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Greg Robinson Completes Successful Term as Foundation Chair

After serving the community and Miami Valley Hospital, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Greg Robinson completed his term in mid-June 2023.

Beginning his role as chair in 2020, Robinson witnessed significant changes in health care and played a pivotal role in guiding the Foundation through unprecedented challenges, most notably the COVID-19 pandemic.

“At the beginning of the pandemic, the hospital and Foundation faced the challenge of unknowns,” recalls Robinson. “What was remarkable about our team, no one gave up. Everyone came together and said,

‘How are we going to do this and help our patients and staff?’”

Robinson, a health care professional with a deep belief in the importance of quality health care, joined the Foundation as a board member nine years ago, driven by the desire to make a difference in the larger community.

Assuming the role of chair during the early days of the pandemic presented Robinson with daunting challenges. He recalls the initial uncertainty and chaos as the world grappled with the unknowns of COVID-19.

“It was an incredibly evolving situation in the first few months,” he remembers. “I was so pleased by the Foundation’s staff and board members’ efforts in being able to execute and continue to raise significant funds in the community to support our operations.”

Robinson highlights the unwavering commitment of Miami Valley Hospital’s staff and clinicians, who demonstrated exceptional dedication to patient care amidst immense pressure. The Foundation and its donors played a crucial role in supporting the staff financially and emotionally, addressing their needs during these challenging times.

“People were willing to contribute products and services and engage with the Foundation in ways that they really hadn’t before,” recalls Robinson. “Although the pandemic was difficult, it really brought the community together and people stood behind our hospital and staff. We still see that every day at the Foundation.”

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Thank You

We are happy to share with you some of the successes your generous giving has supported in the first part of the year. Thanks to you, we have been able to continue vital programs and services at Miami Valley Hospital, making a positive impact on the health and well-being of our community.



Your gifts are underwriting projects such as 22 infusion bays at Miami Valley Hospital South's Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Butterfly Room project in the Miami Valley Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), and a new Premier Community Health Mobile Clinic. These projects would not be possible without your financial contributions, and we are grateful for your commitment to improving health care in our region.

We continually plan for the future, and we are excited about the many programs we will support through the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation, including diabetes education at the Bull Family Diabetes Center, and Emmett's Place Family Room in the main campus' NICU – to name just two. These programs provide valuable resources and comfort to our patients and their loved ones.

Additionally, we are excited to announce our inaugural system-wide Threads of Strength oncology fashion show on Nov. 17 at the Dayton Arcade. This event will showcase patients with cancer and caregivers from throughout Premier Health and will raise funds to support people who are fighting cancer. Please join us for this exciting event.

Once again, we cannot say thank you enough for your continuing support of Miami Valley Hospital. Your help makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve and inspiring better health.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Robinson
Chair, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation
Board of Trustees

Beth Hutter
Vice President, Miami Valley Hospital
Foundation

Estate and Tax Planning Seminar

Premier Health's four hospital Foundations are excited to present a free Estate and Tax Planning Professional Seminar on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Savannah Center in West Chester from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For the first time, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation is proud to join this seminar as Atrium Medical Center Foundation celebrates the event's 25th anniversary.

This seminar is free to accountants, attorneys, financial planners, trust officers, and insurance agents. Continuing education credits are also available.

To register, call the Foundation office at **(937) 208-2700** or email shall@premierhealth.com.



Threads of Strength Fashion Show



Premier Health and Miami Valley Hospital continue to be a regional leader in cancer care. As part of the MD Anderson Cancer Network®, a program of MD Anderson Cancer Center, Premier Health has taken our commitment to quality cancer care to the next level. Your gifts to the Foundation have helped fund vital integrative oncology therapies and programs, as well as new infusion bays, and provided critical technology to help in the fight against cancer.

