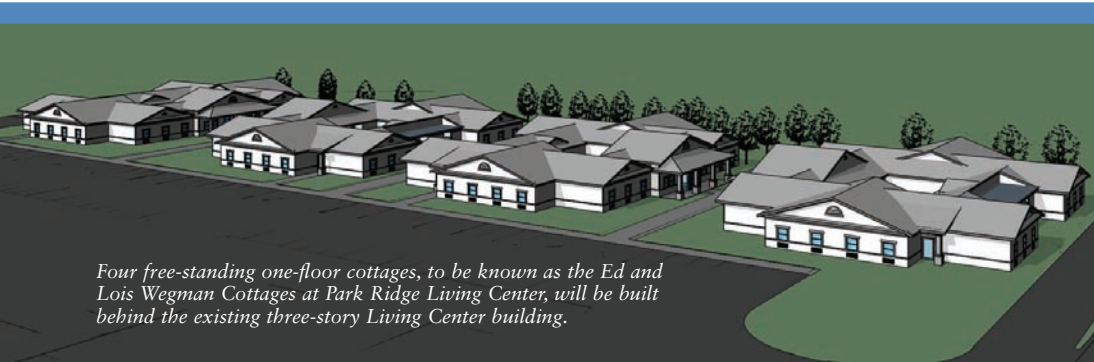


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News for the Friends of Unity Health Foundation



Four free-standing one-floor cottages, to be known as the Ed and Lois Wegman Cottages at Park Ridge Living Center, will be built behind the existing three-story Living Center building.

The Foundation continues to work hard to raise the funds necessary for the Park Ridge Living Center replacement project. Once completed, the senior living duplex cottages will provide the outstanding health care and support Unity residents have come to expect. Additionally, once renovated and modernized, the space occupied by the current Park Ridge Living Center will gain a new lease on life as the new Transitional Care Center. We expect to break ground later this summer. Naming opportunities exist throughout the project; we would be happy to discuss these with you and answer any questions you may have about the project. Contact Tim Balconi, Unity Health Foundation president, at 368-3590 or tbalconi@unityhealth.org.



Unity has received a \$1 million gift from the family of Edwin J. and Lois M. Wegman. Edwin Wegman was a Greece resident and member of the Northwest Hospital Committee, the group of community residents who banded together in the 1960s to build a hospital in the town of Greece. At that time, Mr. Wegman donated a portion of the land which comprises the 156-acre Campus. He was a board member of Park Avenue Hospital, and served on the original board of directors of Park Ridge Hospital. Mr. Wegman passed away in January 2007. Lois Wegman supported her husband's community and business activities while raising the couple's six children. She resides in Greece.

Update on Modernization Plans at Unity Hospital



A task force of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency recently released the results of a study it conducted about the number of hospital beds that will be needed in Rochester for the future. The task force recommended that 147 is the maximum number of new inpatient hospital beds needed in Monroe County by 2015. That number is lower than the 244 beds that Unity, Rochester General, and Strong Memorial hospitals are requesting. A number of people have asked if this changes our plans to seek approval from New York State to add 85 beds at Unity Hospital. This does not change our plans, and we will move forward with our application.

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Upcoming Events to Benefit Unity Health System

8th Annual Spring Gala
Saturday, May 3, 2008
Rochester Riverside Convention Center

Park Ridge Auxiliary Gold Sale
May 6, 2008
Unity St. Mary's Campus
May 7 – 8, 2008
Unity Hospital

Park Ridge Auxiliary Handbag Sale
August 5, 2008
Unity St. Mary's Campus Cafeteria
August 6 – 7, 2008
Unity Hospital Cafeteria

Mark's Pizzeria
Thomas & Marlene Crane
Memorial Golf Tournament
Tuesday, August 19, 2008
Victor Hills Golf Club

Joseph P. Pavone, Jr. Memorial
Invitational Golf Tournament
Monday, August 25, 2008
Shadow Pines Golf Club

29th Annual Ralph P. DeStefano
Golf Classic
Monday, September 8, 2008
Brook-Lea Country Club
Ridgmont Country Club



In Step with the Foundation

A Message from Unity Health Foundation President Timothy Balconi

This spring finds the Foundation busy with many tasks. The 2008 Annual Appeal is off to a fine start, and promises to break last year's record. The planning is well under way for our Spring Gala, *An Evening to Remember – Hollywood Style* to be held on Saturday, May 3.

