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HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE



Special guest, Doug Leonard graciously came to speak to Foundation supporters on February 22. Mr. Leonard is the President of the Indiana Hospital Association, an organization that provides Indiana hospitals with leadership, representation and support as they work to improve the health of Indiana citizens.

The topic of the night centered around the Healthcare Landscape in Indiana, with Mr. Leonard touching on what could change and what is at stake with the new administration in Washington.

Interested in topics like this one? Call the Foundation office to join our mailing list.

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Many times, in order to truly appreciate what we've accomplished, we need to look at the past. Let's take a moment to recap the history of the Major Hospital Foundation. It began in 1961 when the Major Hospital Foundation was formed with the purpose of receiving gifts, trusts, estates and memorials to be used for the benefit of Major Hospital. During the sixties and early seventies, funds were used primarily to purchase equipment for Major Hospital. Some of the equipment purchased during this time frame include furnishings for a new physical therapy department, a mobile X-ray machine, monitoring equipment for the establishment of an Intensive Care Unit, and Bennett machine (ventilator).

In 1971, the Major Hospital Foundation board adopted the Standards for Scholarships and Loan Grants which would grant funds to community members who desired to pursue a career in the medical field; however, this program ended in 1977 to preserve the exemption of federal income tax. In the meantime, the Major Hospital Foundation received momentous estate gifts in both 1975 and 1981, respectively from Marian McFadden, former member of the Major Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, and Raymond E Compton. These gifts magnified the scope of possibilities for our future.

Over the next 25 years, the foundation continued to purchase equipment using the McFadden Fund, support indigent care from the Compton Fund and provide other programming from the general Foundation accounts. In 2005, the Foundation was reinvigorated by a gift of over \$190,000 from the Knights of Pitheus. Executive Director, Angela Gill was hired in 2006. Under her leadership, the foundation flourished into a 76 member volunteer Development Council raising over \$2,000,000 in support of the new MHP medical center.

If you wish to opt out of future fundraising requests supporting the Major Hospital Foundation, you can call us at (317) 421-0361 or email us at agill@majorhospital.org. You will promptly be removed from our mailing list.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A CHARITABLE GIFT TAX DEDUCTION

Tax season is right around the corner, and many of you are thinking about how to maximize your deductions. Have you considered making a gift to the Major Hospital Foundation to get a charitable contribution deduction? The Internal Revenue Service allows taxpayers to deduct charitable contributions. It's a great benefit, but there are rules.

Contributions can be cash, property, or expenses paid by the donor associated with volunteer work for a charitable organization.

The most common type of gift is a cash gift. These require a bank record or a written communication from the charity regardless of amount. A single cash gift of \$250 or more requires a contemporaneous written acknowledgement from the charity.

Another great option is contributions of shares of appreciated stock. Not only could you avoid income tax on capital gain but you could also receive a tax deduction. If the donor sells the stock with the intention of donating the proceeds to the charity, he or she will pay approximately fifteen percent in long-term capital gains, leaving a smaller amount to give to the charity. However, if the donor gives the stock to the charity instead of selling it, the charity gets the full value of the stock, and there are no capital gains taxes for the donor. There are exceptions, and contacting a tax professional to learn all of the implications of a particular situation before taking action is always recommended.

MAJOR WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

With the advent of the new MHP Medical Center, a new group of the Major Hospital Foundation is quickly forming. The group's name is the Major Women's Alliance, and its mission is to operate as a self-supporting organization of women who serve as advocates for the MHP Healthcare System and its patients through volunteer and philanthropic endeavors that help make "the Major difference."

Membership already stands at **sixty-eight** members with dues being paid to operate programming at **\$4,900**. Efforts kicked off with a Christmas Tea and have snow-balled ever since.

Barbara Anderson, who was elected the first president of the group, noted that plans are underway to create "Support Bags" for MHP System oncology patients. She reported that several members of the Alliance are either cancer survivors or have close family members who have been through treatment, and their experiences will help stock the bags with items that will be truly helpful.

Membership dues are at varying levels to allow for inclusiveness, and members can choose to be dues paying members only or to pay dues and volunteer for programs. The group is working closely with MHP management to create other programs that will enhance a patient's time with MHP.

"Helping to care for the sick is a very human, very elemental behavior," Gill said. "I firmly believe that helping others is good for both parties: the giver and the receiver. The Major Women's Alliance is going to be a wonderful vehicle for serving others in a very meaningful, very worthwhile way."



Employee Giving Committee member, Tammi Mitchell delivers a thank you goody for all employees.

MHP EMPLOYEES TAKE A BREAK

We are extremely proud of our fellow employees and administration for the outstanding teamwork and effort put forth over the past 18 months and for the culmination of events that took place during the "major" move on January 23.

The Employee Giving Committee wanted to thank each employee for their given role in the clockwork of activities. They did so by delivering KitKat bars with a little note saying "It's been a long week...take a "break" on us!"



There is no cap on membership, and those who wish to join should contact the Foundation at (317) 421-0361 or agill@majorhospital.org or join online at www.mymhp.org/giving.

Pictured from left to right are Linda West-Vice President, Annette Rayburn-Secretary, Angela Gill-Executive Director, Elaina Tindall-Treasurer, and Barbara Anderson-President.

DID YOU KNOW?

The "major" move from the old Major Hospital to the new MHP Medical center was like moving 170 houses in the timeframe of 12 hours.