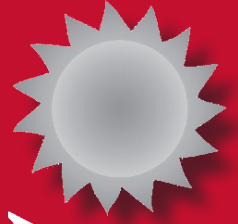


# THE BRIDGE

NEWS TO YOU FROM GREAT RIVER FRIENDS



## Great River Friends Makes Annual Donation

By Kaye Sladky and Tammy Hayes, co-presidents, Great River Friends

Greetings! We're the new co-presidents of Great River Friends.

Kaye has been a director on the *Friends* Board of Directors for the past year and one-half. Her husband, Todd, works at Great River Health Systems. They have two children, Sara and Andrew.



Tammy Hayes

Tammy has served as board secretary for two years. Her husband, Tony, also works for the health system. Their daughters are Samantha and Lauren.

We have been involved in several other volunteer community organizations and are looking forward to this new role.



Kaye Sladky

The Great River Friends Annual Meeting and Recognition Event April 14 was a great success. We thoroughly enjoyed the food, entertainment and *Friends!* Thank you to everyone who helped with the food preparation, decorating and entertainment.

Thanks to all of you, we presented a check for \$43,582.48 to Great River Health Systems President and CEO Mark Richardson. The money will be used for:

- Communication boards for patient rooms in the Acute Care Center, Rehabilitation Unit and Transitional Care Unit
- Halo® Sleep Sacks™ for newborns in the Women and Family Center
- Patient spa room for Great River Hematology and Oncology
- Patient-simulation curriculum for continuing staff education
- Remodeling Great River Gift Shop, Great River Friends' main source of revenue for donations to the health system
- Resource and reference materials for the health systems Library
- Surgical pillows for Day Surgery patients
- Televisions, DVD players and a surround-sound system for the Klein Center
- Video camera to enhance physician and volunteer recruitment, continuing education and corporate communication

## Annual Donation continued

Through voting at the event, Great River Friends affirmed the ballot of officers and board members-at-large. Besides the co-presidents, the 2011-2012 ballot consisted of:

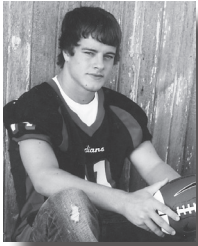
- Carolyn Bouquet – Secretary
- Joyce Corder – Director
- Billie Beth Hays – Director
- Jack Hayes – Director
- Beth Steingreaber – Director

Returning board members who were not up for reelection this year are Rhonda Foster, Fred Kelly, Donna Logan, Rosie Lohmann, Loren Stein, Connee Stevens and Cindy Vavroch.

We welcome Jack Hayes, Billie Beth Hays and Beth Steingreaber to the board. We are looking forward to their involvement and the new ideas. We extend our sincerest appreciation to outgoing board members Don close and Bev Fisher for their dedication and time spent with us on our mission to support Great River Health Systems.

## Ten \$1,000 Scholarships Awarded

Ten area high-school seniors who will begin studying health-care careers received \$1,000 scholarships from Great River Friends this spring.



### **Cody Carson (No photo?)**

Carthage, Ill.  
Illini West  
High School  
Physician



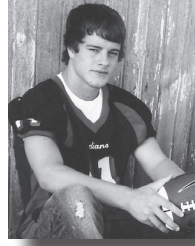
### **Amber Jackson**

New London, Iowa  
New London  
High School  
Nurse practitioner



### **Jaclyn Hoaglin**

Hillsboro, Iowa  
Harmony  
High School  
Nursing



### **Jacob LaFayette**

Wapello, Iowa  
Wapello High School  
Physical therapy



### **Ashley Lekander**

Burlington  
Burlington Community  
High School  
Nursing



### **Jessica Stevens**

Burlington  
Burlington Community  
High School  
Physician



### **Courtney Orth**

Burlington  
Burlington Community  
High School  
Ultrasound technology



### **Lindsy Tillo**

West Burlington  
West Burlington  
High School  
Physician



### **Dylan Pieper**

Dallas City, Ill.  
Illini West  
High School  
Physical therapy



### **Sally Weisinger**

West Point, Iowa  
Fort Madison  
High School  
Physician assistant

*Congratulations,*  
**GRADUATES**

## Gift Shop News

By Beth Dickey, manager, Gift Shop

Now that I have been Great River Gift Shop manager for a little more than a year, I have seen all seasons in the shop. It's been a whirlwind of getting to know the volunteers, rearranging the shop, going on a couple buying trips and making it through a busy holiday season.



Beth Dickey

Great River Gift Shop is a year-round fundraiser for Great River Friends. All proceeds go to Friends and, in turn, are donated to Great River Health Systems. It is exciting each year to hear which projects receive funding. Supporting the Gift Shop with your purchases helps make a difference in the lives of patients, their families and staff.

Now you can keep up with what's new in the Gift Shop on Facebook. I post pictures of new merchandise and displays, and I enjoy receiving comments on the merchandise from Facebook friends.

Watch Facebook and the next issue of *The Bridge* for information about our Purse Trunk Show Thursday, Oct. 20 and Friday, Oct. 21.