We welcome Kate Bruni on-board as special events coordinator. Kate comes to us from Unity's Human Resources Department (the latest PRiSM event showcased her talents at organizing an entertaining and enjoyable evening!). We also welcomed Terrance Karian as our new database specialist. Finally, congratulations go to Paulette Briskie, development associate, who celebrated 13 years with the Foundation in February.

The Foundation is working closely with many friends and donors to raise funds to support the Unity Living Center Expansion and Renovation Project. The first phase is scheduled to break ground this summer. I would like to extend my personal thanks to the family of Edwin and Lois Wegman for their

generous gift of \$1 million, bringing the total raised to-date for the project to \$2.6 million.

I also thank Patricia H. Wehle for agreeing to serve as honorary chair of the Foundation's Legacy Society, which recognizes individuals who have made a planned gift to Unity. Already, many people have named Unity Health Foundation in their will. More information about the Legacy Society is included in the article on page 3.

As always, thank you for your support.

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Unity Hospital participated in the Acute Bed Need Task Force, and we were one of three organizations which voted against the final report because we believe the recommended number is too low. The report underestimated the community's future needs for inpatient hospital care and the average length-of-stay for these hospital patients, who are typically older and have complex health care needs.

A group of local business leaders, dubbed the '2020 Commission,' is now working to review the need to

modernize all of Rochester's hospitals. As part of their study, they will revisit the bed number and recommend where new beds should be located. Michael Nuccitelli, Unity Health System board member, is representing Unity on this 2020 Commission. We remain optimistic that the outcome will be appropriate and fair, and one that our entire community can support. Continued cooperation and consensus in our local community should prompt positive action later this year in Albany, where the final decision will be made on each of the Certificate of Need applications.

Securing the Future of Patient Services at Unity Health System

Patricia H. Wehle's involvement with Unity Health System spans nearly 30 years. As a member of the System board of directors and past chair, she and her fellow trustees provide governance and guidance on strategic matters. Mrs. Wehle understands very well the important role that planned gifts play in securing Unity's future. Because of this, and her commitment to health care in Rochester, she has provided a generous bequest to Unity in her will. When she was asked to serve as honorary chair of Unity Health Foundation's Legacy Society, she readily accepted.

"I have dedicated many years and a great deal of my time and energy to Unity Health System," Mrs. Wehle says. "I believe very strongly in Unity's mission. More importantly, I believe in its people and in the numerous ways they help so many in our community. The support I give today will help Unity continue to meet its goal of providing excellent care." Mrs. Wehle added that she also wanted to find a way to help secure Unity's future so that she "could be assured that years from now Unity will still be here for all those who need the wide range of health care services it provides."

By naming Unity in her will, Mrs. Wehle is helping to provide care across the entire health care spectrum: to babies yet to be born, to the person whose life is impacted by a traumatic brain injury, and to the parent who suffers a heart attack and wishes for that gift of extra time with their

loved ones. Mrs. Wehle adds, "I wanted to make sure that long after I'm gone Unity Health System, including the Child Care Center which was dedicated in my name and the Cancer Center named in memory of my late husband, Ted, will continue to provide outstanding care to all the people they serve."



"Make a planned gift to Unity; invest in health care for tomorrow. I hope you will consider joining me in this endeavor."

—Patricia H. Wehle

LEGACY

The Legacy Society honors individuals who have chosen to include Unity Health System in their estate plans or in any planned gift, including a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. Members will be recognized in various publications as well as on a donor wall to be placed in Unity Hospital. Additionally, an annual fall event will be held as our way of saying "thanks" for remembering Unity.

Naming Unity Health System in your will is easy to do! Bequests to benefit Unity should be made to the Unity Health System Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation that is the gateway to giving to Unity. The following is sample bequest language that you may use as a guide:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Unity Health System Foundation, located in Rochester, NY, [(the sum of \$____) or (____ percent of my estate) or (the property described herein) or (the remainder of my estate)] to benefit the Unity Health System."

If you have already named Unity as a beneficiary in your estate plans but have not told us, we would like to hear from you so that we may properly recognize you and invite you to the annual Legacy Society event. Feel free to notify us using the enclosed postage paid envelope. To learn more about bequests and other planned gift opportunities, check the appropriate box on the envelope, or you may contact Bill Pritchard in the Unity Foundation office directly at 723-7050 or wpritchard@unityhealth.org.

