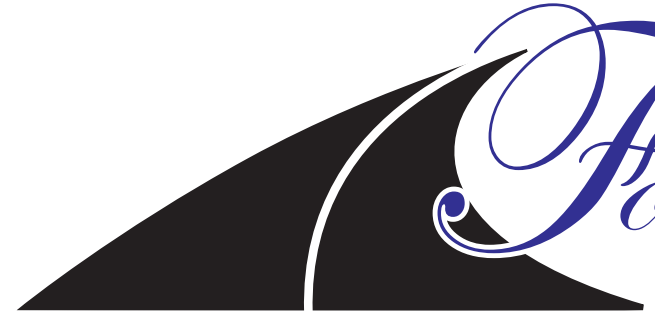


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UNITED WAY RECEIVES MUCH NEEDED GRANT

Back in March, Barb Wise, the Executive Director for Greene County United Way sent out a plea for funding throughout Greene County. Due to recent cutbacks in one of their primary sources of revenue, they were facing a significant shortfall that could possibly effect more than a dozen organizations that typically receive financial assistance from the United Way.

Hearing and responding to Ms. Wise' plea was the Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Four of the potentially affected organizations provide health services to the community so the foundation approved the grant application in the amount of \$33,980.

The indirect recipients of the grant were Cornerstone Care, Community Action Southwest, Greene Arc and the Salvation Army. Cornerstone Care runs the Smile for Life Program and a prescription assistance program. The Smile for Life Program targets Greene County children, many of whom fall below the poverty level and could not afford regular dental checkups. The prescription assistance program also addresses low-income individuals to help cover the costs of expensive prescription medications.

Community Action Southwest operates six senior centers throughout the county and offers recreational activities, physical fitness, socialization, disease prevention and provides daily nutritious meals for more than 1,500 people annually. The majority of the individuals served fall under the "at-risk" category as they are living alone with minimal supports in place. The outreach services are provided through the Care Management Unity and Senior Centers. They even follow up with their clients when inclement weather causes the centers to close.

Greene Arc provides psychosocial rehabilitation in the form of an open program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The group discussions include community support systems, recovery awareness, assertiveness, anger management, rights and responsibilities, coping skills and even personal hygiene.

Lastly, the Salvation Army received \$10,000 of the grant for their Emergency Direct Assistance program that helps financially struggling individuals and families for basic necessities such as food, clothing and shelter. The Salvation Army does not charge a fee to any of the people it provides assistance to and seeks to ensure all immediate needs are met in a timely fashion.

AED's for Everyone!



Well maybe not for everyone, but GCMH Foundation continues to purchase Automatic External Defibrillators for organizations throughout Greene County. The latest recipients to receive the potentially life-saving device are Mt. Morris Sportsmen's Association, Greene County and Jefferson Morgan School District.

The Mt. Morris Sportsmen's Association also received additional first aid equipment to have on hand for its members. Jefferson Morgan's AED was to be placed in the Cary Kolat Training Center and the four AED's for Greene County were to be placed at the county fairgrounds and the three magisterial district offices.

The foundation was pleased to be able to purchase these devices and is constantly looking for other opportunities to play a vital role in the health and well-being of the residents in our community.

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**Greene County Memorial
Hospital Foundation**
awards \$10,000 in
scholarships to five area graduates.



Reagan Rush



Renee Salai



Abigail Shipley



Olivia Shriver

The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation (GCMHF) once again awarded five scholarships to graduating seniors, one from each of the local school districts. The winners, who will each receive \$2,000, all intend to pursue a career in healthcare.

The recipients are Reagan Rush from Jefferson Morgan High School, Renee Salai from West Greene High School, Abigail Shipley from Mapletown High School, Olivia Shriver from Central Greene High School and Madison Wilson from Carmichaels High School.

Rush plans to become a physician assistant at Seton Hill University; Salai is majoring in psychology at Washington and Jefferson College; Shipley plans to pursue a degree in biology at Waynesburg University; Shriver plans to enroll in the nursing program at Waynesburg University and Wilson plans to pursue a degree in biology at Seton Hill University.

This is the ninth consecutive year GCMHF has awarded healthcare scholarships to graduating seniors from Greene County. Combined with various nursing and medical student tuition assistance programs, GCMHF has awarded more than \$250,000 over the past nine years to Greene County students pursuing medical degrees.



