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GREENE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION MAKES LARGEST GRANT IN ITS HISTORY

With the acquisition of Southwest Regional Medical Center by Washington Health System (WHS), the lone hospital in Greene County once again became a non-profit institution. For ten years the hospital was owned and operated by a for-profit company headquartered in Tennessee, and as such, GCMHF was unable to provide any financial assistance.



That all changed on July 1, 2015, as WHS took control of all operations and renamed the facility Washington Health System Greene. One of the first things they looked to do was to upgrade some of their diagnostic equipment, especially the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine. Knowing the price of quality health care does not come cheap, as MRI machines can cost well north of 1,000,000, the Foundation was pleased to be able to assist WHS Greene with a grant of \$450,000 over the next three years.



This sizable donation comes at a time when GCMHF is in the middle of its own large campaign of building a 60,000 square foot Recreation Center with a price tag of approximately \$6,000,000. None the less, the Foundation is extremely pleased WHS has become involved in Greene County and looks forward to many great years of improving the health and well-being of its residents.

GCMH FOUNDATION BUYS THREE SCBA'S FOR CRUCIBLE VFD

The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation approved a grant in the amount of \$13,125 to the Crucible VFD to purchase three Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units. The equipment Crucible had been using was terribly outdated and in desperate need of being replaced. These units are vital in the protection of the fire fighters and will provide a much safer environment in which to serve the people of their community.



Last year alone the Foundation provided more than \$180,000 in healthcare equipment to various organizations including Volunteer Fire Departments from Nemaocolin, Center Township and Rices Landing, as well as Automatic External Defibrillators to local school districts and churches.

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It's Never Too Late 26th Annual Harvest Ball

There is still time to get your tickets for the 26th Annual Harvest Ball. One of the biggest social events of the year is scheduled for Saturday night, November 7, 2015, at the lovely Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort.



It's the Foundation's primary fundraising event of the year, with the proceeds this year going to the Rec Center which is slated to open late next year. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the Foundation office at 724-852-2060. Rooms are greatly discounted and reserved only until October 8, 2015. Call Nemaocolin directly at 724-329-8555 and mention Harvest Ball. See you there!

GREENE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION PROVIDES GRANT FOR SUMMER CAMP

The Greene County Department of Recreation's Summer Day Camp was held for six weeks this past summer. The camp was conducted Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, for children ages 5-15 and included more than 700 children. The camp was made possible with a grant of \$40,000 from Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

A typical day in the life of a camper included morning activities, a hot lunch prepared by either Carmichaels Area School District or Central Greene School District. Swimming in the afternoon at one of the county's pools and then a snack prior to leaving rounded out the day.

Two programs per week were also provided titled "UP STREAM", which stands for You Being Physical in Science, Technology Recreation, Engineering, Art and Math. Classes were divided into two age groups; 5-8 and 9-15 years of age.

Lesson topics were:

- Crystals and How They Form
- Polymers' Properties and Behaviors
- Rocket History
- Wind Intensities and Storms
- Molecular Interactions
- How Fossils Form
- The Importance of Plants
- Honeybee Behaviors and Society
- Human Skeletal System
- Different Ways Light Travels

Each lesson plan included an interactive discussion explaining the theme of the lesson and a hands-on activity that engaged campers to use their creative minds to construct various arts and crafts. Campers also tested various science experiments that allowed them to see molecular reactions, as well as how polymers absorb solutions. Campers were introduced to a multitude of information that should allow them to improve their strategizing and problem solving skills. Following the activities, groups gathered into a large group and participated in a game to promote physical activity.

During the sixth week of camp, children 5-8 years of age were treated to a Lego Day Field Trip. Children were bussed to the county fairgrounds where they were entertained by John Buchanan, then enjoyed a Lego hands-on activity. Family Behavior Resources provided a gift bag which included a water bottle and boxed Lego Dragon for the kids to take home.

