



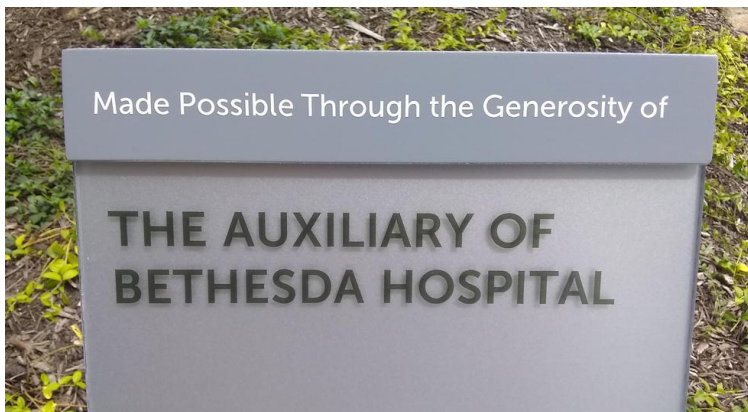
Auxiliary Updates

JOIN THE NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING - VIRTUALLY

Please join us and our special guest speaker, London Quicci, President and COO of Bethesda Hospital, for a Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 11:00 AM. London will provide an update on Bethesda North Hospital and how the hospital has responded to the COVID pandemic and what the future looks like for this campus. We will send an email invitation to you in a few days and you can add the event to your on-line calendar. We will also send a reminder prior to the meeting. For those without internet access, you can phone in to listen to the meeting by dialing 1-312-626-6799.



THOMAS CENTER OPEN! SPECIAL TOURS FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS



The Harold M. and Eugenia S. Thomas Comprehensive Care Center opened earlier this year on the Bethesda North campus. The Thomas Center provides cancer and cardiovascular programs all under one roof and is the new home of the Mary Jo Cropper Family Center for Breast Care.

The Auxiliary of Bethesda Hospital was a major donor to this project and so its members are invited to an exclusive tour of the Thomas Center. Please consider joining us for a tour on one of the following Saturdays:

- September 19 @ 10 am
- September 26 @ 2 pm
- October 17 @ 10 am
- October 24 @ 2 pm

RSVPs are required to ensure proper physical distancing. RSVP online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AACA923AAFB6-thomas> or call 513-865-1618.

AUXILIARY AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Auxiliary awards scholarships to Junior Hospital Volunteers. All high school seniors that volunteer at Bethesda are invited to apply. The Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Award Committee is chaired by Janet Killian and Marcia O'Toole and provides two \$1500 scholarships. Our 2020 recipients are:



Israa Malik, William Mason High School

Israa Malik plans to major in Medical Sciences at the University of Cincinnati this fall. She volunteered in the Surgical Waiting Room at Bethesda North. Her Supervisor wrote, "She makes families feel cared about...Never late. Never misses work and always goes an extra mile. [Israa is a] real blessing to Bethesda North."



Priya Bandaru, William Mason High School

Priya Bandaru volunteered at Bethesda North for over 3 years. She has worked as a Volunteer Escort, in the Maternity Ward, and most recently in the Inpatient Pharmacy. She is a national Merit Finalist who wrote that volunteering at Bethesda helped her decide to study medicine. She will attend The Ohio State University as a Biomedical Sciences Major with a Neuroscience Minor.

"WEAR THEM WITH PRIDE"

To show appreciation for the work of all team members, the Auxiliary recently provided Bethesda logo masks for staff at Bethesda North, Bethesda Butler, and Bethesda Arrow Springs. In a message accompanying the masks, Auxiliary President Kim Robertson, wrote, "We hope you will wear these masks with pride for the care you provide to our community. Thank you for all you do. You are truly our heroes."



AUXILIARY GRANTS

One of the major projects of the Auxiliary is to provide grant funding for hospital related programs. Last year, the Auxiliary approved \$104,000 in grant funding. Here's a report about one such grant.

iPads for Patient Education in TPP Surgical Specialties.

This \$3550 grant was for the purchase of 20 iPads with anti-microbial cases for the surgicare area. The goal was to educate patients about the surgical procedure, discharge and home care and thus reduce emergency room visits and opioid prescriptions. With the onset of the pandemic, these iPads provided additional and unanticipated benefits! From March to early July, the iPads were shared with ENT, Weight Management, Neurology and General Surgery (TPP OFFICES) to allow physician to patient video conferences while respecting the stay at home order. The patient impact was on average 100 per week.



"Having this tool to provide patients with consistent and detailed instruction is amazing! Patients have expressed their appreciation for the information in this format. It really makes a difference."

- Nurse from BN Periop Services

"This video was so helpful for my husband to know what to do for me at home after my hernia surgery."

- Patient

"Using the iPad makes all the difference [with] video visits! I can see and talk to the patient with the iPad and be able to document the care and see the history at the same time to make for a very efficient process."

- Dr. Meister

NEW TIMELINE FOR GRANTS

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Auxiliary has postponed its grant making process until 2021. We will begin accepting applications for funding projects in January 2021 for FY 22 with funding available beginning July 1, 2021.

GIFT SHOP UPDATE

Come in
WE'RE
OPEN

After being closed for 7 weeks, the Gift Shop at Bethesda North Hospital reopened on May 4. Since then, it has been doing a brisk business and the most popular items these days seem to be masks. The Shop offers masks for adults and children in a variety of colors and designs. Stop in sometime and see all that the Gift Shop has to offer and remember, Auxiliary members receive a 15% discount on purchases of \$10 or more.

CANCELLED

Due to COVID 19, the Auxiliary Fall Luncheon scheduled for October 22 is cancelled. Mark your calendars for the Spring 2021 Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, May 13.

FOLLOW THE AUXILIARY

Stay up to date with Bethesda Foundation and the Auxiliary happenings and renew your Auxiliary membership at <https://www.bethesdafoundation.com/about-us/auxiliary>.

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