

# Insight

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## Shining a Spotlight on Strength Threads of Strength Fashion Show

THREADS OF  
*Strength*

Premier Health's four hospital Foundations hosted the Threads of Strength oncology fashion show to shine a spotlight on the remarkable resilience of cancer patients and their caregivers on Nov. 17 at the Dayton Arcade.

More than 500 people attended the event that featured dinner, a silent auction, fashion show, live music, and an after party in The Tank that raised more than \$350,000.

In partnership with Atrium Medical Center Foundation; Good Samaritan Foundation-Dayton; Miami Valley Hospital Foundation; and Upper Valley Medical Center Foundation, the fundraiser aimed to raise vital support for cancer care and wellness across Premier Health. The event benefited the advancement of integrative therapies and the development of new oncology nutritional clinics and counseling at Atrium Medical Center, Miami Valley Hospital North, Miami Valley Hospital South, and Upper Valley Medical Center.

The urgency for nutritional clinics arises from a nationwide gap in access to nutritional counseling and monitoring for oncology patients. Research has revealed that a staggering 80% of cancer patients experience malnutrition during their treatment journey.

Most outpatient cancer centers, including those within Premier Health, are unable to bill for nutrition consult services due to a lack of reimbursement options through Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurers. This leaves patients with out-of-pocket expenses at a time when they are already grappling with financial burdens caused by their cancer diagnoses.



"Premier Health's commitment to delivering the best care extends to creating specialized services to support our patients," says Amanda Musser, MSN, RN, system vice president of oncology operations at Premier Health. "We recognize the need for ongoing monitoring and dietary

adjustments for specific tumor sites, which can greatly improve the patient's ability to tolerate treatment. Support from the Threads of Strength is helping us offer patients personalized nutritional guidance, which we believe is an integral part of their battle against cancer."

The evening's highlights included awe-inspiring custom outfits created by world-renowned Indian designer Shravan Kummur. Well-known for his heirloom ensembles, vintage-inspired embroideries and research-driven patterns, Kummur has designed outfits for the Met Gala in New York City and many red carpet events.



"As we count on the courage and draw inspiration from the cancer fights of nearly 40 patients and dedicated caregivers, we were thrilled to have them don unique ensembles personally crafted by Shravan Kummur," says Jhansi Koduri, MD, a board-certified oncologist at Miami Valley

Hospital and chair of the Threads of Strength event. "Each outfit featured colors representing the specific cancer ribbon associated

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A Message of Gratitude



This year has been one of exceptional growth and progress, all made possible by the unwavering support of donors like you. Through your generosity, we’ve been able to fund critical initiatives that directly support the health and well-being of our community. From groundbreaking devices that help our nurses reposition patients in hospital beds and state-of-the-art medical equipment to providing top-notch care to those in need, your contributions have transformed lives and strengthened our mission to deliver exceptional health care to the Miami Valley.

We remain inspired by your generosity and gifts to the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation. Your support is making a lasting impact on our patients, their families, and our dedicated health care staff.

As we approach the end of another year, we want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of our donors. Your belief in our mission and your generosity have allowed us to fulfill our promise of providing outstanding health care services and support to the greater Dayton community. Your contributions have made a real and lasting difference.

Thank you for another year of giving, for your trust in our organization, and for your dedication to our shared vision of inspiring better health. Together, we are creating a brighter and healthier future for all.

Wishing you a wonderful 2024 and a prosperous and joyous holiday season.

*Robert Siebenthaler*

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Chair, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation  
Board of Trustees

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with each model’s journey. Shravan’s generous donation included dozens of custom-designed garments, an invaluable contribution in our mission to support our cancer patients and their families.”

Threads of Strength concluded with a text-to-give opportunity for guests to honor their loved ones with a gift to the cause. Within 15 minutes, more than \$270,000 was raised to support development of new oncology nutritional clinics and counseling across the health system and the continuance of integrative therapies.