Park Ridge Auxiliary Funds Wish List Items

At its annual meeting in January, the Park Ridge Auxiliary announced over \$108,000 in Wish List donations to fund a wide variety of vital medical care devices and equipment for Unity Health System. Donations were provided to:

- Brain Injury Unit
- Edna Tina Wilson Living Center
- Healthy Start
- Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
- Park Ridge Child Care Center
- Park Ridge Living Center
- Unity Behavioral Health
- Unity Hospital
- Unity Living Center
- Walk-In Care Center

The Park Ridge Auxiliary generously provides both time and financial support to Unity Health System through a range of projects and endeavors. In addition, the approximately 300 members of the Auxiliary organize events and activities in support of Unity throughout the year.

The Foundation offers its most sincere thanks and appreciation to the Park Ridge Auxiliary for its members' dedication, support, and generosity!



Park Ridge Auxiliary Members Mary Stroh and Josephine Pellicano review the membership booklet at the recent Auxiliary recognition luncheon.

Spotlight

Auxiliary Coordinator Wendy Walsh Retires

A retirement reception was recently held at Unity Hospital to honor Wendy Walsh for her 28 years of dedicated and diligent service to the Park Ridge Auxiliary as coordinator. Over 100 Auxiliary members, volunteers, staff, and friends gathered to say farewell and good luck.

In appreciation of her dedicated service and friendship, the Auxiliary made a donation in Wendy's name for new playground equipment at the Child Care Center on the Unity Park Ridge Campus. Foundation President Tim Balconi and the Auxiliary Executive Committee unveiled a plaque honoring Wendy's career with the Auxiliary. The plaque is displayed on the dedication wall of the Park Ridge Auxiliary Special Care Unit located near the Park Place Gift Shop at Unity Hospital.

After several weeks of vacation, Wendy plans to return to Unity Hospital as an Auxiliary member and Gift Shop volunteer. We wish Wendy the best in her new "career!"



Wendy Walsh (center in red) is joined by her family at her retirement reception.

New Medical Director at the Joint Replacement Center

Unity Hospital is pleased to welcome Michael Klotz, M.D. as medical director of the Joint Replacement Center. Dr. Klotz has worked as an orthopaedic surgeon in the Rochester area for over 11 years, and is a practicing partner at Red Creek Orthopaedics. Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, Dr. Klotz was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in 1999, and elected a fellow of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons in 2005. He is a clinical instructor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Rochester.



New Chief of Cardiology Appointed

Joan Thomas, M.D. has been appointed chief of Cardiology at Unity Hospital. She succeeds David Hsi, M.D., who stepped down as Cardiology chief this past summer.



Dr. Thomas joined Unity Cardiology Group in 1998 where, among her other leadership positions, she has been the director of Cardiac Rehabilitation Services and director of Non-invasive Cardiology. An ardent supporter of medical education, she is a clinical associate professor of Medicine (Cardiology) at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dr. Thomas' vision is to continue the growth in the quality and scope of Cardiology services offered at Unity. Her talent, enthusiasm, and leadership will greatly benefit Unity and our patients.

Park Ridge Child Care Center Chosen to Serve as Pilot for New Accreditation Program



The Park Ridge Child Care Center has been chosen as a pilot participant for *Pathways*, a new locally-based, national early education accreditation program. Developed and managed by the Children's Institute, Monroe County, local funders, and a workgroup consisting of early childhood experts from the region, *Pathways* will validate the high quality of

The Park Ridge Child Care Center will be assessed in four areas: education and care, wellness, safety, and administration. The Center will need to meet or exceed 484 criteria to meet national accreditation standards.

"We are delighted that the Park Ridge Child Care Center was chosen to be the first of two centers to test the *Pathways*

the Park Ridge Child Care Center, and help identify goals as it works to maintain and improve its program quality.

accreditation," said Tracey Frank, director of Child Care Services at Unity Health System. "We are committed to offering the very best child care and we strongly feel that our work with *Pathways* will enhance our programs."

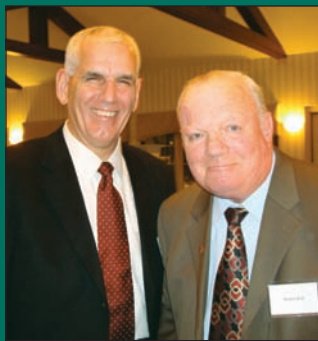
The *Pathways* pilot project anticipates the Park Ridge Child Care Center will complete its accreditation process in one year, and that the pilot program will be ready for full implementation in 2009.



