

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.

April 5, 2022

Dear Gundersen Partners Members,

I hope this brief Partners update finds you all well. I know that I am enjoying the longer and warmer days in anticipation of budding trees and blooming flowers.

Our new board members, Jill Blackbourn, Sarah Havens, Max Heckman, and Chris Lau have assimilated seamlessly into their roles and have brought great insight. We are fortunate to have such a well-blended team!

Linda Gillette is leading the planning for the upcoming annual "Style on the River" event in which we partner with the Mayo Auxiliary in La Crosse and host alternate years. This fun-filled fashion show features styles from Dales Clothing and Mainstream Boutique and collects bins full of food donations to help Hamilton School children in need. The event is Wednesday, May 18th at The Cargill Room at The Waterfront. Tickets are \$30 and go on sale at local Festival Foods locations and the Gundersen Gift Shop starting April 11th. Grab some friends and join us for a fun and fashionable event for a wonderful cause!

We are continuously exploring new and exciting fundraising opportunities which help Partners be able to donate approximately \$40,000 EVERY year to those in our community who are in need! If you have fundraising ideas or would like to have a more active role in Partners fundraising activities, please reach out to our invaluable team member Sheila Erickson in the Gundersen Partners office.

Partners is proud to once again be able to award \$12,000 in scholarships to high school graduates of Gundersen employees. We are grateful to be able to ease a bit of their burden on their journey. Perhaps they will be caring for us one day!

I am awed by what our humble group of 8 board members and 100+ valued members are continuously able to accomplish for our community. With so much negative news, it is a needed reminder that there is still much compassion to be found in our world. Thank you for your part, big or small – it makes an impact.

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We are starting to plan another Membership Social Event this summer, so keep an eye out. It would be wonderful to see you there!

Stay well and have a beautiful spring!

Sincerely,

Lisa Biondo, President
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