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## Breaking New Ground in Patient Care



*“The natural movement of lifting a patient in bed places significant strain on our nurses’ bodies, often leading to discomfort and even injuries. With the Hercules system, we decrease wear and tear on our bodies, which means nurses can stay at the bedside, providing continuous care for our patients.”*  
—Christie Gray, MS, APRN, CNS, NEA-BC, chief nursing officer and vice president of operations at Miami Valley Hospital

In the ever-evolving landscape of health care, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation is dedicated to staying at the forefront of innovation and patient-centered care. Thanks to the unwavering support of our generous donors, particularly those in the esteemed 1890 Society, we continue to push the boundaries of patient care. Your gifts enable us to address our hospital’s greatest needs, and we’re thrilled to share the remarkable impact of your support through the introduction of the Hercules Patient Repositioner.

The Hercules system is a groundbreaking addition to our patient care toolkit. It empowers our dedicated staff to move patients up independently and gently in their beds, which has profound implications for improving patient care. By reducing wait times and preserving patient dignity, the Hercules Repositioner is a game-changer in enhancing the overall patient experience.

“Many health care professionals face physical strain due to lifting restrictions, which can ultimately lead to burnout and attrition,” says Christie Gray, MS, APRN, CNS, NEA-BC, chief nursing officer and vice president of operations at Miami Valley Hospital. “In fact, 20 percent of nurses have left the health care industry due to such restrictions.”

The Hercules system operates much like a conveyor belt, gently shifting the patient into a more upright position using a bedsheet. This ingenious design not only benefits patients but also significantly reduces the risk of injuries for our hospital staff. The Hercules Repositioner eliminates these challenges, making patient care more

efficient and the work environment safer for our dedicated health care providers.

“The natural movement of lifting a patient in bed places significant strain on our nurses’ bodies, often leading to discomfort and even injuries,” says Christie. “With the Hercules system, we decrease wear and tear on our bodies, which means nurses can stay at the bedside, providing continuous care for our patients.”

Furthermore, the Hercules Repositioner eliminates the need for multiple staff members to manually lift a patient. This not only saves valuable time but also prevents patients from experiencing unnecessary pressure sores and discomfort. For patients, it means a more dignified experience, where their comfort and well-being are prioritized.

We are incredibly grateful to our donors for making this endeavor possible. Through a combination of generous donations and capital dollars, we have already outfitted 150 beds across Miami Valley Hospital and Miami Valley Hospital South with Hercules Repositioners.

“Our goal is to ensure that every bed in our hospital is equipped with this remarkable technology,” says Christie. “We are so appreciative to the Foundation’s donors for supporting this project. It is making such a lasting difference in the lives of our patients and our hospital staff.”

Donor support is instrumental in turning innovative ideas into tangible solutions that transform patient care. With your continued partnership, we look forward to breaking new ground in patient-centered care.