Children 9-15 years of age were taken on a field trip to Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort where they enjoyed rock climbing, miniature golf, and a ropes course with a zip-line exit. They were then provided a box lunch before returning back to camp.

Central Greene School District Receives Two Grants for Swimming Pool

For the fourth consecutive year, GCMHF has provided Central Greene School District with funds designated for their indoor swimming pool. Since a number of individuals from the community enjoy the pool in the evenings, the Foundation has been intent on keeping this program viable and works closely with the school district in order to maintain and even improve the service.



This year in addition to a grant (\$29,498) for routine annual operations, an additional grant of \$2,200 was approved in order to purchase updated safety equipment. There is a nominal charge for the general public to utilize the pool in the evenings, except for members of the Foundation for Wellness (located on the first floor of Washington Health System Greene), in which case using the pool is free.

GCMH Foundation Partners with Community Foundation of Greene County for Weekend Food Program

GCMHF approved a \$12,000 grant to the Community Foundation of Greene County to support the Greene County Weekend Food Program for the 2015/2016 school year. The Weekend Food Program began with two schools and thirty-six children back in April, 2012. It now provides bags of food to 140 elementary age school children throughout the five schools districts within the county. These children have been identified by school personnel as high risk food insecure and typically show signs/symptoms of coming to school hungry.

By partnering with the Community Foundation at the beginning of the school year, the schools will be able to get the program started earlier and be confident of the number of children they can serve throughout the year. In the past, many of the schools had to wait and were unsure as to the numbers they could serve due to limited funds.

Each child receives a bag of non-perishable food items that is designed to be child-friendly and do not require cooking or any special equipment. Each pack will typically contain food for six light meals for the weekend including items such as individual cereal packs, Pop Tarts, applesauce, fruit juice, peanut butter, crackers, pudding and oatmeal. Packs will also contain plastic utensils when needed.

This program is confidential in order to protect the child and his or her family. Each school designates one or more personnel who selects students for participation in the programs through recommendations by a school nurse, social worker guidance counselor, teacher or food service director. Parents receive a letter about the program and requesting permission for their child to participate. The individuals who pack the bags each week do not know which children will be receiving it. The bags are then discreetly packed in the student's back pack while the students are out of the room.

GCMHF was pleased to be able to partner with the Community Foundation in this very vital program that serves children throughout the county.

Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation Holds Eighth Annual Golf Benefit

The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation recently held its eighth annual golf benefit at Rohanna's Golf Course in Waynesburg. It was the largest turnout in the brief history of the event with twenty two teams registered to compete.

Taking home first place with an outstanding score of eighteen under par was the team from Waynesburg University captained by Dave Mariner. The team from Baily Insurance placed second with a score of thirteen under, and Rhodes and Hammers won the tiebreaker for third shooting twelve under par.



Skills prizes were awarded to Dr. Jami Pincavitch, Dr. Amy Diamond, Emily Rohanna on the women's side and Dave Mariner, Richard Bell and Ron Wytovich for the men. The 2015 Miss Rain Day contestants were on hand volunteering their time to help the cause and make sure everyone had a good time.

The real winners from the day were Greene County and the Foundation by raising thousands of dollars that will aid in the construction of the Recreation Center to be located in EverGreene Technology Park. Event Sponsors Washington Health System and Greene County Industrial Developments provided great support, as well as an additional thirty organizations which provided a variety of sponsorships. The foundation's next fundraiser will be the Harvest Ball at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

WASHINGTON HEALTH SYSTEM



The GCMH Foundation is the largest non-profit 501 c3 philanthropic organization headquartered in Greene County, with assets exceeding \$13 million. Its mission is to provide funding for health care related programs that benefit Greene County residents.

It operates the Foundation for Wellness facility located on the first floor of the Washington Health System Greene.

Typical donations made to the foundation are tax deductible. If you have a special concern dealing with any health related issues in Greene County and would like to make a donation, or discuss the creation of a program in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the foundation office at 724-852-2060.