With all the activity in the Gift Shop, we continually are looking for more volunteers to work alongside other volunteers. We have a constant need for people to help our customers, operate the cash register, fill balloons, put out merchandise and help in the back room. Active Gift Shop volunteers receive 20 percent off their purchases.

We are a fun and exciting team. If you would like to hear more about volunteer opportunities in the Gift Shop, please call me at 319-768-3485, email me at [bdickey@grhs.net](mailto:bdickey@grhs.net), or stop in to visit.

## Health System Benefits from Junior Volunteering Program

By Staci Fry, director, Volunteer Services

The 2011 Summer Junior Volunteering experience is quickly approaching. We have a top-notch group of teens from throughout our service area registered for the eight-week program. The 45 students went through an extensive application process that included interviews and background checks. They also participated in a thorough orientation.



Staci Fry

We enjoy their youthful energy and practical support as they gain valuable volunteer hours and health-care experience, and meet peers from several area high schools. No doubt, it's a win-win experience for them and the health system.

We hope this experience will encourage a lifetime of volunteerism and philanthropy as these teens become our leaders of tomorrow. Our future really is in their hands, which is why it's so important for us to nurture our teens and help them understand the significance of their efforts.

If you know a Junior Volunteering or see one in the hospital, thank him or her for getting involved. Your words of support and encouragement could change their future – and ours.

## Starman Receives Mayors' Award

Great River Hospice volunteer Arleen Starman received the 2011 Mayors' Volunteer Award in the health category. Last year, she volunteered nearly every Wednesday afternoon at Great River Hospice House, and she hosted the music care program nearly every Sunday afternoon. She also is a vigil volunteer who, when needed, stays with hospice patients as they are dying to ensure they don't die alone.



Starman

## Membership Drive Ends

The 2011 membership drive ended March 15. Thank you, members, for returning your membership cards and sharing your time, talent and treasures with Great River Health Systems. If you haven't returned your card, it's not too late.

Your membership is important. It helps us provide services for patients, families and staff. If you have friends or relatives who are interested in learning more about volunteering and Great River Friends, please encourage them to call Volunteer Services Director Staci Fry at 319-768-3341.

## Dinner with the Docs Raises Money for Friends

On March 5, Great River Friends sponsored a fundraising competition among 12 physicians on Great River Medical Center's medical staff. Guests were served by physician waiters who also sang, danced and told jokes to earn tips. Anesthesiologist Jose Calderon, M.D., earned the most money. Dinner with the Docs raised \$12,000 for Great River Friends.

## Emergency Department and Day Hospital Remodeled

Great River Medical Center's Emergency Department and Day Hospital were remodeled in a multi-phase project that began in September and ended in March. The Emergency Department gained two treatment rooms, which are needed to help provide care for more than 31,000 patients each year. Other enhancements include:

- A completely enclosed ambulance bay for additional security and protection from inclement weather
- A new walk-in entrance that shields patients and families in the waiting room from blasts of cold winter air
- Additional computers and telephones
- An enclosed patient triage area to protect privacy
- An enhanced nurses' station and physician work area to protect confidentiality
- Fresh paint and new floor coverings in all areas
- Larger IV infusion area in Day Hospital



## Helping Hands

Great River Friends is grateful to everyone who helped with *Dinner with the Docs*, the annual recognition event, and book and jewelry fairs:

- *Dinner with the Docs* physician waiters
- Facilities Department
- Formalities
- Health systems department directors
- Hy-Vee
- Nutrition Services Department
- Public Relations Department
- Sherwood Company
- Singing health systems staff
- Spiritual Care Department
- Zaiser's Florist

## Calendar

All events are in the Mercy Plaza lobby.

### Masquerade Jewelry Fairs

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 2

Thursday, Sept. 22

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, June 3

Friday, Sept. 23

### Books Are Fun Book Fair

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 11

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 12

## Great Service, Great Support, Great River Friends

### Board Member Profile

**Name:** Rhonda Foster

**Year I joined Great River Friends:** 2009

**Why I am a Great River Friend:**

I enjoy working with the other volunteers and board members, and seeing our efforts benefit the Great River Health Systems patient community.



**My role in Friends:**

I am a director on the Great River Friends Board of Directors. I am co-chair of special events and fundraisers, and *Dinner with the Docs*. I also was involved with the membership drive.

**Family:**

My husband is Doug Foster, M.D. We have five children – two girls and three boys – ages 20, 25, 26, 28 and 33. We also have a 4-year-old grandson.

**Occupation:**

I have been a registered nurse for more than 20 years. I used to help my husband in all of his surgical cases.

**Hometown / Where I live now:**

I was born and raised in Peoria, Ill., and have lived in Arizona, Colorado and Arkansas. We moved from Mountain Home, Ark., to Burlington in 2005.

**Things I enjoy:**

I love traveling with my husband. Our favorite place globally is Africa. In the U.S., it's New Mexico. I love fly fishing. Our first date was fly fishing in the White River in Arkansas. I love nature, and I spend as much

**Mission**

To explore, enjoy and support Great River Health Systems Center through the gifts of time, talent and treasure

**Great River Friends Board of Directors**

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Kay Sladky, co-president  
Carolyn Bouquet, treasurer

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Rhonda Foster  
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