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Upcoming Dates:

— *Tuesdays* —
September 10
October 8

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Gerard Circle Recognition Reception

Members of Gerard Circle gathered at Allen College in July to celebrate the generosity and philanthropic efforts of this special giving society. Gerard Circle is comprised of individuals and businesses who have contributed \$10,000 or more in their lifetime to the Allen Foundation. Membership in Gerard Circle symbolizes a lifelong commitment to health care and health education in our community.

Dr. Lance Vanderloo, Chair of the Allen Foundation Board of Directors, served as the event emcee and thanked all participants for their legacy of unselfish giving and dedication to improving health care at Allen.

Guests heard from Dr. Meredith Schaffner, medical director for Allen oncology services, who shared how a new PET/CT scanner, partially funded by the Foundation, has benefitted patients at Allen Hospital. A PET/CT scan can often detect disease before it can be identified on other tests like an MRI, which gives physicians the ability to create better treatment plans in a timelier manner.

Guests also heard from grateful student, Brianna Zoll, who is a current student in the Allen College Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. She anticipates graduating in 2026 and is



Brianna Zoll

grateful for the support she has received through scholarships at the Allen Foundation. Both presentations were powerful testaments to the amazing impact our Gerard Circle members have on UnityPoint Health–Waterloo. Michael Lind, Foundation Director, thanked everyone for attending the event and encouraged future gifts to continue the work and mission of Allen Foundation.

“Working with children has been a dream of mine for as long as I can remember. Thank you for your constant support and generosity. It truly does not go unnoticed.”—Brianna Zoll



Allen Hospital
Meeting Rooms 1-2-3

Thursday, Sept. 5 from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 6 from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Allen College Alumni Association is thrilled to partner with the Corner Market & Greenhouse in Oelwein for our fall plant sale. Options will include a wide variety of mums, planters, and pumpkins. Plus, *new this year*, we will have lawn and garden décor to enhance your fall decorating!



Hops for Hospice

OCTOBER 17, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Waterloo Center for the Arts

Join us for an evening of beer and wine sampling, live music, and light appetizers to support the patients and families of UnityPoint Hospice.

Live Music by
Brad & Kate

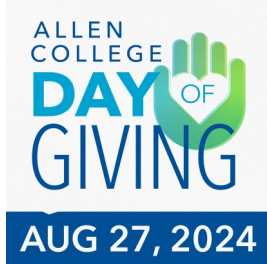
Scan for ticket and sponsor information:

Our Hospice services would not exist without support from people like you.

Hospice is a specialized way of caring for individuals of all ages with advanced stages of any non-curable illness. UnityPoint Hospice offers a team of health care professionals and volunteers who provide the best quality of physical, emotional and spiritual care of each patient as well as family members and loved ones. Please consider sponsoring this year's Hops for Hospice event or purchasing tickets to attend! For more information, call Anne Denholm at the Allen Foundation at (319) 235-3960.

Allen College Day of Giving

Join us for the Allen College Day of Giving and impact the lives of our healthcare students. Your donations will support the Allen College Legacy Program and Simulation Lab.



The Legacy Program: This program offers tuition assistance to nursing students who commit to working at Allen Hospital. Since inception in 2021, over \$1.2 million in funds have been awarded, 72 RN's have been hired or pre-hired, and UPH – Waterloo has reduced the number of open and traveling RN positions.

The Simulation Lab: Provides a safe environment where students can engage in hands-on learning through realistic scenarios with lifelike manikins. This learning experience is crucial for healthcare professionals and growing the space for more opportunities is essential.

Scan here or call Allen Foundation at (319) 235-3960 to make a difference in the educational opportunities for our students.



Notes from the Executive Director: Mike Lind



Rest and a little bit of recharging is what the summer should be all about. Especially if you happen to spend a little bit of your summer on a trip or weekends on a lake.

We certainly haven't had much time to "slow down" at the Allen Foundation, this summer, but we do feel as though we are ramping up for a very busy end of year!

We just wrapped up Be Someone Day, a partnership with Lost Island Theme Park to bring awareness to the services of the Child Protection Center. Stay tuned for more to come on this important program that supports children who have been victims of abuse or violence.

As you can see from this newsletter, looking ahead we have a great deal of events and online giving days, as well as new initiatives and programs to shine a light on.

We also have some great things in store for our Employee Giving Campaign. Employees at UnityPoint Health are so generous in supporting programs and services in the Waterloo region, as well as the many agencies served by the Cedar Valley United Way.

There really is something special about Allen, and it's thanks to our many supporters that we can continue to grow and best serve our community.

Mike Lind, Executive Director