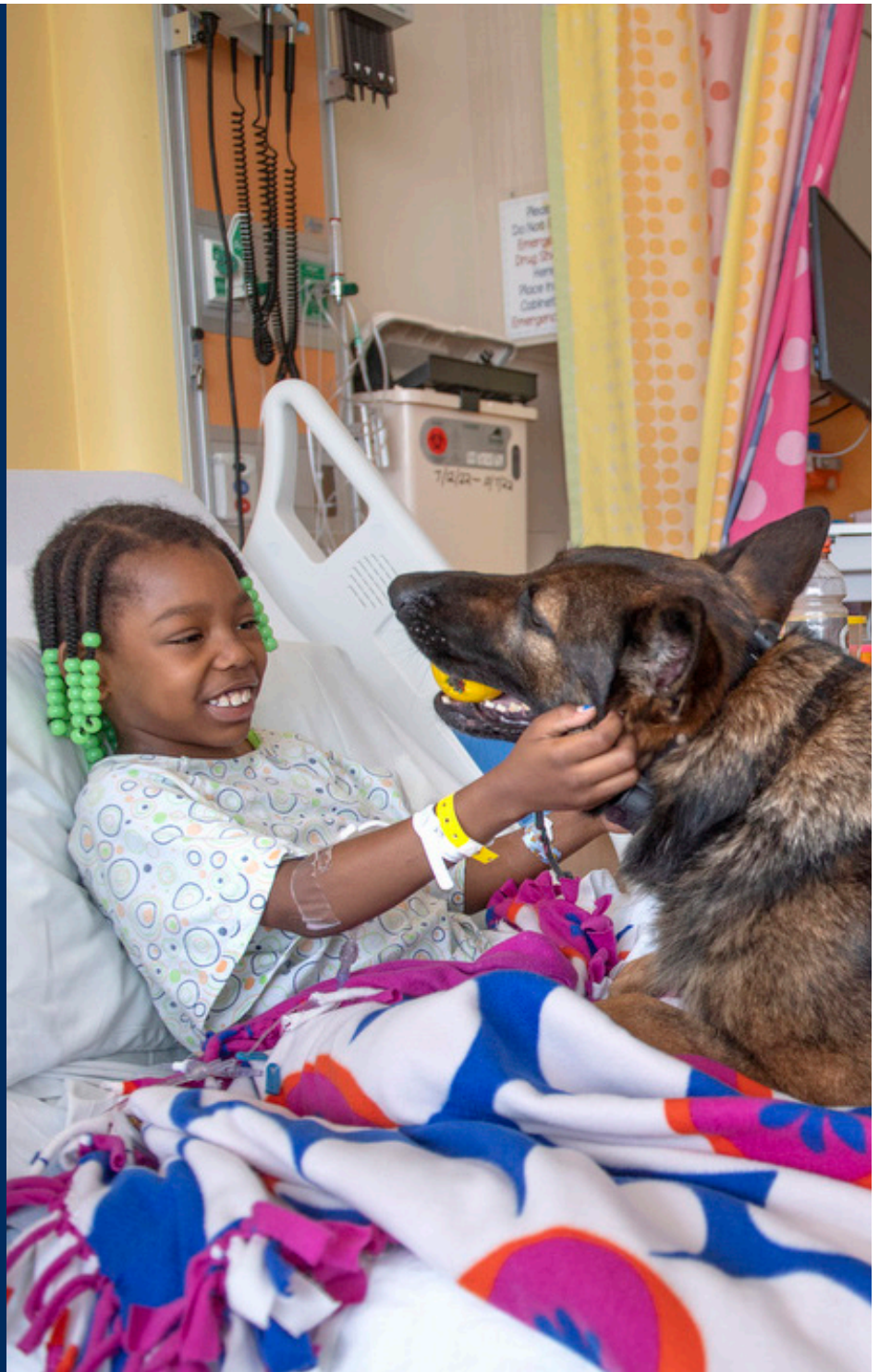


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With so much gratitude...

You are difference makers and life enrichers, and you bring smiles, comfort, healing and hope to the patients and families we serve every day at Corewell Health in West Michigan.