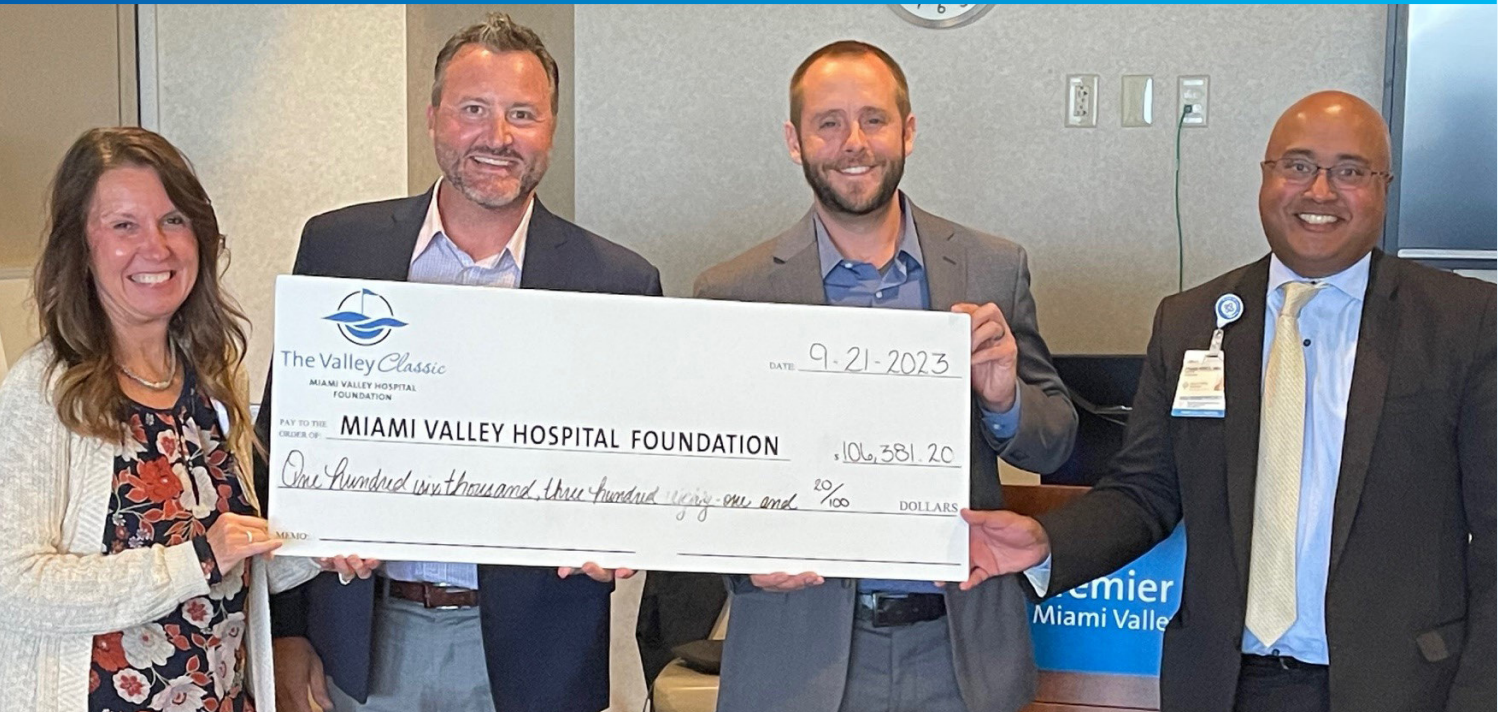
## Golf Outing Benefits Our Youngest Patients



The 22nd annual Suzy Pender Memorial Golf Outing took over the links in September at PipeStone Golf Club in Miamisburg. The event successfully raised \$8,000 to supply Boo Boo Bears, cuddly stuffed teddy bears, to our youngest patients at Miami Valley Hospital campuses. These funds contribute to the Suzy Pender Fund at the Foundation. Suzy, who tragically passed away from a heart attack at the age of 30, is remembered through this annual golf tournament. We extend our gratitude to her friends and family for organizing this event, which brings smiles to the faces of our youngest patients.



## Diabetes Education Supported by The Valley Classic



The Miami Valley Hospital Foundation’s 34th annual Valley Classic golf tournament teed off at NCR Country Club on July 31. This year’s tournament, which featured more than 150 golfers, raised \$106,381 to support diabetes patient education through the Bull Family Diabetes Center. Over the past three decades, The Valley Classic has raised more than \$4 million to support patient and staff initiatives at Miami Valley Hospital. Jim Breech and David Fulcher from the Cincinnati Chapter of the NFL Alumni Association, as well as former LPGA Tour player and current Oakland University women’s head golf coach Sarah Burnham, participated in this year’s event. The 2024 Valley Classic is scheduled for July 29 at NCR Country Club.





# Supporting Families in the Neonatal ICU



Miami Valley Hospital Foundation donors came together to support Emmett’s Place at Discovering Gems of Dayton on Sept. 30 at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. This enchanting event was a delightful evening of exploration exclusively for adults, during which local artists and Dayton’s unique treasures took center stage.