Architect's rendering of the new Endoscopy Suite which will enhance patient care at Unity Hospital.

Endoscopy Services to Expand at Unity Hospital

A reception was recently held at Brook-Lea Country Club to announce plans for a new Endoscopic Operating Suite at Unity Hospital. The event, co-hosted by Nagendra Nadaraja, M.D., chief of Surgical Services, and Malur Balaji, M.D. chief of Vascular Surgery, provided information on the proposed 'endosuite' and how it would enhance patient care at Unity Hospital. Robert Bell, who has pledged a lead gift toward the project, co-hosted the event. Joining our many guests were New York State Senator Joseph Robach and Gates Town Supervisor Ralph Esposito.



Stewart Putnam, executive vice president, is joined by donor Robert Bell at the reception.



Tim Balconi, Unity Health Foundation president, is joined by Patricia H. Wehle, Wendy Walsh, and Sharlene Penna of the Park Ridge Auxiliary at the recent dedication of the new playground structure at the Park Ridge Child Care Center. Designed to accommodate nearly 40 children at a time, the structure includes a rock climbing wall and three new spring riders. The purchase of this colorful and exciting new playground equipment was made possible by generous gifts from Patricia H. Wehle and the Park Ridge Auxiliary.



Donor Dollars in Action

Sharlene and Ronald Penna, M.D. recently made a \$75,000 gift to Unity in support of the Spring Gala, scholarships for Camp Unity, and the Park Ridge Living Center Replacement project. The Pennas are long-time Unity friends and donors. Their on-going commitment to our programs and services is greatly appreciated.



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(l to r) New York State Senator Joseph Robach, his wife, Ann, and mother, Terri, enjoy the evening.

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Unity Health System President Tim McCormick addresses PRiSM members at the October PRiSM event held at the Strassenburgh Planetarium. Guests were treated to a light show depicting Rochester's night sky as it appears from dusk to dawn. The entertaining evening also included fine food, enjoyable conversation, and a gift cake courtesy of Crème de la Crème.



A PRiSM Valentine's Day to Remember

Hosted by Co-chairs Diane and Joseph Salipante, M.D. and Manuel Matos, M.D. and his wife, Stamatia Destounis, M.D., the recent PRiSM Valentine's Dinner Dance proved to be both an elegant and fun affair. The historic Century Club, located on East Avenue in downtown Rochester, provided the perfect backdrop for the evening. Guests entered the Grand Hall to the music of harpist Amanda Evans. During the cocktail reception special entertainment was provided by Unity's own Michael DiSalle, M.D., who is a talented classical

pianist. Tenor Aaron Lundy, an Eastman School of Music master's student, serenaded everyone as they made their way to the main dining room for a delectable dinner. Tim McCormick, Unity Health System president, greeted guests and presented an overview of the many great plans for future expansion. Local jazz band John Siegler and the All-Stars held court with live entertainment for the remainder of the evening. Many familiar faces and new faces were present. Thank you to all our PRiSM members for your continued support!



PRiSM Members Karen and Andy Gallina enjoy the music at the Valentine's Dinner Dance.

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Unity's Leadership Society

Because you care, because it matters.

Listed below are the names of individuals who made an annual gift or pledge to Unity Health Foundation of \$25 or more between October 1, 2007 and February 22, 2008. Also listed are the members of PRiSM, Unity's Leadership Giving Society, which recognizes individuals who make an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to every person who made a gift. Your support helps us to continue to deliver the best possible health care to the community. If your name was inadvertently omitted or misspelled, please contact the Foundation office at (585) 723-7050 or fundraiser@unityhealth.org.

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A Bit of Tinseltown Comes to Rochester



The Rochester Riverside Convention Center will provide the setting once again for Unity Health Foundation's Spring Gala. The 8th Annual *Evening to Remember – Hollywood Style* will be held May 3, 2008.

The evening will begin with a pre-gala cocktail party, followed by dinner and dancing to the music of The Skycoasters. The evening will also feature raffle prizes as well as a silent auction featuring art, rugs, sports memorabilia, and many other great items. This year's event is co-chaired by Manjula and Jagat Mehta, M.D. and Anita and Philip Bonanni, M.D.

