

GUNDERSEN PARTNERS

ENHANCING CARE THROUGH SERVICE AND GIVING

Gundersen Partners serves as a group of caring, committed individuals dedicated to enhancing patient and family care, healthcare education and community well-being through service and fundraising.

November 2, 2020

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Re: Gundersen Partners Update November 2020

Greetings to Gundersen Partners members,

There are only two months left in this year. I can hear of all you say that the year can't end soon enough. Particularly heading into the holidays this year, we should be as optimistic as we can and give our families and friends as much cheer as possible. The Gundersen Partners board has worked hard this year to find alternatives for our in-person activities and events. The end of the year events will be held the best way that we can possibly have them. Please join with us to make the end of the year of 2020 the most meaningful part of the year.

Last year we had our very first Discovery Toy sale and it was a resounding success. We are going to continue that new tradition this year with an online sale. Our Discovery Toy representative will create a special online link for us to order from. Toys will be delivered directly to the purchaser and Gundersen Partners will receive a percentage of the profits. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase items for some of the youngest patients at Gundersen Health System. More information will be provided about the sale that will run from November 9 to November 20. Please keep this in mind when you are thinking about finding gifts for the young ones in your lives. More information about Discovery Toys will be sent soon.

Our annual membership meeting that is held in conjunction with Love Lights has to be cancelled due to COVID-19. The theme of the membership meeting was to be our 70th Anniversary. To celebrate all the wonderful things that Gundersen Partners has done over 70 years we are putting together a video that captures the memories and achievements of this great organization. Our historian, Marilyn McElligott, will talk about our rich history in the video. The video will be available to all our members later this fall.

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Love Lights will go on in 2020 even though Partners is not able to hold our in-person celebration in early December. The Love Lights committee has been working hard to make the virtual event meaningful. You can honor your loved ones, friends, coworkers and others by purchasing a Love Light. Love Lights commemorations will be available for viewing on monitors in the clinic lobby. More information on Love Lights will be sent to you soon.

Finally, at our November Board Meeting the Partners board will decide what donations Partners will make before the end of the year. We have tried to give as much as we can with the challenges presented in 2020. The board hopes to assist causes and charities in the area that also have been affected by the pandemic. A list of 2020 donations will be included in our first membership update of 2021.

Annual membership renewals for Gundersen Partners will be sent in December. Your continued support is so important for Partners to fulfill its mission to Gundersen Health System patients, their families and the community. I hope you will share Partners 70-year tradition of enhancing patient and family care, healthcare education and community well-being with others.

Have a safe and peaceful holiday season,

Linda J. Gillette, President
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