It is a joy and a privilege to be part of the lives of each person who chooses to come to us for their care. I am pleased to share this report of impact with you, highlighting three programs that received support from Corewell Health Foundation West Michigan's Hope Annual Fund, thanks to you. We are grateful for philanthropy like yours that gives our clinicians and care teams the ability to provide excellent care.

On behalf of our patients, families, and teams at Corewell Health, thank you for partnering with us to improve health, instill humanity and **inspire hope**.

Gratefully,

Kelly

Kelly Dyer

President

Corewell Health Foundation West Michigan

Behavioral Health Transport: Getting Patients Where They Need to Go

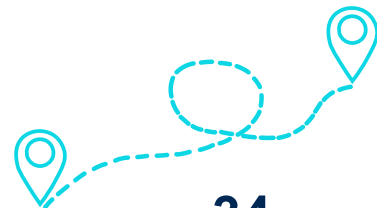
Philanthropy has made it possible for us to reimagine how we respond to patients needing transportation to an inpatient psychiatric facility. Because of the generosity of our community, we have been able to partner with EMS in the use of a new **Behavioral Health Transport Vehicle (BHTV)**, a safer and more cost effective alternative to the traditional ambulance. These custom, secure SUVs are driven by an individual who has been trained to keep the patient safe.

When a patient calls for help, Life EMS dispatchers will have additional or differently-worded questions to assess the risk and determine the appropriate resource they should send to the patient. Having this option ensures that those who are truly in need of ambulances will have access to one.



1,268

patients transported
in 2022



34

average miles
per transport

Beautiful You: Kathy's Story

Kathy Walker seemed a bit hesitant when she walked into the salon on the third floor of the Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion (LHCP). As she sat down, Beautiful You stylist, Rebecca Pokorzynski, pulled out color swatches and wig samples and they found a perfect match. As she slid the wig over Walker's remaining golden locks, "she was back," said Pokorzynski.

Beautiful You, a nonprofit formed in 2014, aims to serve women and girls undergoing cancer treatment by providing them with a little pampering, including manicures, massage therapy, haircuts, and free wigs. Walker, who thought she'd never wear a wig, couldn't help but smile as she looked in the mirror.

"It makes you feel so much better. Beautiful You makes you feel like a woman again."

Kathy Walker, patient



In December 2021, Walker began to lose weight and had severe back pain. Sreenivasa Chandana, MD, PhD, a medical oncologist specializing in pancreatic cancer, diagnosed her with a tumor on her pancreas. Walker underwent treatment and received medication to control the pain. Dr. Chandana developed a chemotherapy regimen aimed at keeping "a tight lid" on the cancer. By the end of 2022, Walker's weight loss stopped, her appetite returned, and she continues to cherish every moment with her grandchildren.

"They're in the fight of their life. When they ask how much a hat or wig is and I tell them it's free, they always get a tear in their eye. It's a gift. Something they don't have to worry about."

*Rebekah Pokorzynski,
Beautiful You Stylist*



Gratitude from our K-9 Team!

Philanthropy continues to support the K-9 team's efforts to enhance the patient and family experience at Corewell Health and Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (HDVCH). Your support is vital to sustaining this services, including making sure our four-legged team members have food, veterinary expenses, training and equipment.

In 2022, we hosted the **United States Police Canine Association (USPCA)** Region 19 Detector, Tracking, and PD1 Certification event.

- **Corporal Haan and K-9 Rex** placed second in Explosives Detection
- **Sergeant Watkins was awarded the "Skip Brewster Award"** for outstanding performance in explosives detection and, for the second time, received 1st place in Explosives Detection.
- **Officer Karcher and K-9 Fix** received **1st place at the International Police Work Dog Association's skills competition and explosive skills**; they also placed **2nd in the USPCA Region 19 Explosives Detection**.

Thank you for all that you are making possible for our team to support patients and families,

Derrick

Lieutenant Derrick Jackson
K-9 and Training Supervisor
Corewell Health

Cooper

Sergeant Cooper Watkins
Canine Training Sergeant
Corewell Health

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patient visits at
the bedside and
community
demonstrations



(L to R) Officer Josh Prince and K-9 Lee; Sgt. Cooper Watkins and K-9 Bak; Officer Caleb Kiser (K-9 Riko was in training); Officer Mark Bond (K-9 Ray was camera shy); Officer Derek Haan and K-9 Rex; Officer Nicole Bowl and K-9 Max