

## December 2024

The Morris Hospital Auxiliary is excited for our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auxiliary Gala on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Jennifer's Garden in Morris. Proceeds will be used to support Cardiac Care programs and equipment at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers.

As the leading cause of death in the United States, cardiovascular disease affects many families in our local communities. The physicians and staff at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers are committed to providing advanced cardiovascular care locally. Our comprehensive services include diagnostic testing and advanced treatment in our new \$1.7 million catheterization lab, along with three phases of cardiac rehabilitation to assure patients stay on the road to recovery.

Cardiac Care at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers also includes our Rhythm of Our Youth (ROOY) program. Sudden cardiac death (SCD) claims more than 2,000 lives of children and adolescents in the United States each year. SCD is also responsible for approximately 3-5% of deaths that occur in children between the ages of 5-19. Most victims of SCD have had underlying heart conditions. However, many heart defects in today's youth remain undiagnosed. Working in collaboration with area high schools, ROOY strives to detect existing cardiac abnormalities, so the risks of SCD are minimized. Our program accomplishes this by completing a painless 3-minute test known as an ECG, or electrocardiogram. Results from these tests assist with early identification of cardiac defects that have been known to lead to SCD, which can ultimately save a student's life.

Here's how you can help:

- Please consider contributing an item to the silent or live auction. The item can be donated by you, your employer, or both. Some items that have sold well at past auctions include sporting event tickets; tickets to shows or concerts; themed gift baskets; gift cards to restaurants; gas cards; jewelry; handbags/purses; adult beverages; grills; tools; unique experiences like a painting class, wine tasting event, or a chef prepared/catered meal; outdoor games/activities like bikes, bag sets, blow up movie projectors; or trips, just to name a few.
- Underwrite or make a donation to underwrite an auction item. The auction committee will then purchase something off our "wanted" list.

To donate an auction item, please fill out the enclosed transaction form or contact Hannah Wehrle at 815.705.7021/<u>hwehrle@morrishospital.org</u> or Kelly Barry at 815.705.7024/<u>kbarry@morrishospital.org</u>.

Your support means a lot to us,

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## **2025 Morris Hospital Auxiliary's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** Donation Record for Gifts in Kind and Outright Donations

Please complete a form for each donation in order to comply with IRS Tax requirements for charitable auctions.

Donor Information:	Date received by the Auxiliary:
Name (first & last)	
Company Name	
Contact Name	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email address	
Donor Stated Fair Market Value \$	
Description of the Item	
Conditions or limitations	
For intangible items, the winner will receive a certificate with contact information to claim the prize.	
Certificate provided (if applicate provided content of applic	able)

## The Auxiliary recognizes donors for their support and promotes auction contributions through print and online media.

- $\Box$  I give permission for this item to be posted online and my name to be included as the donor.
- □ I give permission for this item to be posted online, but would prefer my name not be included.

Donor's Signature

This form completed by \_\_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Member Name