



Gerard Circle Spotlight: Gallagher Family Foundation *Members of Gerard Circle Since 2015*

*EJ Gallagher III, President
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*Mary Kay Beecher, Vice President
Kathryn Beecher Kolck, Director*

*John J Burns, Treasurer
Gail Gallagher, Director*

Hometown and/or Current Location

Born in Washington, DC, currently reside in Waterloo, IA.

Connection to UnityPoint Health

I have been a patient of UnityPoint Health and an active donor. The Gallagher Family Foundation has been giving to the Allen Foundation for 17 years. We were happy to donate generously to the Allen College Rehabilitation Sciences area during the Capital Campaign in 2017.



EJ Gallagher, III

Why have you chosen to give so generously to local healthcare?

It's important to have quality healthcare for the members of our community.

What does it mean to be a member of Gerard Circle?

I knew Dr. Gerard from our years together as Rotarians with the Waterloo Rotary Club. Donating to UnityPoint Health-Allen Foundation allows the Gallagher Family Foundation to continue to show our support to the community and to healthcare.

Why is philanthropy in our community/workplace important to you?

It's all about "paying it forward."

Something Unique About Yourself or Family

As I mentioned, I was born in Washington DC, but after 8 months my family moved to Iowa. I am the only one in my family not born in Iowa.

Why are you inspired to give back to the Allen Foundation?

We're inspired to give because there will always be a great need for healthcare and healthcare professionals in the Cedar Valley.

Any Hobbies/Interests:

I enjoy traveling, music and photography.

Allen Foundation Board Chair Dr. Lance Vanderloo Recognized as Board Member of the Year

Dr. Lance Vanderloo was recently recognized by the University of Northern Iowa's Nonprofit Leadership Alliance, as the Nonprofit Board Member of the Year. The group received several nominations for this special award. Dr. Vanderloo was nominated by both the Allen Foundation and the Waterloo Community Foundation. Vanderloo serves as the Board Chair for both organizations.

Thank you Dr. Vanderloo for your dedication, service and the notable impact you have made in the Cedar Valley!



Mike Lind, Dr. Lance Vanderloo and
Erin Tink, Executive Director,
Waterloo Community Foundation

Matching Gift Opportunity

Nurses are in high demand and your support of scholarships for Allen College students will help fill the gap!

Thanks to the continued support of many generous scholarship donors, two years ago, Allen College was able to award more than \$1 million in scholarships to our future nurses and other healthcare professionals – the most ever awarded! Last year, over \$900,000 in scholarship support was awarded.

As we look to granting scholarships this year, Allen College projects a significant decline in our ability to offer scholarships to students. This decrease (roughly 40%) is partially due to poor performance in the market, which negatively impacts Allen College's scholarship endowments.

Currently, we are predicting awards and scholarships totaling \$600,000 for 2023-2024. Allen College has a lasting reputation for producing quality nurses and healthcare professionals and we need your support to help bridge the gap for scholarship support this year!

Longtime Allen College donors Judy and Jim Fogdall have offered a matching gift of up to \$30,000 toward scholarship support at Allen College. Any gift made toward a scholarship at Allen College will be matched up to \$30,000! That's a potential \$60,000 in scholarships for our students! Thank you to Judy and Jim for your generous support!

Please consider a gift to support future nurses and other healthcare professionals today! To make a gift and have it matched for double the impact, visit unitypoint.org/giving/allen-foundation or contact us at (319) 235-3960. Gifts may also be mailed or delivered to the Allen Foundation office.

Does Your Will Work?

Do you even have a will?

Learn more about complimentary estate planning by calling us at (319) 235-3960.

Upcoming Dates:

~ Tuesdays ~

June 13, August 8, September 12



Dr. Eddie Thompson
Thompson & Associates

Nurse's Week is May 6-12

Nurses perform some of the most difficult and heartbreaking tasks in the medical world and often serve as the first point of contact for many patients. National Nurses Week honors the contributions and sacrifices of the nursing profession. May 12 is the birthdate of celebrated nurse Florence Nightingale. The advent of modern nursing is credited to Ms. Nightingale, who laid the foundation for professional nursing, through her tireless work during and after the Crimean War.

Check in on the nurse or caregiver in your life and offer your support or thanks for the care, expertise and compassion that they provide!

Notes from the Executive Director: Mike Lind



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. At UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital and all throughout the Waterloo region, we offer a great deal of services to patients suffering from a mental illness. Most of these services are supported by donors to the Allen Foundation.

We see a great deal of support each year through our Mental Health Awareness Breakfast (May 12, 2023) which benefits the Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center, a community mental health center serving thousands of patients in the Cedar Valley.

Our Allen Hospital Mental Health Unit serves patients in an inpatient setting, meeting their long-term mental health needs.

We also offer a variety of other services including Behavioral Health Consultants, Chemical Dependency, the Employee Assistance Program and a Mental Health Walk-in Clinic. All of these programs and services come together to wrap patients in care for their behavioral health needs.

Thanks to the financial support of our community we are able to offer this wide variety of services to patients who greatly need mental health care.

With Gratitude,

Mike Lind, Executive Director