Dear Foundation Friends and Supporters,

Greetings from the Foundation office!

I don’t know about you but I’m really glad that summer has arrived. The winter and spring were a great time of planning for the Foundation. Our board started working on a new strategic plan in January of this year, and we completed in June. I have to thank all of our board members for spending a great deal of time charting the path forward for the Foundation. Dr. Aaron Buchko from Bradley University facilitated the process for us and we owe him a debt of gratitude also.

So what does this mean? The strategic plan will begin to transform the way we do our work – both from the perspective of working with you, our donors and working with our internal customers. The internal customers are the departments and divisions of UnityPoint Health in Peoria who apply to us for use of our funds.

Our guide post for our future work is pretty simply stated... In everything we do, we believe in enhancing the human and compassionate dimensions of patient care for everyone by providing a service to donors that leverages their gifts and finds new, innovative and creative ways to improve health care in the communities we serve.

By 2020, the Unity Point Health – Methodist | Proctor Foundation will do the following:

• We will broaden and deepen the donor base through strong, innovative development practices, focused primarily on employees, alumni and patients and their families.

• We will be an active, visible, well-known and respected philanthropic organization that provides a receptacle for donations from all who would like to improve the quality of life and health in our community.

• We will become a more focused and intentional organization to allow us to be a better granting organization.

• We will tell our story in a manner that will inspire future donations in the community.

• We will educate our patrons, employees, donors and patients about the gaps in services that we need to help close with donations.

• We will be good stewards of the resources that are provided to us.

• We will have the highest level board members that we can achieve to help us accomplish our mission and purpose.

While all of this has been happening we have been working actively with the enhanced women’s services project on the Methodist Campus as we renovate and change the facilities for Labor and Delivery, our nursery and our Pediatric unit. Additionally we are getting excited about the relocation of Methodist College out to north Peoria in the fall of 2016. This is such an opportunity to educate more future health care professionals and expand the degree and certificate offerings in the coming years. I know that many of you will want to be a part of it. Please spend a few minutes reading our newsletter for more information about what is happening at the Foundation. And as always, thank you for helping us help our clinical counterparts in their commitment to provide outstanding healthcare. Period.
This generous gift from CEFCU will help improve patient care on the Proctor campus with improvements to the new Cardiac Telemetry Unit. This ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by hospital leadership, members from CEFCU leadership and members from the Peoria chamber of commerce on February 12, 2015.

2015 Employee Giving Campaign
In March employees from UnityPoint Health - Methodist | Proctor came together to support the Foundation. They raised $205,298 for the Foundation with 2,025 employees participating.

This exceeded their goal and was a recording setting 11th year for the campaign.
Celebration of Unity Dinner
May 1, 2015

The Proctor Service Auxiliary was honored to receive the 2014 Henry Allovio Jr. Award. Service Auxiliary members are pictured with Martha Allovio and Debbie Simon.

The 2014 Merle Yontz Award was presented to Karen Stumpe. She is pictured with Debbie Simon, Judy Waltz and Marlene Campbell. Judy and Marlene are the daughters of the late Merle and Lois Yontz.

Dr. Devendra Trivedi was awarded the 2014 Dr. Ward Eastman Award. Dr. Ryan Walsh presented the honor to him.
Grateful Patient Program: A way to say thank you

The Foundation is now offering patients, families and friends with a way to say “thank you” for the care they receive from doctors, nurses and other staff members who are part of their care team. The Grateful Patient Program is a direct mail campaign where former patients are given a chance to make a donation and to say thank you to the person or care team that made their stay a success. Donors can direct their gift towards a particular department or simply designate it for the area of greatest need. It is a way of paying it forward to the next patient and making sure that person gets the same quality, compassionate care that they did.

Spotlight on the Foundation

Comfort and care for you and your child

The goal of the Child Life Specialists at UnityPoint Health is to help the child and family feel comfortable and cared for during a child’s hospitalization or outpatient procedure. The UnityPoint Health - Methodist | Proctor Foundation is proud to support and provide ongoing funding to the Child Life Specialist program. A recent patient’s grandparent told us “Not only does Child Life help calm patients, but helps with anxiety with Mom/Dad and Grandparents”.

