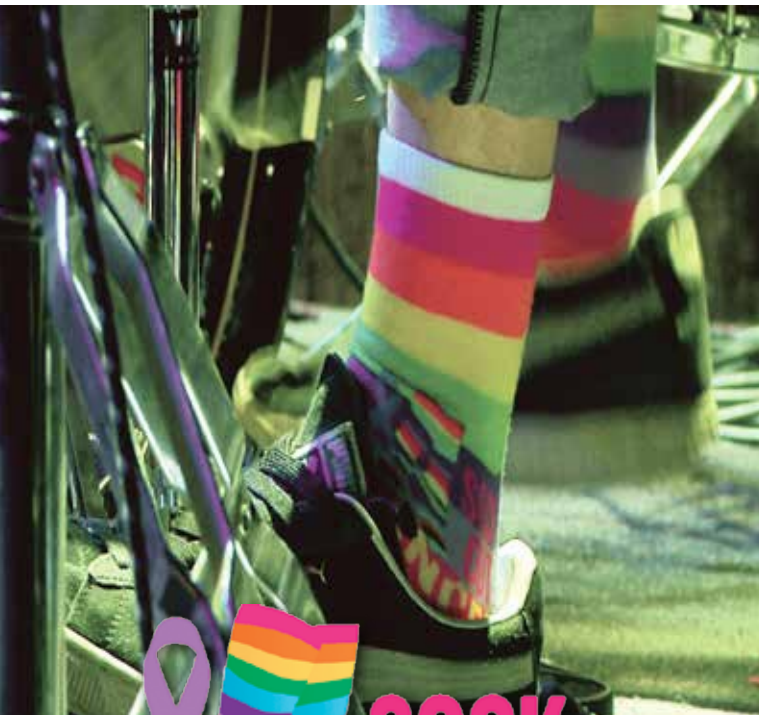
## Healthcare in Hancock

Healthcare in the Hancock, New York community has been greatly enhanced in the last nine years by the investment made through community donations, the Mee Foundation, Lourdes Foundation and Lourdes Hospital. There are currently two providers on staff at the site, Dr. Richard Berg, DO and Michelle Nulton, FNP who see an average of 25-30 patients daily. They are supported by 5 other staff members. The practice is able to offer lab appointments daily and has a full time x-ray technician on site. This is of great benefit to the Hancock community.

Dr. Berg is the first doctor who has lived in the community in over twenty years. He invested himself in the people of Hancock both professionally and personally. By bringing in Michelle, the practice was able to help increase volumes, provide a stabilization of services in the event Dr. Berg was out of the office, and meet a need in women's services. The practice also currently offers specialty services to the community including podiatry, urology, physical exams and mammography.

The clinic proves to be a valuable resource to the people of Hancock. Staff members work closely with community leaders to help sponsor community educational events such as drug seminars, wellness campaigns, social events and a health fair. They also work closely with the area schools to offer services to students and staff members and to create new programs within the schools to promote healthy lifestyles. Because of the enhanced facilities, they are able to offer fire personnel their NYS required annual physicals. Additionally, there are many summer camps in the area. The facility can now offer x-ray services, healthcare support, pharmacy services and same day appointments to camp attendees.

The Hancock staff is constantly looking for new ways to continue to meet the healthcare needs of the community, exploring options for the future including social work, nutrition and physical therapy services. We are grateful for the hard work put in by staff members to bring much needed healthcare services to this area.



### Presented by Security Mutual Life,

Chemung Canal Trust Company and Visions Federal Credit Union, together with help from WBNG and a number of other area sponsors, a benefit concert event took place Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Forum Theatre in Binghamton. The concert, featuring William Close and his very own Earth Harp, was held to benefit patients and families being treated at the region's two largest cancer centers: Lourdes Hospital and UHS.

The purpose of Sock Out Cancer is to allow Southern Tier families battling cancer to focus their efforts on supporting their loved one instead of struggling to pay bills or dealing with ordinary living expenses. From this event, Security Mutual donated \$58,750 as well as \$1,250 in Wegmans gift cards for our patients. We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of Security Mutual and for the community support which made this event possible!

As part of the effort, brightly colored rainbow socks are being sold at both hospital gift shops as well as Wegmans grocery store. Socks are \$10/pair + tax with all proceeds being donated to Lourdes and UHS.

**Thank you to everyone who supported this event!**



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# Planned Giving & The Heritage Society

There 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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**If you would like more information on Planned Giving or The Heritage Society,  
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## Lourdes Hospital Foundation

*Sustaining the vision. Supporting the mission.*

# news

## Because of you... Because you care!

**“The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.”**

### **Generosity and Goodwill Heals.**

Here are some stories of how your generosity and goodwill assisted Lourdes Hospital patients with their healing:

- ♥ A patient with prostate cancer is being treated with a new Cancer treatment called Provenge. This is the first and only FDA-approved immunotherapy for advanced prostate cancer and involves three trips to the American Red Cross in Liverpool, NY for use of their apheresis machine which separates the blood into various components. Our patient could not drive to Liverpool and had no family living locally to assist with transportation. **The Geller Oncology Fund** covered the transportation cost for the needed treatments.
- ♥ **The Hospice Fund** assists many individuals and families experiencing emotional and financial hardships. A patient who has cancer of the connective tissues needed a new washer and dryer. This was a necessity as the patient needed clean and dry clothes to minimize infection risk. Because you care, the Hospice Fund was able to assist the family with their financial burden and help them purchase a new washer and dryer.
- ♥ **The Geller Oncology Fund** was also able to assist a patient diagnosed with head and neck cancer who needed total mouth dental extractions before proceeding with chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Because you care, our assistance was a true blessing for this individual during a very difficult time.
- ♥ **The Linus Brennan Memorial Fund** assists families who experience the loss of a child with burial fees and funeral costs. Recently, a family lost their baby and they could not afford a burial. Because of this new fund, we were able to assist this family with funeral expenses in this most difficult time.