The event was more than just a night of festivities; it was a heartfelt endeavor to raise funds for Emmett’s Place. Located just steps from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Miami Valley Hospital, Emmett’s Place plays a crucial role in supporting families during their most challenging moments.

The NICU is a place where the lives of fragile infants hang in the balance, affecting one in 10 parents and grandparents. With an average of 45 infants in the NICU every day, the need for support is immense. Emmett’s Place is a haven of respite and hospitality for the immediate family members of newborn infants hospitalized in the NICU, as well as for pregnant women and their families facing prolonged hospitalization.

This facility is a tribute to the memory of Dr. Derek and Emily Sorensen’s late infant son, Emmett Mikael Sorensen. The Sorensens, after a month-long hospital stay, envisioned a place where families could find solace during trying times. Their commitment led to the creation of this remarkable space, ensuring that Emmett’s legacy would bring comfort and hope to other NICU families.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters who joined us in Discovering Gems of Dayton, and to those who continue to stand by Emmett’s Place, providing comfort to families during their most trying moments.



To make a gift to Emmett’s Place, please point your smartphone’s camera at the QR code.

# Siebenthaler Begins Term as Foundation Board Chair



In the world of landscaping, where transformations are measured in vibrant blooms and lush greenery, Robert Siebenthaler is accustomed to witnessing tangible results. As president of Siebenthaler’s, Rob has mastered the art of cultivating beauty from the ground up, turning ordinary spaces into rich havens.

“Siebenthaler’s journey began as a nursery selling fruit trees and grape vines in 1870, and today, we proudly have two garden centers and a wonderful landscaping team,” shares Rob. “We are granted the distinct privilege of transforming what may initially be unappealing into a thing of beauty. Our work not only enhances the community

but also contributes to the overall attractiveness of our surroundings, offering a unique opportunity for meaningful impact.”

Rob’s expertise in orchestrating visual masterpieces isn’t limited to the greenery that flourishes under his care. In a parallel role as the new Chair of the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, Rob extends his knack for positive results to the realm of community service.

“Miami Valley Hospital and Premier Health are institutional pillars in the community,” explains Rob. “Joining this team and seeing the positive impact they are making is really what drove me to volunteering with the Foundation and trusting in their mission.”

Rob says he believes in investing in the future of Dayton through a robust medical and educational system, considering it more of an investment than philanthropy. He expressed a personal interest in the medical world and shared his enthusiasm for contributing to the health care sector through his role on the board.

“I have always been inspired and interested in the medical field,” explains Rob. “Personally, I think if I was not born with a green thumb, I believe I would have worked in health care. Working with the Foundation allows me to get a glimpse of how the medical world operates and allows me to do a small part in helping people.”

Rob’s journey with the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation spans six years, during which he has been actively involved in funding priorities meetings. He expressed pride in supporting projects that make a tangible difference in health care operations, even if they eventually become routine. Rob appreciates the opportunity to fund initiatives that improve health care standards and become integral to the hospital’s daily operations.



“As we welcome Rob into his new role as chair of the Board of Trustees, we look forward to witnessing the positive impact he will undoubtedly bring to the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation,” says Jenny Lewis, MBA, CFRE, system vice president of philanthropy at Premier Health and president and CEO of Miami Valley Hospital Foundation. “His dedication to community service, coupled with his leadership in the business sector, positions him as a valuable asset in steering the Foundation toward continued success.”

Rob’s term as chair for the Foundation began in June and will run through June 2026.

# Miami Valley Hospital Foundation Celebrates 40 Years of Giving

In the dynamic landscape of health care philanthropy, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation stands tall, marking its 40th anniversary of unwavering commitment to advancing the well-being of the community it serves.

In the past four decades, more than \$150 million has been provided to the hospital through the Foundation and our donors.

