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New Members of Gerard Circle

- Bob Hellman
- Robin Nicholson
- Lisa Solberg

To learn more about Gerard Circle, call (319) 235-3960.

Complimentary Estate Planning



Dr. Eddie Thompson
Thompson & Assoc.

- Upcoming Dates:
- Tuesdays —
 - March 18 (full)
 - April 8
 - May 6



April 26:
Allen College
Alumni Reunion



Make an impact by supporting the healthcare students at Allen College! Your participation helps provide essential scholarship assistance and campus enhancements for future healthcare leaders. The online silent auction **starts at noon on Sunday, February 23, and closes at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025.**

Auction items will be showcased at Allen Hospital! Stop by meeting rooms 4 and 5, conveniently located near the Allen café, to view items up close and place your bids. Display times will vary throughout the week, so don't miss your chance to see the exciting offerings firsthand.

Thank you to our current sponsors:

- **Platinum:** Steve & Debbie Caughron, Drs. Jerry & Kathy Durham, Failor Hurley Construction
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We celebrate National Doctors Day in America each year, honoring the dedication and compassion of more than one million physicians providing healthcare to patients nationwide.



In the US, doctors provide care to over 1 billion patients yearly. We invite our staff, patients, and the community to express their gratitude towards our physicians. These healers are the heart of the American healthcare system, ensuring our community's health and well-being!

Allen Foundation Board Member Updates •••••

Several of our board members have reached the end of their term, including Dr. Jeffrey Guse, JoAn Headington, Wilfred Johnson, Atul Patel and Dr. Lance Vanderloo. As you step down from the board, please know that your commitment, insights and leadership have been instrumental in advancing our mission, and we are deeply grateful for the impact you've made.

Please join us in welcoming new board members Jim Brown, Mark Collett, Marty Colwell and Heidi Kenkel.



Mental Health Awareness Breakfast

Friday, May 9, 2025 | 7-9 a.m.



Saturday Night Live Alum, Gary Kroeger has built a career making people laugh, but behind the humor, he has faced personal challenges where many can relate. He shares his journey through the ups and downs of life, the hidden struggles behind humor, and the importance of mental health awareness.

Gary Kroeger

Cost (breakfast included)

- Individual ticket: \$60
- Table of 8: \$500

Reserve your spot today! (RSVP by April 25)

- Online at <https://give.unitypoint.org/25MHB>
- Call (319) 235-3960
- Scan the QR Code



Allen Collenge Renames Free Medical Clinic in Honor of Dr. Ruselle DeBonis

The Allen College Engagement & Salvation Army Partnership (ACE-SAP) clinic has been renamed in honor of Dr. Rus DeBonis, Allen College emeritus professor and founder of the clinic.



Dr. DeBonis started the clinic in 2008 as a labor of love, and her continued involvement has impacted many students at Allen College through instruction and clinical experiences.

Wish of the Month: IMPACT Allen Hospital Fund

Did you know the Allen Foundation has an IMPACT Fund that helps to provide financial support for programs, services and equipment needs at Allen Hospital? The purpose of the IMPACT Fund is to enable team members, physicians and volunteers to enhance the patient experience, while furthering the mission of UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital.

If you'd like to support the Allen Foundation but don't have a particular area that you are passionate about, the IMPACT Fund is the perfect fund for you. You'll find comfort knowing that an important service line, new program or a vital piece of medical equipment was made possible, in part, by your generosity!

To learn more, contact us at (319) 235-3960.

Notes from the Executive Director: Mike Lind

Caring for generations and Educating for generations.



On February 15, 2025, Allen Hospital and Allen College will celebrate 100 years of service to the healthcare needs of our community. Allen was founded on philanthropy when

Mr. Henry B. Allen donated \$200,000 and 80 acres of land in 1925 to establish a hospital in memory of his wife Mary. The school of nursing diploma program opened that same year.

To celebrate, we'll be hosting a variety of events and celebrations to honor our team member, providers, volunteers, retirees and alumni. We will also continue our commitment to serving the community, with a variety of volunteer service projects throughout the Cedar Valley this summer and fall. In October, the Foundation will host our annual Hops for Hospice event followed by a public celebration, including a "walk down memory lane."

Here at Allen Hospital and Allen College, we hope you will share in our excitement and enthusiasm as we celebrate the past and set our direction toward the next 100 years. The Allen Foundation is so proud to be a part of this special milestone and we plan to join in celebrating all things Allen all throughout the year!

Mike Lind
Executive Director