

## Women Investing in Samaritan Health (WISH)

### Impact Summary 2021

In 2021, the WISH giving circle fully funded four grants for medical equipment, supplies, and programs, which were approved by WISH members and the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

1.	Samaritan Center for Women & Families	Lactation Room Update	\$5,000.00
2.	Samaritan Center for Women & Families	Provider Call Room Update	\$5,000.00
3.	Samaritan Community Relations	"Imagine If..." ArtPacs for Patients, Families, and Employees	\$4,300.00
4.	Samaritan Patient Assistance	Lymphedema Compression Garments	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Grant Funding 2021</b>			<b>\$17,300.00</b>

#### **Samaritan Center for Women & Families Lactation Room Update**

WISH granted \$5,000.00 to update the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Lactation Room, originally created in 2010. The existence and continued maintenance of the Lactation Room is an indicator of our hospital's commitment to supporting the healthy lifestyle choices for our staff and visiting community members by providing a supportive environment for the purpose of breastfeeding and expressing milk while on our hospital campus.

#### **Samaritan Center for Women & Families Provider Call Room Update**

WISH granted \$5,000.00 to update the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Provider Call Room, last updated in 1987. Providers (physicians and midwives) are on the Labor & Delivery unit 24 hours a day for sometimes several days in a row. They need a comfortable, private place to sleep, relax, review patient charts and answer patient calls while waiting for the next baby to be born. Having providers that are rested and relaxed contributes to their mental health and wellbeing, which, in turn, helps our patients receive the best care possible.

#### **Samaritan Community Relations "Imagine If..." ArtPacs for Patients, Families, and Employees**

WISH granted a total of \$4,300.00 to provide up to 400 ArtPacs to Samaritan patients, families, and employees. The Imagine If Art Project will: (1) Provide individuals and families with the physical tools (an art kit with instructions and supplies) so they are able to engage in a creative art-making activity while hospitalized or in the safety of their own home; (2) Contribute to the development of a life-long interest in the arts while learning new art-making skills through participation in an art process inspired by well-known Master Artists; and (3) Encourage healthy physical activity by linking art activities with exploration of featured parks in Benton County. ArtPacs will be distributed in hospital wards and outpatient clinics by Good Samaritan social workers, chaplains, psychologists, nurses, and other healthcare providers who are experiencing a noticeably high-level of stress and difficulty (e.g., illness, economic instability, death in the family). The design, production, and distribution of ArtPacs to our target populations will demonstrate Samaritan's commitment to providing care to the whole person, not just treating their illness.

#### **Samaritan Patient Assistance for Lymphedema Compression Garments**

WISH granted \$3,000 to the Samaritan Patient Assistance Program to help female patients with lymphedema to access compression garments. Often, these garments are needed for the rest of a patient's life. They must be replaced regularly (generally every six months to keep the sizing of the garment's integrity), and they are not always covered by insurance. Without insurance coverage (or in some cases, even with insurance), the cost can prevent women from receiving compression garments that are crucial to their lymphedema treatment. If left unmanaged, the complications can be severe. Providing these compression garments to patients would directly influence not only the physical, but also the emotional and mental health of female cancer survivors.