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In October 2021 at our annual dinner, the Auxiliary Foundation launched a 24-month campaign to raise funds for the new Heart and Vascular Program at the hospital. Once completed, the program will introduce a comprehensive cardiovascular program, combining the expertise of talented physicians and clinical team with the capability to provide a full spectrum of cardiovascular medicine – including cardiovascular surgery, electrophysiology,

interventional cardiology, vascular surgery and cardiac rehabilitation – all under one roof, close to home. The goal is to raise \$1.4 million for a Phillips Scanner. At the annual dinner, a very generous couple stood up and announced their desire to pledge \$75,000 in a matching gift toward gifts given by first time donors to the Foundation.



To learn more about the program, watch these videos featuring local cardiologists, hospital staff and grateful patients at

<https://www.tvrhfoundation.org>

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Our Mission Statement

To raise funds and create awareness of the services which our hospital provides to maintain and improve the quality of patient care.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

April ushers in the dawn of a new season, a time to weed out the harsh and make room for something exceptionally pure and beautiful. Spring is a time for renewal, growth, and expansion. Not only do we feel it in the air, but we seem to have that extra energy and focus to become physically active, take action, and create change. At the Foundation this is exactly what we are doing, whether it's the new Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe, the development of the Compassionate Care Program, or the innovative new Heart and Vascular Program underway at your hospital...I can truly say spring is in the air!

What exactly is "spring cleaning?" I like to think it's a time to shed the old in your home or garage, and make room for the new. When doing so, look no further than the Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe to drop off your donations, and/or purchase new items to give you and your home a fresh updated look.

The inception of the Compassionate Care Program, established by our Spiritual Care services, provides hospital employees and volunteers an opportunity to join together in small groups as a medium to heal their pain through sharing. Still in its infancy, the program thus far has been well-received by staff.

As you will read throughout this issue, we are very excited about the Heart and Vascular Program at UF Health® The Villages Hospital. Once completed, the hospital will be able to provide the most advanced technology in cardiovascular medicine under one roof, and close to home for the residents in our communities. For more information we invite you to watch the videos at www.tvrhfoundation.org.



Other areas of growth and expansion within our fundraising and friend-raising events are listed on page nine of this newsletter. The proceeds generated from these events will benefit the Heart and Vascular Program.

Did you know that April is National Volunteer Month? We are honored to be able to recognize and celebrate the contributions of our 700 plus auxiliary members. Each year this dedicated group of individuals work more than 100,000 hours, which saves our hospital in excess of \$2.6 million. On behalf of our board, thank you for all that you do for our hospital, our staff, and our community. In addition to our volunteers, I would also like to thank our many donors and partners for their support, we appreciate you.

Andre Nacaxe, CFTA, Chairman
UF Health The Villages® Hospital
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KUDOS KORNER

Thank you to everyone who took such good care of me on my recent visit to your facility. We are so fortunate to have you here.

Thank You!

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER RON BRUNNER

According to Forbes Magazine, some of the most common characteristics of an entrepreneur are determination, willingness to take risks, resourcefulness, innovation, constant evolution and leadership.

Ron Brunner, the newest Board member on UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation Board, certainly embodies the true spirit of entrepreneurship. Since the age of 21, he has been self-employed when he started a construction company in his home state of Wisconsin. In 1977 he moved to Denver, where he bought a construction business and continued to be innovative in developing new products for different markets. In 2005, he and his wife Karen decided they wanted to be someplace warmer, so they moved to The Villages where she could also enjoy golf year-round. Ron thought he might stop working, but it wasn't in his DNA to stop. Over the years, he continued to build, develop and then sell new products like the power shades for sun control and a golf cart carousel.