In continuing our mission of supporting patients with cancer and their families, the Foundation is excited to host our inaugural system-wide oncology fashion show. In partnership with Atrium Medical Center Foundation, Good Samaritan Foundation-Dayton, and Upper Valley Medical Center Foundation, the Threads of Strength fashion show is set to be a captivating event, showcasing the incredible resilience of patients with cancer and caregivers. Scheduled for Nov. 17 at the Dayton Arcade, this fundraiser aims to raise support for essential services and programs dedicated to aiding Premier Health patients.

Highlighted by the incredible custom outfits designed by world-renowned designer Shraavan Kummar, the runway will be graced by models whose stories of courage and determination serve as an inspiration to us all. With every step, these individuals symbolize the unwavering spirit and strength that propels them forward in their battle against cancer. The Threads of Strength fashion show is a powerful celebration of hope, unity, and the indomitable human spirit.

To purchase your tickets, or become a sponsor, please point your smartphone's camera at the QR code.



Physician to Lead Miami Valley Hospital, Serve as Premier Health COO



Chad Whelan, MD, has been named as the first physician executive to serve in a dual role as president of Miami Valley Hospital and system chief operating officer of Premier Health. His appointment is effective August 7, 2023.



Dr. Whelan brings to Premier Health decades of progressive hospital

and health care leadership and clinical experience in academic medical centers and prominent health systems across the United States, including Banner Health, Loyola University Health, and the University of Chicago Medicine. He is an innovative physician executive with extensive operations leadership experience across the care continuum in complex health systems.

Most recently, he served as strategic advisor to University of Arizona Health Sciences, working closely with the President of the University of Arizona and the Senior Vice President of Health Sciences Division. His appointment follows a national search and review of dozens of candidates.

“Chad brings a depth and breadth of experience that complements Premier Health’s strategic plan in the areas of academics, operational excellence, and partnerships,” says Michael C. Riordan, president and CEO, Premier Health. “I look forward to welcoming him back to the Midwest. I’m confident Chad will be a great fit within Premier Health’s culture and will advance our organizational goals and mission to improve the health of the communities we serve.”

Dr. Whelan succeeds Barbara Johnson, who retired in June as chief operating officer after 20 years of dedicated service to the health system. For the past year, Johnson also has

been overseeing Miami Valley Hospital as interim president.

Dr. Whelan earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Minnesota, where he was chief resident. He holds a master’s degree in health services administration in public health and business administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He has served as a professor of medicine, teaching physician residents and medical students, publishing multiple academic papers, and serving on numerous national committees, including currently as treasurer for the Society of Hospital Medicine Board of Directors.

Dr. Whelan, who grew up in the Chicago area and has mostly lived in the Midwest, will be relocating to the Miami Valley area from Tucson, Arizona, with his wife, Nicole, and their family.



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Greg Robinson

While the Foundation has been involved in numerous impactful projects during Robinson’s time on the board, he highlighted a few that resonate with him personally. The implementation of a bronchoscopy device that eliminates the need for invasive biopsies stands out as a significant achievement during his tenure.

Additionally, the Foundation’s support for ECMO technology, which saved the life of a young woman familiar to Robinson’s family, holds a special place in his heart.

“It was really heartwarming, from arm’s length, to see the technology and devices the Foundation has funded help our patients,” says Robinson. “It makes you feel good to see positive patient outcomes from the gifts of Foundation donors and supporters.”

As Robinson concludes his three-year term as chair of the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation, his leadership and dedication have left a lasting impact. Through a period of unprecedented change and uncertainty, Robinson successfully guided the Foundation, ensuring support for the hospital’s needs.

“We are so grateful to Greg and his incredible leadership of our Foundation,” says Beth Hutter, vice president of Miami Valley Hospital Foundation. “Greg’s visionary guidance and tireless efforts have transformed the landscape of health care philanthropy in Southwest Ohio, leaving an indelible impact on our community.”

