



Hope in action, building a healthier tomorrow

Welcome to the newly renamed Foundation newsletter, **Hope in Action**. We are aiming to highlight the many ways compassion, dedication, and innovation are shaping health care across our Southwest Michigan community.

As we look ahead to an exciting year, this publication will shine a light not only on the impactful strides of our Foundation team, but also on the remarkable work of our regional team members who bring hope and healing to life every day. From advancing new initiatives to elevating patient experiences, our commitment remains on creating meaningful change, one act of caring at a time.



Happy Almost Spring! We're grateful for all you make possible. Your generosity ensures compassionate, high-quality care continues to grow close to home, season after season. Thanks to supporters like you, we're able to deepen our impact in meaningful ways.

This year, we're especially excited to advance our work in **Education, Innovation & Technology**, giving our teams the tools, training, and opportunities they need to learn, lead, and deliver exceptional care. To learn more about opportunities to give, contact us at CHFMS@corewellhealth.org

We hope you enjoy this short spring message — and know how much we appreciate you.

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celebration '26

AN EVENING OF LEGACY AND PROGRESS

Join us for a special evening celebrating community, philanthropy, and the power of hands-on learning. This celebration will feature small bites, live music, and opportunities to experience firsthand the cutting-edge medical education available through the Corewell Health Lakeland Simulation Training Center.

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Event begins at 5 p.m.

Corewell Health Care Center - Royalton
3900 Hollywood Rd, St. Joseph, MI 49085

[Learn more](#)

Mission in Full Bloom



Comfort delivered, one arrangement at a time

The South Haven Garden Club creates beautiful floral arrangements for local Corewell Health Hospice patients and their caregivers — and in doing so, they deliver so much more than flowers. They offer comfort. They offer dignity. They offer a reminder that our community truly cares. Thank you to the South Haven Garden Club for sharing your time, talent, and generosity in such a meaningful way.

The first gift ever baby deserves

Through our **Community Wellness Endowment**, we're proud to support the Berrien Books for Baby initiative for families delivering at our hospitals. In partnership with the **Lincoln Township Public Library**, each family receives a Books for Baby box with board books, a rubber duckie, a cozy blanket, and early-literacy cards. Together, we're helping build early literacy from a child's very first days.



Twelve kids are stronger because of your generosity



With Foundation funding, three Physical Therapists and two Occupational Therapists, received specialized training, and acquired the Universal Exercise Unit therapy equipment. This advanced pediatric therapy equipment allows our team members to deliver best-in-class, individualized care. With these new capabilities, they provided intensive therapy to more than 12 new pediatric patients this past summer. Their goal remains clear: to offer exceptional care to children in our community with disabilities, helping them build strength, confidence, and the opportunity to live their best lives.

“Foundation funding has made a direct, meaningful impact on the children and families we serve. We’re truly grateful to provide this level of care.”

-Keri P., Corewell Health Rehabilitation Manager

Investing in those who care for our patients

Congratulations to our recent Medical Assistant graduates on completing their training and certification exam! Through the Corewell Health partnership with Michigan Works!, these individuals received valuable training and mentorship to support their success. We’re excited to welcome them to our team!



Global Impact Highlight

The Southwestern Medical Clinic Foundation, part of our Foundation, proudly supports Christian medical missions around the world. Several of our Corewell Health Southwestern Medical Clinic physicians are currently serving internationally, including Drs. Jon and Megan Steen at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya and Dr. Brandon Cole in Asia.

Beyond supporting individual mission projects, the Foundation helps provide hospitals and physicians with essential medical equipment, capital project support, and other resources that strengthen care in underserved communities.

No one should face cancer or recovery alone, give the gift of hope



Since 2014, Hope Grows has raised over \$605,000 to support programs that change lives. Through LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA, survivors rebuild strength and confidence, while Corewell Health South Cancer Services provides essential resources including screenings, treatments, wigs, garments, transportation, and more.

How to Donate

Join us for an after-hours celebration event!
Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 4:30-6:00 PM
Silver Harbor Brewing Company

Living a life of service

Robert and Grace Neal dedicated 24 years of exceptional volunteer service to Corewell Health South with Robert also serving as one of the first drivers for the Marie Yeager Cancer Center in 2011. Known for their compassion and attentive listening, they brought comfort to patients, families, and staff alike.

Despite busy lives filled with family, church, and community commitments, giving back at the hospital remained a top priority. The Neal's not only believed in service — they lived it, one meaningful act at a time.



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