



# CONNECT DURING COVID

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## THANK YOU, FROM RESPIRATORY SERVICES



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WNH Respiratory Director

This past year has been challenging to say the least. Not only as a department or a hospital but as a country. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought forth unprecedented challenges but also unprecedented innovation and adaptation. Health systems everywhere have felt challenges related to equipment, supply, and personnel shortages, not to mention the challenge of keeping patients and staff healthy and safe. With the support of our patients, the community, and the networking of brilliant minds across the world, we have met these challenges without sacrificing quality care. Here at William Newton we continue to offer the same wonderful outpatient services such as Stress Tests, Holter applications, Pulmonary Function Testing, EKGs, and other services provided by our department. Home oxygen can be provided to qualifying patients to allow them to recover in the comfort of their own home. We continue to offer respiratory support to our ER and inpatients as well and have secured the supplies and equipment needed to do so safely. Thank you for your trust and support. We look forward to a better year and an opportunity to provide for your respiratory needs!

## UPLIFTING NEWS

**On the Cover:** It was a unanimous decision to award the WNH Marketing team with the 2020 Second Century Stewardship Award. This award was started in 2019, and is given to those who show extreme dedication and passion for the future of William Newton Hospital with their actions, words and deeds. In addition to the award, two grateful foundation board members gave them each gift certificates to College Hill Coffee and ReJuvv Spa (Thank you Becky Long and Tracie Gordon)!

Both Sarah and Kylie are amazing at what they do, and we—both the foundation and the hospital—would not be where we are today without their visionary work. They make us all look good, and assist all departments in informing the public on services that are available and informing our donors (like you) on the impact that is being made here at WNH, thanks to your generosity. Not only are they talented at what they do, they are great to work with, and Brittney and the full WNHF board agrees when I say: Thank you—you both are incredible assets to WNH! - Annika

**+ Celebrating newly approved or fulfilled funding requests:** See page 3 to read about two long-time requests that were recently funded by the WNHF board and new donors.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### + Free PAD Screening - February 24:

Do you experience painful walking? Do you have swelling or aching in the legs or feet? Have you noticed discoloration in the legs or feet? Are you at risk due to diabetes?

William Newton Cardiology is offering FREE screenings for Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) at the Physicians Pavilion in Winfield.

The non-invasive test takes just a few minutes and can assist your doctor in assessing the possible presence of PAD. Call 620.222.6264 to reserve your timeslot.

**+ Wine-O Trail Run - May 22:** Registration opens Feb. 8.

**+ Gala - October 16**

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## MEET WILLIAM NEWTON

In late 2020, William Newton Hospital was contacted by **William (Bill) S. Newton** from Munhall, Pennsylvania, via the WNHF website. Bill, a retired Air Force airplane mechanic, explained that he searched his name and found WNH in the search results. Intrigued by the fact that there was a hospital named after him, he wanted to know more about our hospital and what we do.

After sending him the *Connect During COVID* newsletters like this one, and the beautiful HouseCalls publication, he and his wife, Georgann, were very impressed by the goings on at William Newton Hospital—in particular Willy's Care Cab—and have since become William Newton Healthcare Foundation donors. With current travel restrictions making it tough for Bill and Georgann to visit our hospital, we were able to get creative in finding ways for them to get involved. In fact, Georgann has always wanted to drive a golf cart and has been named an honorary Willy's Care Cab driver! We are proud to introduce our out-of-state donors to all of you, and we hope we will all be able to meet in person soon!



## THANKFUL THURSDAYS



Our Thankful Thursday winner from two weeks ago was **Heather Coury!** Her enthusiasm and infectious smile makes any patient feel at ease when she is working in our Med/Surg department. She was the grateful recipient of a \$100 Walnut Valley Outpost gift certificate, along with a keychain with a bike chain on it and some sunglasses, perfect for cycling! William Newton supports local businesses and we hope to partner with them more in the future. Thank you, Heather, for all you do at WNH!



Last week's Thankful Thursday winner was **Nanci Richardson.** Nanci is the Risk Manager/Clinical Information Specialist and has been at William Newton for over 18 years. Nanci was the lucky recipient of a \$100 Gold Nutrition gift card! We are happy to have them in our community. Gold Nutrition set up at the 2020 Wine-O Trail Run as a vendor and we are hoping to do more business with them in the future! Thank you to Gold Nutrition and thank you to Nanci for all you do. We are William Newton!

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: TODD DEMINT AND MADELINE NORLAND

**Todd DeMint** and **Madeline Norland** are our donor spotlights for January and February! They are both supportive donors and active community members.