Robert Siebenthaler precedes Robinson as chair of the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

Emmett's Place: Discovering Gems of Dayton

Dayton is recognized for its incredible innovations and patents. This community is also known for its remarkable generosity in supporting critical services for families in need. Join us for an extraordinary evening of exploration and giving back at the Emmett's Place: Discovering Gems of Dayton event, taking place on Sept. 30 at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. This highly anticipated gathering promises to be an unforgettable experience, all while supporting a remarkable cause.

Emmett's Place, a cherished area of respite and hospitality for families facing challenging times, is dedicated to providing comfort and support to the immediate family members of newborn infants in the Miami Valley Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Additionally, it provides compassionate services to hospitalized pregnant women and their families who find themselves facing an extended hospital stay. This invaluable haven offers solace and a home-away-from-home for those who need it most.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of something truly special and support a space that is vital for new families.



Point your smartphone's camera at the QR code to **register or support this year's Emmett's Place event.**



Butterfly Room (The Georgia Project)



The unimaginable happened on Nov. 30, 2021, for parents Sarah and Rob Chaney. Their unborn daughter, Georgia Rae, was due in just five days. After noticing a decrease in Georgia's movement, Sarah was evaluated at Miami Valley Hospital where she learned the news that Georgia had passed away while still in the womb.

Georgia entered the world sleeping on Dec. 2, 2021, at Miami Valley Hospital.

The Chaney family, including their two young boys, extended family, and friends, spent the next two nights trying to fit a lifetime of memories with their baby girl into a few short days.

Grieving their family's loss, the Chaney's found themselves next to the sounds of women laboring healthy babies and families celebrating. After being home for a few months, Sarah learned of a new bereavement room at a Texas hospital that supports Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) parents who are facing the end of their child's life. After talking with a friend who is a social worker at Miami Valley Hospital, the Chaney family made it their mission to make the Butterfly Room a reality for grieving parents in Southwest Ohio.

In partnership with Miami Valley Hospital Foundation, the Butterfly Room will be located steps away from the NICU at Miami Valley Hospital and will provide a space of comfort for parents and families facing the terminal diagnosis of their infant.

The Butterfly Room will provide a comforting environment that will offer families the gift of time to connect and create a lifetime of memories with their baby. The room will include a crib, an armoire filled with baby clothes, a baby bath for parents to bathe their child, comfortable seating, educational books, and valuable support resources for families. This home-like space will give families the comfort and peace needed to navigate the loss of their baby.

To make a gift or learn more about the Butterfly Room project, please contact Anne McDevitt, director of development at Miami Valley Hospital Foundation, at ammcdevitt@premierhealth.com or call (937) 208-2700.

To make a donation in support of the Butterfly Room, point your smartphone's camera at the QR code.



Foundation Supports New Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Disease Prevention and Rehab Center

Miami Valley Hospital Foundation hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house in June for the new Dr. Mukul S. Chandra Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Disease Prevention and Rehabilitation Center. This state-of-the-art facility, located at Miami Valley Hospital South, honors the legacy of beloved educator, community health advocate, and cardiologist Mukul S. Chandra, MD.

“This comprehensive center will not only be a tribute to Dr. Chandra, but an important resource for the community,” says Barbara Johnson, former chief operating officer and executive vice president of Premier Health, and interim president of Miami Valley Hospital. “Premier Health and Miami Valley Hospital South are proud to honor Dr. Chandra’s legacy with a facility that will help so many people in our region.”

Dr. Chandra, who served as the medical director of cardiac preventive care and research at Miami Valley Hospital and as an assistant clinical professor at Wright State University, dedicated his life to improving the health and well-being of others. He also created Premier HeartWorks, a comprehensive evaluation program of heart attack risk factors.

“Dr. Chandra’s impact on our community cannot be overstated,” says Mike McKewen, MHA, director of cardiovascular and respiratory services at Premier Health. “This new center will support even more cardiac and pulmonary care patients, as well as offer preventive programming for those at-risk.”

Through gifts to the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation, this center is helping address the growing needs of the community

and will provide enhanced access for the 250 patients who utilize it every week. The new center offers a larger workout area, additional exercise equipment, new technology, updated locker rooms, convenient handicap accessibility, and space for future growth and innovation.