Since 2015, Ron developed and is now selling a unique product all over the United States and Canada called "Majic Stairs"—electric attic access stairs, which can be utilized in homes, businesses, churches and airplane hangars. The product is manufactured right here in Ocala, FL. "Don't know if I'll ever retire," says Ron. "I love building and enjoy selling and moving on to my next great idea." In his spare time, he has been active with The Rotary Club of The Villages—Morning. He has been responsible for organizing and running the annual Chili Cook-Off and also started the Rotary's Partner Program. Before Ron said yes to serving on the Auxiliary



Foundation Board, he was involved with Paul Farineau in building mobile dressing rooms for Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe. "So, when Dick Campbell asked me to serve and contribute to the Foundation's vision and thinking, I said yes," exclaims Ron. A true entrepreneur through and through.

YE OLDE THRIFT SHOPPE GOLF CART CHANCE DRAWING



"Thanks to the generosity of our community, we continue to add merchandise to Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe daily," says Curt Kroll, manager of the Shoppe. "Do you ever wonder what happens to those items you drop off at our facility located at 110 W. Lady Lake Boulevard, Lady Lake?" We invite you to view a "Day in the Life of a Donation" video on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ufvillageshospitalfoundation and watch how your donation item makes it to the sales floor.

As you know, the Thrift Shoppe has undergone a significant expansion over the past year and includes 6,000 square feet of floor space to accommodate the donated merchandise. Plans are underway for a grand opening of the facility this coming spring. Curt shares, "We are so excited to announce that a generous couple has donated a 2013 Yamaha Gas Golf Car for a drawing to be held during the event." With only 1,100 hours, the golf car has been refurbished and had Lifestyle Plus annual service in June of 2021.

The suggested donation is \$20 per ticket. Please stop by the Thrift Shoppe anytime Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and make your donation to be entered into the drawing. All proceeds will benefit the new Heart and Vascular Program at UF Health The Villages® Hospital.

Be sure to continue to watch our Facebook page for details of the upcoming grand opening.



The thousands of employees who make up the workforce consisting primarily of employees and volunteers at UF Health The Villages® Hospital are its most valuable asset. These loyal and dedicated employees champion our hospital and are the key to its success.

In our society, no one is untouched regarding spiritual and emotional issues such as fear, anger, loneliness, grief and personal loss, all adding up to what is sometimes defined as “complicated grief” that can be debilitating. Even before the COVID 19 pandemic, one in four Americans over 12 had these issues. That figure has risen sharply during the prolonged, stressful COVID 19 worldwide pandemic health crisis. And nowhere is that more evident than in the healthcare environment.

To support and improve the spiritual and emotional health of our community, UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation, through its Spiritual Care Department, is training chaplains to facilitate “Compassion Care” sessions that are offered to all UF Health The Villages® Hospital employees, patients and their family members.

Our trained hospital chaplains will facilitate these small group sessions using the “Companioning People Model” by Alan Wolfelt, *Understanding Your Grief*, 2008.

- Companioning is not about talking people out of their pain; it is about being present with them as they journey through the healing process.
- Companioning is not about “fixing”; it is about “listening,” “caring” and “sharing.”
- Companioning is not about diagnosing anybody; it is about learning from each other and finding “your own” healing from within your soul.

“Our pilot program was such a success, the decision was made to extend the sessions,” Chaplain Joe comments, “It was rewarding to see the emotional and therapeutic release that took place with our participants.” He continues, “It has been clear that this process is beneficial for anyone dealing with emotional issues. And for most people, one to three sessions are very beneficial. Our challenge going forward is making these sessions available to a wide audience on an “as needed” basis.” To learn more about the Compassion Care Program, please contact the Chaplain’s Office at (352) 751-8102.

EVELYN & ARTHUR DOES IT AGAIN!

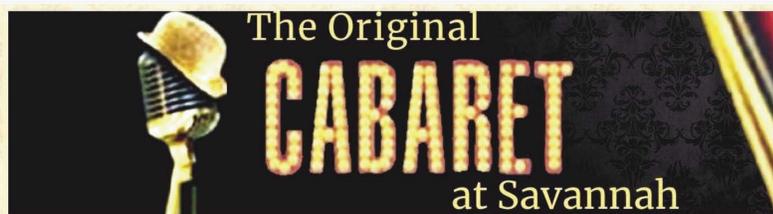
We all know Evelyn & Arthur for modern, contemporary clothing in addition to accessories and gifts. Evelyn & Arthur continues its tradition of creating high-quality exclusive styles for all sizes and shapes. But, for the past 35 years, they have also continued to focus not only on lifestyle and quality but philanthropy.

