Adams County Medical FOUNDATION

January/February Newsletter

Vision:

Inspiring a culture of giving for the health of our community.

Mission:

The mission of the Foundation is to provide support to the Adams County Regional Medical Center and community-based health-related endeavors to ensure premium health care programs and service availability to the residents of the Adams County region

Scholarship Update

This year, the Foundation received 29 scholarship applications, approximately 50 percent over last year's number of applicants. As the Executive Director of the Foundation, I enter the applicant's qualifications onto a spreadsheet, without their personal identifying information, for the first round of reviews by the Scholarship Committee. While this task takes longer, it helps avoid bias in the selection process. The process is extremely gratifying as I get to witness firsthand the exemplary academic and service qualifications of our applicants.

With only 6 scholarships to award, the Scholarship Committee had a tough task ahead of them. After the second round of reviews, the Scholarship Committee submitted a request asking for an additional Foundation scholarship, which the Foundation Board approved. In addition, several of our current donors, gifted additional scholarships to meet the high demand. Through the generosity of the Foundation Board and our scholarship donors, the Foundation was able to increase the total scholarship awards to 10.

While it is wonderful that the Foundation was able to award 10 scholarships for 2024, there are still 19 outstanding students in need of scholarship assistance. If you, your family, or friends would like to support a scholarship in your name or the name of a loved one, please notify the ACMF. All donations are tax deductible as the Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. Gifts can be made as a onetime donation, paid monthly, shared by multiple family members, or set up as an endowed scholarship. Please consider a gift that will support the academic future of students entering a healthcare field of study!

OHYES! Report for 2022-2023

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services released the results of the Ohio Healthy Youth Environment Survey (OHYES!) data collection for 2022-2023. The Adams County Medical Foundation, in partnership with the Manchester Local School District and the Ohio Valley School District, has participated in administering the survey since 2015. The survey is administered every year to all participating 7th through 12th grade students. Confidentiality is extremely important; therefore, protocols are in place to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of the participants. The survey covers the following topics: family, school and community environment; health and well-being; mental health; substance abuse; and gambling. This survey provides valuable county and school district-level data so that community-specific needs can be addressed and helps community-based organizations meet federal grant reporting requirements.

Adams County Students 7th-12th grade surveyed answered:

Ever Used an Electronic Vape: 2022-23 results 26.32%

compared to 35.51% in 2021/22

ACMF, through the work of the Adams County Youth Prevention Coalition (ACYPC), is interested in the survey results related to underage drinking, tobacco use, and prescription drug misuse. To address these substance issues, the ACYPC implemented several prevention strategies including "Talk. They Hear You" media campaigns; providing educational materials at health fairs and community programs/activities; hosting a parent's night out program; and releasing radio/newspaper articles. The 2022 – 2033 results compared to the 2021 – 2022 improved significantly for both vaping and underage drinking. Many consider vaping to be the next big venue for the drug epidemic facing our county with youth being the primary target. Therefore, it is encouraging to see that the number of students who ever used an electronic vape product decreased to 26.32% for 2022/23 compared to 35.51% in 2021/22.

CAR FOR THE CURE

Angie McCoy has been appointed the committee chair for the ACMF "Car for a Cure" program. Under Angie's leadership, the "Car for the Cure" was able to be present at the fundraiser that was held for Becky Minton at the Peebles vs. North Adams Boys Basketball game in conjunction with the other fundraising activities held that evening. Becky is the FFA teacher at Peebles High School who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. I am pleased to share that $526.00 was raised to help Becky and her family through the "Car for the Cure". The "Car for the Cure" program helps people across Adams County who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. The program for Becky is a good example of how people of community came together to meet a need and how the "Car for the Cure" program played a part in the effort.

The Becky Minton Family December 22nd, 2023 at Peebles High School

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