“The Foundation is proud to be a part of this \$500,000 project,” says Beth Hutter, vice president of Miami Valley Hospital Foundation. “Our donors believe in this new center and support those on their cardiac and pulmonary health journeys.”



Donations are still being accepted in support of the cardiac and pulmonary program by visiting the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation’s website or calling **(937) 208-2700**.



Strengthening Health Care Education



“Looking back, I believe my late parents and brother would be proud of this endowment. We were fortunate to know the value of education and understand that you can’t stop learning.”
—Dr. Robert E. Zipf, Jr.



If you are interested in establishing an endowment or making a legacy gift to the Foundation, contact Beth Hutter, vice president of Miami Valley Hospital Foundation, at (937) 208-4172 or ebhutter@premierhealth.com.

The Zipf/Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Scholarship Endowment, In Memory of Robert E. Zipf, Sr., MD, and Meriam Murr Zipf, and Thomas H. Zipf, DDS, is a remarkable initiative aimed at providing scholarships to hospital staff who exemplify outstanding character, personality, academic and professional skills in the health care field.

The endowment, established by Robert E. Zipf, Jr., MD, not only supports deserving staff but also enhances health care knowledge.

“This endowment through the Foundation sponsors the ever-growing needs of Miami Valley Hospital staff by funding continuing education opportunities,” says Dr. Zipf, Jr. “There are new and improved instructional opportunities that arise, and this endowment will help support staff in attaining those chances.”

The establishment of this endowment holds deep significance for the Zipf family, who have a long-standing relationship with Miami Valley Hospital.

Dr. Robert E. Zipf, Sr., laid the foundation by completing his internship at the hospital before serving in World War II. This was followed by his post-war training in military hospitals and subsequent return to Miami Valley Hospital as a pathologist.

Dr. Zipf, Jr. and his siblings also shared this association, having been born at the hospital and actively involved in its activities during their formative years.

“Our family has had a strong connection with the hospital for many years,” remembers Dr. Zipf, Jr. “We established an endowment with a health system near our home in North Carolina and saw how impactful it was there. That’s when we decided to honor our family and create an endowment back home in Dayton.”

In addition to the scholarship, the endowment will also support educational activities at Miami Valley Hospital, including the organization of programs, courses, and seminars that address the evolving needs of the health care industry.

The goal is to provide continuous learning opportunities that keep hospital staff updated with the latest advancements, better patient handling techniques, and improved practices.

“Looking back, I believe my late parents and brother would be proud of this endowment,” says Dr. Zipf, Jr. “We were fortunate to know the value of education and understand that you can’t stop learning.”

The Zipf/Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Scholarship Endowment encompasses the values of excellence, education, and community impact.

By supporting deserving individuals and fostering health care education, the endowment not only benefits our staff but also leaves a lasting legacy for the Zipf family.

We've Moved!



Miami Valley Hospital Foundation has found a new home at 40 Wyoming Street in Dayton. This strategic move places our offices right across from the main campus' Shaw Emergency and Trauma Center parking garage, allowing for easy accessibility for our donors, partners, and staff.

This new location not only houses Miami Valley Hospital Foundation staff, but also Premier Health system employees who work for all four of the health system's Foundations. This integration brings together various departments, including communications and marketing, operations, and grant management, fostering collaboration and synergy among our teams.

The new offices at 40 Wyoming Street mark an important milestone in our journey. We are confident this move will not only enhance our efficiency, but also deepen our commitment to inspiring better health in Southwest Ohio.

Our mailing address will remain the same at 31 Wyoming Street, Dayton, OH 45409.

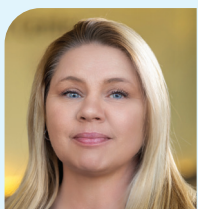
Meet Our New Team Members



Sharon Hall joined the Foundation in February 2023 and serves as the development/admin coordinator for Miami

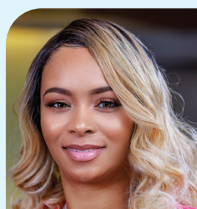
Valley Hospital Foundation and Good Samaritan Foundation-Dayton.