The local Villages store located in Brownwood Paddock Square recently held its annual clothing drive for UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation's Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe, where customers were asked to donate gently used clothing in exchange for a coupon for 20% off a purchase of \$75 or more. Diane Gannon, manager of Evelyn & Arthur, says, "We love doing this annual fundraising event, and we are so pleased that we were able to gather a van load of gently used clothes for the Thrift Shoppe."

"In addition, we had over 50 customers who gave a cash donation totaling \$680, which will be given to the Thrift Shoppe in the form of a gift card. It's a win-win for everyone!"



2022 CABARET TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!



We wish to extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the talented performers, musicians and trusted volunteers whose dedication and commitment helped to ensure the 15th Annual Cabaret at Savannah was a tremendous success!



ENDOWMENT

In 2017 the Auxiliary Foundation Board approved a contribution of \$100,000 to establish an Endowment Fund. Since that time, the fund has increased to its current value of over \$421,000 and will continue to grow with planned gifts from supporters of the Hospital and the Auxiliary Foundation that will allow the Endowment to flourish. Those gifts can take the form of bequests, charitable gift annuities, appreciated securities, insurance policies, and appreciated real estate. Endowment donors are generally interested in leaving a legacy and providing for the long-term future of the organization they support. Donations to the fund are invested by professional money managers and only the income from those investments can be used.

CHARITABLE GIVING

You can make a BIG charitable impact here in The Villages by giving to the Auxiliary Foundation and helping us to uphold our mission of improving patient care at UF Health The Villages® Hospital. Gifts of stock and other appreciated assets, as well as gifts from an IRA are powerful ways to give big and give smart. You made a great investment decision; now you can make a powerful charitable decision. With these contributions, you not only benefit from regular tax savings but can also avoid capital gains taxes on qualified assets given for charitable use. Please be sure to check with your legal and/or financial advisor before proceeding with any gift. To learn more call Dick Campbell, Foundation President, at 352-751-8871.

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16TH ANNUAL

Hearts for Our Hospital GALA



Thank You!

To our many partners, sponsors, and friends who have invested in our mission and whose support helped to ensure the 16th Annual Hearts for Our Hospital online auction was a resounding success.



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Healing Hearts - One Beat at a Time

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Hearts for Our Hospital

UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation is grateful for the generous support we have received so far. When you make a gift toward this initiative, you are investing in your community. The life you save could be your own. To watch the videos with cardiologists, hospital staff and grateful patients visit our website at <https://www.tvrhfoundation.org>



Making a difference in the lives of the individuals and communities we serve

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: RAVEN MUSE

“Throughout my life, caring about others and being generous gave me a true sense of joy,” says Raven Muse, UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation scholarship recipient, which made her decision to pursue a healthcare career an easy one.

The 2017 graduate of Wildwood High School saw just how small actions could really affect change in her church and community, and she wanted to be a part of it. By receiving the Auxiliary Foundation scholarship, in partnership with the William F Crumel Jr., Foundation, she was able to attend FAMU [Florida A & M University] and graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor’s degree in Healthcare Management. Raven is now attending USF [University of South Florida] to pursue a Master’s degree in Healthcare Administration with completion in December 2023.

“It’s so gratifying to know there are organizations in our community like the Auxiliary Foundation who care about my success,” says Raven. “As a giver and doing for others is who I am, my goal is to better serve my community when my schooling is finished by bringing my earned healthcare knowledge, resources and skills back home and possibly start up a healthcare clinic or outpatient facility.”