*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.*

**“We can’t help everyone, BUT... Everyone can help someone.**

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# A Game of Hope

## 8th Annual Hockey 4 Hope Charity Hockey Game

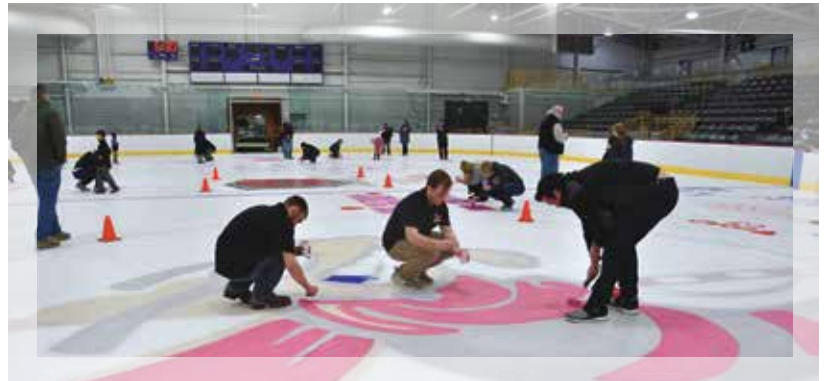
The Constance Foundation powered the 8th annual Hockey 4 Hope game on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Hockey 4 Hope is an annual charity hockey game which takes place in Binghamton, New York at the SUNY Broome Ice Center. An estimated 800 – 1,000 people attended the event with proceeds donated to the Geller Oncology Fund of Lourdes Hospital and to individuals in need. An estimated 75 people also came out to Paint the Ice on Friday March 31, 2017. The Paint the Ice event allows area residents to paint messages of love, hope and memories on the ice in preparation for the game the next day. The mission of the Constance Foundation is to help alleviate the financial burden associated with cancer.

Brian Laing, President and Founder of the Constance Foundation states: “More and more people are affected by cancer each year and it breaks my heart to listen to some of the stories. The game is about the people in our lives who battle this disease day in and day out with hopes that we are bringing change.”

It was an honor to have County Executive Jason Garnar participate in the ceremonial puck drop this year. Cancer survivors Mark Laskoski and Craig Bland faced-off while survivor Kurt Rumsey was escorted to the Ice by his son CJ Rumsey and County Executive Jason Garnar for the puck drop. The National Anthem was performed by Binghamton City Councilwoman Dani Cronce and the Broome County Celtic Pipe & Drums showered us with their talent and love for the 8th consecutive year.

This event would not be possible without the continued support and donations from the community. The Constance Foundation is so grateful for the volunteers, sponsors and all who donate and participate in the work of the Foundation. The 2018 Hockey 4 Hope event is scheduled at the SUNY Broome Ice Center on March 24, 2018. Painting of the ice will take place on Friday, March 23, 2018.

For more information, visit [www.hockey4hope.com](http://www.hockey4hope.com) or [www.constancefoundation.org](http://www.constancefoundation.org). For media information, please contact Jacki Gerchman at [jgerchman@constancefoundation.org](mailto:jgerchman@constancefoundation.org).



# Friends of Lourdes Campaign

All funds raised through this year's Friends of Lourdes Fund will go to assist the Geller Oncology Fund. The Geller Oncology Fund was established by former Lourdes Foundation Board member Dr. Marilyn Geller and her late husband Dr. Sandy Geller in 2000 to provide financial assistance to patients receiving treatment at Lourdes Regional Cancer Center and at Broome Oncology. Donations are used to address extraordinary financial needs (food, transportation, medication, bills) of cancer patients and their families. Because of the continued generosity of family, friends and community members, the Geller Oncology Fund has assisted hundreds of patients when their time is most difficult. Thus far we raised \$47,306!

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# Lourdes Hospice

## What is HOSPICE

Hospice helps individuals and their families during a life limiting illness. They focus specifically on comfort, dignity and pain control by responding to the symptoms, needs and wishes of patients and their families. Their goal is to help patients live each day to its fullest, enabling them to remain in a familiar and supportive environment, surrounded by people they love and possessions they cherish.

## What They Offer

### NURSING

Nurses and Home Health Aids assist and guide the family members in providing patient care.

### SOCIAL WORK

The medical social workers provide emotional support and consultation for the patient and family members.

### VOLUNTEERS

The Hospice volunteers are specifically trained in Hospice philosophy and family support, and aromatherapy and assist with errands and bereavement contacts.

### SPIRITUAL

Pastoral caregivers provide spiritual and emotional support to patients and their families. They also serve as a bridge between patients and their church or synagogue.

### BEREAVEMENT

Family members of Hospice patients receive emotional support and guidance from the Hospice staff throughout the first year of bereavement. Services include -phone contacts and written communication, support groups, grief and loss education and short term individual sessions to help determine a plan to utilize community resources for ongoing counseling.

## Volunteer Work

Hospice has several talented volunteers who enjoy making each day a special one. They make birthday baskets, anniversary baskets, "Baskets of Love" for inpatient admission, Easter baskets, Christmas stockings and St. Valentine's Day surprises. They have volunteers that love to sew, who make lap robes, gowns, and activity mats, honor shawls for our "We Honor Vets" program, corn bags for achy joints, and walker bags for our patients that like to "carry" their essentials with them.

**GOD BLESS OUR VOLUNTEERS AND ALL THAT THEY PROVIDE TO OUR HOSPICE PATIENTS.**