Recently, they volunteered to assist with the new idea of a Pandemic Pen Pal Project at WNH. So far, they have written notes and words of encouragement to four hospital frontline employees. We will be talking more about this project soon, as we want to make sure that it is an easy way for community members to reach out and say hi to our frontline workers. Stay tuned for more information!

Both Madeline and Todd do many things for the community, including volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, working on multiple ventures at First United Methodist Church, supporting Southwestern College, and many more organizations.

Madeline has been a featured artist on multiple foundation marketing pieces, has been the artist in residence for the Paint Your HeART Out events out at Wheat State Wine Co., and she and Todd are always helping behind the scenes at our annual gala.

We appreciate their advocacy for the hospital in the community and their support of the foundation. Thank you Madeline and Todd! We are William Newton.



# COVID CORNER

## OUTPATIENT INFUSION TREATMENT AVAILABLE AT WNH

Since December, William Newton Hospital has been administering bamlanivimab, a monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19 on an outpatient basis.

Some of the success witnessed by hospital staff include reduced severity of symptoms, fewer or shorter hospital stays and less oxygen demands.

"This treatment has helped COVID-19 patients at risk for developing more severe symptoms improve sooner and be less likely to be admitted to the hospital," said William Newton Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Laura Frazier, BSN, RN-BC. "There is no doubt in my mind this therapy has saved lives."

If you've tested positive for COVID-19 and might qualify for a bamlanivimab infusion, talk to your primary physician immediately as the timeframe to receive this treatment is limited.

Patients who qualify for the infusion treatment include patients older than 65, patients with BMI of 35 or higher, patients that have chronic kidney disease, diabetes or a weak immune system (from a disease or from using certain medications), and patients 55 years old or greater with heart disease, high blood pressure or lung disease like COPD. Children with certain health risks may also qualify.

Visit [ctnewsonline.com](http://ctnewsonline.com), the WNH Facebook page, or [bit.ly/WNHnews](http://bit.ly/WNHnews) to learn more



## COVID VACCINE: PHASE 2

Cowley County has entered Phase 2 for COVID-19 vaccination, however the number of doses is extremely limited. William Newton Hospital is currently one of four approved vaccine sites in the county and will be offering vaccine clinics at the Physicians Pavilion, prioritizing patients over the age of 65 or patients with health risks. To have your name placed on a list, please call one of our clinics, Health Professionals of Winfield at 620-221-4000 or William Newton Hillside Family Medicine at 620-221-0110. You will then be contacted to schedule your vaccine as doses become available. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

## Phase 2



The 2nd phase of Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered to:

- Persons Aged 65+
- Persons in congregate settings
- High-contact critical workers

**Local Public Health Departments may prioritize within phases.**  
All Kansas Healthcare Providers are required to follow the Kansas Department of Health & Environment's COVID-19 vaccine prioritization and distribution phases. Prioritized populations are based on CDC and ACIP recommendations for public health risks, criticality to infrastructure, and equity throughout vulnerable communities.

## CURRENT FUNDING NEEDS & CELEBRATIONS

+ Surgery Center: 2 dinomaps - around \$8,000 each. One of these is partly funded by memorial gifts, Susan Meyer, and Dorothy Jay.

+ Emergency Department:

- Two Mindray Acutors--\$3,500-\$4,500 each

- Camera system for patient rooms for patient and provider safety - Total amount TBD

+ Wheelchairs - a few wheelchairs have already been purchased by a generous Auxiliary gift in memory of Elaine Barnthouse

## FUNDING CELEBRATIONS:

+ The WNH board approved the purchase of an SDFI camera for the SANE department, totaling \$25,500. The SDFI system allows our team to take high resolution photos to use as evidence and provides options for high quality editing and secure methods of sharing information with the appropriate forensic specialists, attorneys, etc.

+ Bike Helmets for the ER were sponsored by William Newton of Munhall, PA (featured on page 2). These helmets are given to patients who arrive at the ER with bike-related injuries and play a huge role in keeping our community safe.



# WINE-O TRAIL RUN

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION



May 22  
8:30am - 1:00pm  
*time subject to change*

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

By volunteering at the Wine-O Trail Run, you'll be part of a community of top-notch individuals focused on bringing this event to life. Now in its 9th year, the Wine-O Trail Run has seen thousands of runners and walkers, and an event of this scale would not be possible without people like you. Volunteer duties can include registration and bag pickup, wine servers, crowd control, trail helpers, and more.

### WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- volunteer t-shirt
- glass of wine
- commemorative Wine-O Trail Run wine glass
- scones & coffee on the day of the event

**INTERESTED?** Contact Brittney Carson at [brittney.carson@wnmh.org](mailto:brittney.carson@wnmh.org) or call 620.222.6275

*\*we reserve the right to postpone or cancel this year's event if deemed necessary by local health officials.*