Madison Wilson

**Future Nurses Receive
\$5,000 Tuition Assistance Awards**

For the sixth consecutive year, GCMHF has awarded Greene County nursing students \$5,000 in the form of tuition assistance, with the understanding once their schooling is complete, they will return to Greene County to practice. The awards are sponsored by the Auxiliary of Southwest Regional Medical Center, which provides escort services and manages the gift shop at the hospital, as well as the Cherry Door consignment shop on Elm Drive in Waynesburg.

This year's recipients are Jessica Black from Holbrook and Kaitlyn Hoskins from Waynesburg. Both are currently enrolled in Waynesburg University's School of Nursing and are looking forward to graduating within the next two years.



Jessica Black



Kaitlyn Hoskins

Each year the foundation awards grants in the form of scholarships and tuition assistance awards to individuals from Greene County. Over the past six years, sixteen students have received more than \$200,000 collectively for the sole purpose of helping to improve the health and well-being of Greene County residents.

**Greene County Career & Technology
Center Upgrades Nursing Assistance
Program with Grant from GCMHF**

Just a few short months after GCMHF provided Waynesburg University's Nursing Program with a grant for Sim Man (a computerized manikin for healthcare personnel to train on) they approved a grant to Greene County Career & Technology Center for a Nursing Anne SimPad system. The system costs nearly \$18,000 and will be used by the students enrolled at the center who are striving to obtain their Certified Nursing Assistance certification.



The system is widely recognized as an essential component of effective hands-on training. The students will apply and refine their communication and technical skill through simulated training, report writing, research and information retrieval. This high tech learning process will benefit the students as they advance to postsecondary education and also allow the center to stay current with the latest in educational technologies.



**CENTER TOWNSHIP
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES
GRANT FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT**



The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation approved a grant in the amount of \$5,751 to the Center Township

VFD to purchase multiple pieces of equipment to be used primarily in the care and transportation of patients in the event of an emergency. Some of the items purchased



were a stair chair, a specialized back board used in wooded areas where a standard litter cannot be used, and resuscitation equipment. Charles Jones, Fire Chief was excited to be able to purchase the updated equipment because it means they can provide improved services to the community they serve.



6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Guesman Room at Southwest Regional Medical Center
August 20, 2015
Know Your Numbers
Jason Metz, MS, RCEP, CSCS, TASC-F, EIM

Knowing your blood test numbers can be very important. Most people unfortunately don't know much past if the numbers are high or low and what can be done to influence the numbers without the use of medications. This seminar is designed to take a closer look into the numbers associated with blood pressure, cholesterol and triglycerides and how lifestyle choices can influence the numbers greatly, as well as examining available options.

Admission is free but reservations are required due to limited seating. Please call the Foundation for Wellness at 724-627-2739 to reserve your place today.

**GCMH Foundation Awards Catholic
Charites \$30,000 for
Rollercoasters Program**

"I didn't cause it. I can't fix it, but I can cope" ask any student who has completed the Rollercoasters program in Greene County and they will tell you that the CAN cope with family changes. The program is provided for the schools in Greene County who wish to participate. Through interactive games, stories and activities the students who participate will learn coping skills that are valuable to all individuals but particularly to those who are dealing with family change.

For the fifth consecutive year, GCMH Foundation has provided funding for this very vital program. Eleven separate groups for grades 1-5 participated in the eight week program consisting of the following themes: Understanding healthy ways to adjust to change in family dynamics

- Dealing with divorce and other life changes and realizing they are not the child's fault
- Grieving helps us move forward, making room for new experiences and growth
- Organizing feelings around events and experiences to improve self-esteem
- Discovering healthy coping skills to deal with anger and sadness
- Problem solving skills
- Preparing for new changes
- Synthesizing what has been learned

More than 45 percent of the students who participated in the programs were from a split family home and more than half of these children reported thinking about their families' problems often. Measurable results indicated more than 90 percent of the children had reportable improvements in their behavior, with more than 98 percent improving their coping skills from the first to final session. Additionally, five students were referred to their guidance counselor for further support.

**Auxiliary of Southwest Regional
Medical Center
Makes Another Donation**

On June 16, 2015 at their annual luncheon, the Auxiliary of Southwest Regional Medical Center made a \$5,000 donation to the Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Each year the Auxiliary contributes money to sponsor the tuition assistance program for nurses and nurse practitioners to complete their training.

Auxiliary President John Mariner presented the check to Sheila Stewart, President, and David Jones, Executive Director of GCMHF. Over the past eight years, the Auxiliary has contributed more than \$200,000 to the foundation, which in turn has awarded the monies to sixteen individuals from Greene County and who intend to return to the county when their schooling is complete