Sharlene & Ronald M. Penna, M.D., have been named 'Spotlight Sponsors' for their generous contribution.

The Gala Committee has been working since October, planning to make the event more memorable than before! A huge thank you to our members: Kathy and Tim Balconi, Paulette Briskie, Kate Bruni, Dave Carro, Hollie Calderon, Jean Coleman, Sara Freeling, Dave Karpowich, Maryann Mack, and Bill Pritchard.

If you are interested in a great night out, or if you would like to support the Gala in other ways, contact Kate Bruni at (585) 723-7867 or fundraiser@unityhealth.org.

In recognition of February as Heart Month, Unity Health System partnered with News 10 NBC for 'Heart Health for the Family' at The Mall at Greece Ridge. It was a huge success!



Rochester area resident Amy Zimmer, a former participant of NBC's hit show 'The Biggest Loser,' talked about her personal weight loss experience.

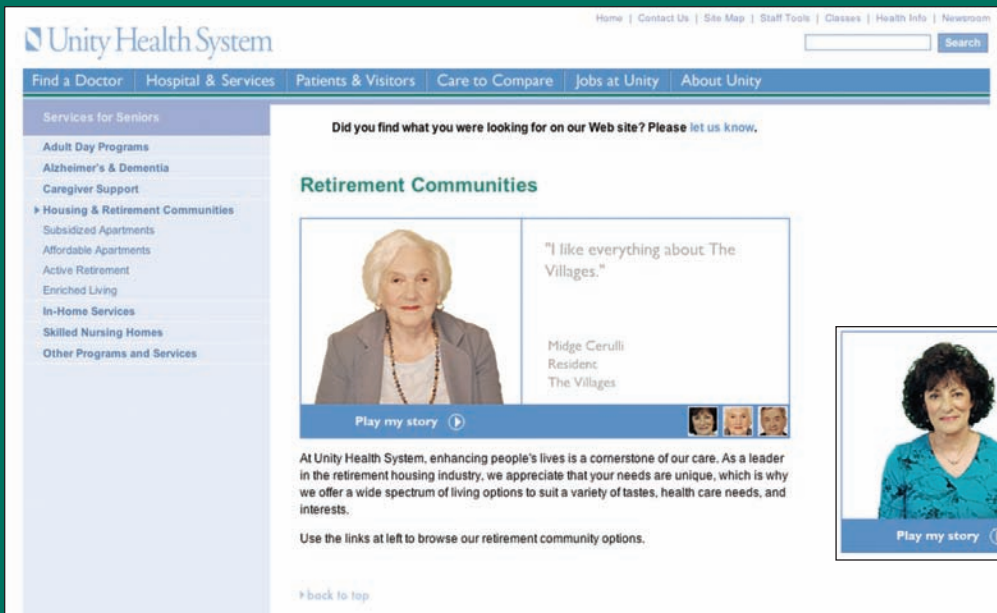


Nurses from OnCall, Unity's Physician Referral and Health Information Service, took blood pressures at the Fair.

Register on-line at
www.unityhealth.org/golf

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What's New on the Web?

Attendees at Unity's *Healthy Heart Fair for Families* recently held at the Mall at Greece Ridge were able to record personal video messages about their healthy lifestyle—or give support to family members who are overcoming obstacles in their battle with heart disease. These inspirational 'Messages from the Heart' are available for viewing at www.unityhealth.org.

Also new: Five residents of The Villages, Unity's senior living community, talk about their experiences and their daily lives at The Villages and what attracted them to the complex. Check it out at www.villageseniorliving.org.



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“Everyone was wonderful. The nurses and aides were right there whenever I needed something.”
– Donna P., 3200 Unit

“Dr. Golden was very caring and both the staff on the 3100 Unit and 3300 Unit couldn’t have done more!”
– Frank D., 3300 Unit

“Every person I dealt with was very professional and did everything they could to make me comfortable.”
– Jodelle L., L.M. Salmen Surgical Center

“I was really nervous and all the nurses and anesthesiologist put my mind at ease.”
– Stefanie B., L. M. Salmen Surgical Center

“The staff was great! The nurse who took care of me at night was excellent. He went above and beyond what I expected to make sure I was well taken care of.”
– Elmore J., Extended Care Unit

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