

## G.I.F.T. Fund Benefits Hospice Patients and Families

Last year, the G.I.F.T. fund was established at Allen Hospital to help Hospice patients and families. Thanks to generous community donations this fund, which stands for Giving it Forward Together, has been able to grant many “end of life” wishes for those receiving care near their final days.

An ongoing program that has benefitted from G.I.F.T. fund donations is the Prayer Shawl Ministry which started at Allen in August. The goal of this program is to provide a prayer shawl to each UnityPoint Hospice patient. Volunteers knit or crochet the prayer shawls following an easy pattern and all of the materials are provided thanks to funding from the G.I.F.T. fund.

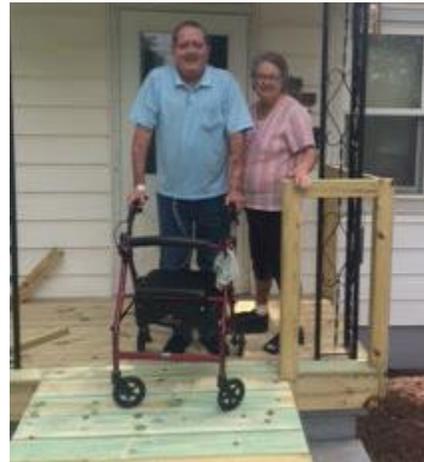
Prayer Shawl Ministry was started by two women in 1998. The shawls are not magical and there are no strict spiritual requirements to making one.

To learn more or to help, contact Joyce Coil at 319-274-6714 or email Joyce at [joyce.coil@unitypoint.org](mailto:joyce.coil@unitypoint.org). If you are interested in helping, but are unable to knit or crochet, you can help by donating to the G.I.F.T. fund. Funds will then be used to purchase yarn and knitting needles.

### Other G.I.F.T. Fund Activities:



G.I.F.T. Fund donations sent a hospice patient and his family to an Iowa Cubs game this past summer.



Thanks to the G.I.F.T. Fund and Cardinal Construction, this hospice patient received a wheelchair accessible ramp.

### New Members of Gerard Circle

David and Kelly Hassman

Willard and Kay Jenkins

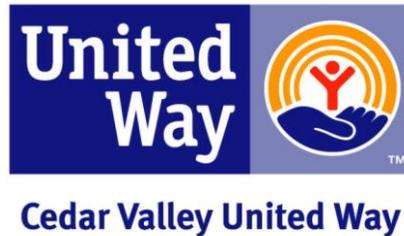
Call 319-235-3960 to learn more about Gerard Circle.

### Allen Nursing Graduates Exceed National, State Pass Rates

Allen College chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham has announced that the College's nursing graduates achieved a 96.7 percent pass rate (118 of 122 test takers) **on first attempt** on the 2015 National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). The average pass rate for all registered nurse programs in Iowa was 80.77 percent compared to a national average for 2015 of 84.51 percent. Students who pass this examination are eligible for licensure as registered nurses.

## Allen Hospital Associates Increase Giving to Cedar Valley United Way

Allen Hospital recently concluded the annual United Way campaign with big results. Allen Associates contributed \$56,100 to the campaign which benefits many worthy programs all throughout the Cedar Valley. The giving total represents a 10% increase in giving over last year.



The campaign goal for Allen associates was to raise \$51,001 which would show an increase from the prior year and more importantly would make Allen Hospital President & CEO, Pam Delagardelle proud. Delagardelle served as the co-chair of the Cedar Valley United Way campaign along with Tony DiCecco.

Thanks to a final push just days before the giving deadline, the fundraising efforts of many generous Allen employees yielded the successful results. Many Allen associates who gave to the campaign, did so to honor their leader.

“Leadership by example is the difference between what you say and what you do. Pam led the United Way campaign by working 18 hours a day for six months to cover all her bases. Lots of people ask for support, but no one works harder to earn it. When Pam asks, people stand in line to help,” commented Jim Waterbury, VP of Institutional Advancement at Allen Hospital.

Donors to the annual campaign see the impact throughout a variety of services in the community; including right here at Allen as many of the hospital’s programs receive United Way funding. Last year, the Cedar Valley United Way provided roughly \$200,000 to Allen to support programs such as the Child Protection Center, Together for Youth and Allen Women’s Health.

To learn more about the many ways the Cedar Valley United Way and Allen Hospital collaborate to better our community, visit [www.unitypoint.org/waterloo/foundation](http://www.unitypoint.org/waterloo/foundation). Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the Cedar Valley United Way.

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### Did You Know?: You May be Able to Double Your Impact

The programs and services strengthened by your gifts to the Allen Foundation are greatly appreciated. But, did you know, you could make an even bigger impact with your generosity? Many companies offer a match for charitable gifts, oftentimes resulting in a gift that doubles or even triples in size.

To take advantage of this great opportunity, simply contact the Human Resources department at the company you work for to see if a gift matching option is available.

Contact the Allen Foundation at 319-235-3960 for further information or for assistance in securing a matching gift.

### CDO Perspective



Dee Vandeventer, CFRE

The 2015 financial numbers are in and we are excited to share them with you! But first, let me thank you for supporting the Allen Foundation with your generous donations.

The purpose of the Allen Foundation is to strengthen the programs and services of Allen Hospital and Allen College through philanthropic support. Each year, we return your gifts to Allen to be used most effectively in providing the best of healthcare and healthcare education.

In 2015, we were able to return over \$1.3 million to the hospital, college and hospice, an increase from \$1.1 million in 2014.

Just as important as the dollars, I am also glad to report that the number of donors in 2015 was the most in over 15 years. Last year, 1,320 donors gave to Allen.

Our work is truly about the people. Not just those who give so generously, but also those who stand to benefit. From the patients and families who have a better experience thanks to the IMPACT Allen grants to those who see better health outcomes as a result of state-of-the-art equipment and modern facilities. Connecting your gifts to the needs of Allen Hospital and Allen College is truly magical.

Thank you for being one of those people who makes a difference at Allen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dee Vandeventer".

Chief Development Officer