A Child Life Specialist will:

• Provide preparation and procedural support for your child as they undergo medical tests, procedures, and/or surgery through the use of developmentally appropriate medical play and teaching materials.

• Engage your child with games, arts, crafts, toys, music and movies. Play helps normalize the hospital environment and make it a more positive experience.

• Lead medical play to allow your child the opportunity to rehearse the procedure, role play and become familiar with medical equipment. This helps to reduce a child’s stress and fosters coping.

• Assist your family and child by providing emotional support, education and advocacy.

• Consult with your child’s healthcare team regarding your child’s unique emotional, social and developmental needs.

• Provide prep books on outpatient surgery, EEG tests, VCUGs (Voiding Cystourethrogram) and endoscopy tests to prepare your child for their visit.

• Provide pre-surgical or pre-admission tours, which can lessen anxiety children and their families may have.

Daily both parents and grandparents comment on the difference the Child Life Specialist makes. One parent commented on their patient survey. “Had a child life specialist with us during the VCUG procedure—everything went exactly as the booklet stated. Child Life Specialist was awesome—my daughter loved her. She was great at her job – kept my daughters mind off the procedure.”

The Foundation is proud to continue to support our Childlife Specialists in providing the Best Outcome For Every Patient Every Time.
Join us!

Saturday, October 24, 2015
at the Peoria Civic Center for an evening of fun, excitement and just a bit of the 1920’s... speakeasies, dropped waistlines, jazz, talkies, Model A Fords and much more.

This **RAZZLE DAZZLE** evening will benefit the UnityPoint Health – Methodist | Proctor Foundation!

For more information call 672-5741 or visit www.unitypoint.org/peoria/foundation

New Staff Members!

Vickie Spring joined the Foundation as the Executive Assistant to Roberta Parks, Vice President. A Peoria native, Vickie lives in Washington and is the mother of two sons, Tyler (24) and Jacob (19).

Pam Schubach joined the Foundation as our Grants Administrator. Pam brings with her over 30 years of work experience in the not-for-profit industry with a track record for writing grants which have been funded by a variety of government and private foundation sources. Pam is involved in the Peoria Community, an avid racquetball plater and has two children, Spencer (25) and Samantha (27).
UnityPoint Health - Methodist | Proctor Foundation was pleased to host the 5th Annual Methodist College President’s Breakfast on Friday, April 10th. The event took place at First United Methodist Church - Peoria.

This year’s event honored both the donors and recipients of the 74 Foundation Scholarships totaling $92,100 awarded during the 2014-2015 academic year - over double what was awarded in 2013-2014.

During the event we were able to:

- Award our 6th Outstanding Community Clinical Site to Central Illinois Agency on Aging
- Present our first annual Community Partner Award to First United Methodist Church - Peoria
- Pay tribute to Velma Larson, class of 1932 alumni and scholarship donor, who passed away in December

There were 168 people in attendance at the event, our largest group yet. We were also able to raise $5,576 for the Methodist College Scholarship Fund.
Methodist College broke ground on its new facility during a ceremony on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. The new facility is located in the former American Furniture building at 5801 W. War Memorial Drive in Peoria.

The new $17 million campus will be a cutting-edge learning environment, complete with state-of-the-art laboratories, classrooms and library. It will be home to Methodist College’s Simulation Learning Center, which gives students the opportunity to learn interactively with high-tech robotic simulators. Modern student housing will be constructed on land adjacent to the American Furniture property, which UnityPoint Health – Peoria already owns. When complete, the campus will be a sophisticated learning hub, drawing students from across the state and beyond. The new Methodist College is expected to open for the Fall 2016 semester.

There is an opportunity for donors to support the Methodist College expansion project. As a not-for-profit college, community support will allow us to continue to enhance the learning experience for students today and into the future. We are committed to providing an outstanding learning facility; state of the art, hands on training opportunities; and a committed and talented faculty. With your help we can ensure the Methodist difference! In addition to seeking support for the building project, we are announcing the establishment of the Debbie Simon Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship will help to ensure that future Methodist College students have the financial resources needed to complete their dream of becoming a healthcare professional.

For information on becoming a supporter of this campaign please visit www.methodistcol.edu or call the Foundation office at 309-672-5741.
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