Sharon has been a Premier Health employee for 34 years, most recently working in the administrative office at Miami Valley Hospital. In her free time, Sharon volunteers at a therapy facility that offers equine-assisted therapeutic activities for people with special needs and at local veteran organizations. Sharon and her husband, Dwayne, live in Tipp City and enjoy golfing and cheering for the Buckeyes, Reds, Bengals, and Packers!



Mary Houston joined the Foundation team in March 2023 as a database specialist. Mary's role on the system operations

team administers database gift management and donor recognition and acknowledgement for the Foundation. Mary comes to the Foundation after working as a test lab admin at Collins Aerospace.



Shanise Wade joined the Foundation in March 2023 as the system grant manager. Shanise is responsible

for grant writing, research, tracking, and support of all grant-related activities across Premier Health's four Foundations. Prior to this role, Shanise was the practice manager for the Hospitalist Group.

Shanise devotes her time to the Dayton and Trotwood communities through multiple volunteer projects. She is an avid thrift shopper who likes to repurpose and re-fashion items for herself and others. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with her husband, James, and children, Ethan, Elle, and Evan.



How to Support Your Hospital

Miami Valley Hospital Foundation provides support to vital patient programs and services. Your gifts are making a difference in the lives of our patients and inspiring better health.

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MIAMI VALLEY HOSPITAL NEWS

Notable Miami Valley Hospital News

Chest Wall Injury Collaborative Center Designation



Miami Valley Hospital, in collaboration with Wright State Physicians and Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine, has been named

a Chest Wall Injury Collaborative Center by the Chest Wall Injury Society. Miami Valley Hospital is the 20th hospital in the world to receive this designation.

Best Maternity Care Hospital Recognition

Miami Valley Hospital was recognized by Money and the Leapfrog Group as among the nation's Best Maternity Care Hospitals. Miami Valley Hospital was the only Level III hospital in the region to receive this award.

U.S. News Recognizes Premier Health Hospitals' Maternity Care



U.S. News & World Report has named Miami Valley Hospital and Upper Valley Medical Center to its annual list of hospitals for best maternity care. Only one-third of the hospitals evaluated by *U.S. News* for maternity care earned a high performing rating.

Foundation Staff Receive High Honors



Christina Knowles, MPA, director of development at Miami Valley Hospital Foundation and Good Samaritan Foundation-Dayton was recently named Graduate of the Last Decade by Wright State University. This distinction recognizes Wright State alumni who have

demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in their professional careers, impressive volunteer service, and noteworthy involvement in professional and service organizations.

Tim Carrico, MS IMC, system foundation communications manager for Premier Health, is among the 2023 class of Forty Under 40 honorees by the Dayton Business



Journal. This recognition honors the Dayton region's brightest young business, political, and community leaders who go beyond the norm in their careers, as well as in the community.

Premier Health Hospitals Earn 'A's from the Leapfrog Group

The Leapfrog Group awarded three Premier Health hospitals - Atrium Medical Center, Miami Valley Hospital, and Upper Valley Medical Center - an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2023. This



national distinction recognizes the hospitals' achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error. Miami Valley Hospital South and Miami Valley Hospital North received a "B" grade.

Miami Valley Hospital South Awarded Stroke Certification

Miami Valley Hospital South earned certification as a Primary Stroke Center from The Joint Commission, which recognizes health care organizations that provide clinical programs across the continuum of care for stroke.



Premier Health Opens New Medical Building in Downtown Dayton

Premier Health opened a new medical office building along Brown Street near the University of Dayton campus on June 1. The building offers primary care services, orthopedic physicians, imaging services, lab services by CompuNet Clinical Laboratories, comprehensive rehab services, and counseling by Samaritan Behavioral Health, Inc.