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN EXCITING
NEW YEAR OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!
2022-2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**A Tribute to Bob Marley
John Truth & Reflexx**
Savannah Center
Saturday, October 8, 2022

Foundation Dinner
John Rohan Recreation Center
Thursday, October 13, 2022

**7th Annual Hearts for Our Hospital
Big Bike Weekend**
La Hacienda Recreation Center
Expo | Friday, November 11, 2022
Challenge Ride | Saturday, November 12, 2022

**The Original Cabaret at Savannah
hosted by Ray Leggiero**
Savannah Center
Saturday, January 21, 2023

17th Annual Hearts for Our Hospital Gala
Brownwood Hotel & Spa
Saturday, February 11, 2023

**Proceeds from these events to benefit the new Heart and Vascular Program at
UF Health The Villages® Hospital.**

**To learn more watch the videos on our website at:
<https://www.tvrhfoundation.org>**

GRATITUDE FOR OUR TEAM MEMBERS



"We appreciate our employees and their enthusiasm towards work which is the factor that contributes to our hospital's positive vibes", says Deidre Rosemond, MBA, Patient Navigator. "We like to thank them for bringing life and motivation to their work every day and show our gratitude for their efforts."

A monthly event held during new employee orientation is an opportunity to share information about the Auxiliary Foundation and its mission. A special event drawing is conducted and not only includes new team members, but current donor employees as well. During the event, everyone also gets an opportunity to spin a special Wheel of Prizes.

"We want our employees to feel a sense of belonging at their jobs and to show them we appreciate everything they do, especially over the past couple of years," says Deidre. Since 2019, a special Treat Cart is wheeled throughout the hospital twice a month, funded by the Foundation. It holds all kinds of sweets and treats and allows employees to select from the items available. Starting in February, other outside organizations have come forward to show their appreciation for hospital team member and are sponsoring the cart monthly. Family Home Health Services, a 24-hour home care company, is the April sponsor. In addition to the day shift, those team members who work the night shift also receive a special recognition.

A monthly popcorn delivered to each department is an opportunity to say thank you to those employees as well. They get to partake in popcorn with special seasonings and a chance to take a moment for themselves. "The way this team works together is an inspiration to us all. Thanks to each and every one of them for their contributions," says Dick Campbell, President, UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation

MICHAEL & PATRICIA PAPE: VISION FOR TOMORROW



Michael and Trish Pape have had a front-row seat watching and participating in the development of The Villages during the past 35 years through their company that is responsible for planning, designing and creating the exterior environment of the community. So, when it came time to add a hospital campus to The Villages community, Michael says, “We were so grateful to be part of the team working together as each piece came into place over the years.”

Come full circle and 20 years later, serving on the board and as a donor of UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation has allowed Michael to give back a part of what the Papes created through the entire planning process for The Villages community.

“We are inspired by the Foundation’s efforts in helping to create better patient experiences as well as expanding hospital services,” Michael commented. Michael and Trish explain, “We are truly thankful for the opportunities that we’ve had here in The Villages and appreciate that we are able to support the culture of gratitude the Foundation has created.”

As American author Melody Beattie says, “Gratitude makes sense of your past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

VILMA WITTEN: EDUCATION IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”(Nelson Mandela). As a former practicing family physician, Vilma Witten has always believed in education. At a young age her father instilled in her that no matter how poor or rich you are, a good education will be a launching pad to your future.

Vilma retired from her practice in Virginia and moved to Maryland to help out with her grandchildren. Afterwards, she relocated to Florida where she began volunteering in the UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation office, and learned about the Foundation’s scholarship program for students pursuing a degree in the healthcare field.

With her strong sense for education and inspiring young adults, Vilma had established a scholarship for aspiring students at Lake Sumter State College, however she wanted to do more, thus becoming a partner with the Foundation’s healthcare scholarship. “I want to assist those students pursuing healthcare as I did, give back and pay it forward,” says Vilma. “As my father passed on to me, I need to share the importance of education.”



WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!



The Foundation and Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe are excited to announce our new profiles on Facebook. Through these platforms, we will share a variety of useful content to keep our family of donors, friends and visitors updated on the latest news, events, special promotions and more. Please check out our pages and be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us!

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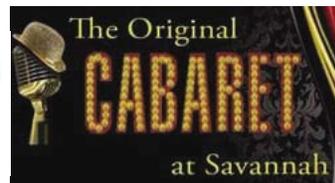
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