“Philanthropy has always played a crucial role in the success of Miami Valley Hospital since its founding in 1890,” says Jenny Lewis, MBA, CFRE, president and CEO of Miami Valley Hospital Foundation and system vice president of philanthropy at Premier Health. “Throughout the hospital’s early years, every building project or significant medical advancement was made possible by contributions from the public.”

Established in the wake of a nationwide push for hospital Foundations, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation emerged in 1983 as a separate nonprofit 501(c)3 organization to raise funds and awareness for patient programs and services that are beyond the scope of the hospital’s budget.

The first significant campaign of the Foundation was the Second Century Campaign, which constructed the Northwest

Wing of the main hospital campus. Jeanne Eickman, who led the Foundation until 2005, played a pivotal role in connecting with donors and laying the groundwork for a legacy of impactful health care initiatives.

During Jeanne’s tenure, the narrative of philanthropy at Miami Valley Hospital reached new heights with the Shaw Emergency and Trauma Center campaign in 2000, marking the largest fundraising effort to date.

“Jeanne knew the community and how to connect with people,” says Jenny. “She was a wonderful leader who made significant contributions to the hospital by shaping the Foundation into what it is today.”

Over the years, the Foundation continued its impactful work through various events and mini campaigns, such as The Valley Classic’s million-dollar drive for the Shaw Emergency Department. The hospital’s growth expanded to include projects like the Southeast Addition Tower at the main campus, the grand opening of Miami Valley Hospital South in 2007, and the Cancer Center, with the Foundation actively supporting each endeavor.

Today, the Foundation continues to support vital programs and services for our patients,

such as Emmett’s Place located near the hospital’s NICU; Promise to Hope, which offers support to drug-addicted mothers and babies; the Brethen Center for Surgical Advancement; cancer services; community health through the Mobile Clinic; CareFlight; and many more.

“In celebrating our 40th anniversary, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated donors,” says Jenny. “Your unwavering support has fueled four decades of healing, innovation, and community impact. Together, we’ve written a story of compassion and resilience, and as we reflect on our journey, I am sincerely thankful for each donor who has been a vital chapter in our narrative of inspiring better health.”

In commemorating 40 years of transformative health care philanthropy, Miami Valley Hospital Foundation stands as a testament to the enduring power of community support in shaping a healthier and more resilient future for all.

Photos clockwise: Miami Valley Hospital South “Opening New Doors” Gala, The Valley Classic 2012, Ribbon cutting of the Brethen Center for Surgical Advancement, Vic and Jeanne Eickman at 2010 SEA Tower opening gala.





## MIAMI VALLEY HOSPITAL NEWS

# Notable Miami Valley Hospital News

### U.S. News & World Report:

#### Miami Valley Hospital Best in Dayton



Miami Valley Hospital placed ninth among all Ohio hospitals in the latest annual rankings released by U.S. News & World Report. The hospital again had the best performance

among all hospitals in the Dayton region.

The distinction includes Miami Valley Hospital North in Englewood and Miami Valley Hospital South in Centerville.

The hospital was ranked “high-performing” in 10 areas of care: heart failure; heart

attack; colon cancer surgery; hip replacement; knee replacement; diabetes; prostate cancer surgery; leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma; maternity care (uncomplicated pregnancy); and stroke.

#### Premier Health Earns System Reaccreditation for Geriatric Emergency Departments



Premier Health has again been awarded a system-wide Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation from the

American College of Emergency Physicians. This distinction recognizes emergency departments that provide excellent care for

older adults. The health system previously achieved this accreditation in 2020 and was the first system in Ohio and the second in the nation to do so.

#### Miami Valley Hospital South Receives Spine Care Certification

Miami Valley Hospital South has earned Disease Specific Care (DSC) Certification for its spine care services from The Joint Commission. This certification recognizes Miami Valley Hospital South’s unwavering dedication to delivering superior spine care and ensuring optimal patient outcomes.



## 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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