

# UPSTREAM

A PUBLICATION FOR FRIENDS OF RIVERVIEW HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

## *Riverview Health Care Foundation Assists Local Nonprofit with Volunteer Training and Instructor Education*

The Board of Directors of Riverview Health Care Foundation recently approved a grant request submitted by Jeremiah's Crossing, a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding ranch located in Babcock, Wisconsin dedicated to "helping horses help kids". Jeremiah's Crossing was founded in 2006 by Roger and Kathleen Harris and serves children with physical, cognitive, emotional, and academic special needs.

The \$1800 grant provided by Riverview Health Care Foundation will cover the cost of bringing two horse training clinicians to Jeremiah's Crossing for a week of volunteer training and instructor continuing education. According to Roger and Kathleen Harris, Founders and Managers of the ranch,

*"The purpose of this training is to make sure that all of the volunteers are working with the horses in the same manner, thereby providing a consistency that will lead to longevity for our program horses and more consistency for our riders. Training volunteers and instructors in a working group setting eliminates much of the potential for error in judgment and handling techniques."*

This training opportunity will also fulfill the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association requirements for instructor continuing education.

Riverview Health Care Foundation is proud to support this worthwhile training program and the many young people with special needs in our community served by Jeremiah's Crossing.

## *Riverview Health Care Foundation Supports Riverview Hospital Interpreter Services*

At their May 2010 meeting, the Riverview Health Care Foundation's Board of Directors approved a \$5000 grant to fund interpreter services provided to non-English speaking and hearing-disabled patients at Riverview Hospital, UW Cancer Center –Riverview, and Riverview Family Clinics.

Personal interpreters are available for patients whose dominant language is Hmong or Spanish, and signers are available for patients who are deaf. Dial-up interpreter services are also available to provide 24/7 backup to the live interpreter service. All interpreters are competent and trained in various areas to ensure quality services are provided to patients.



According to Paula Cook, Director of Ethics/Compliance for Riverview Hospital Association, "Communicating with clients in a language they understand is an integral component of quality care. In addition, healthcare regulations require healthcare providers to inform and educate clients about treatment and outcomes in a language they understand."

Riverview Health Care Foundation has supported the interpreter services offered at Riverview since 2006 and has provided nearly \$35,000 in funding.



## *Telling your Stories...*

*Recent messages that have touched and inspired us.*

**From a Memorial donor:**

Dear Foundation members,

Please accept a personal check for the Riverview Health Care Foundation as a memorial in loving memory of our mother. Mom passed away this year following a long respiratory illness. Because of her illness, she was a frequent visitor to Riverview Hospital.

Our mother received the most excellent care from the staff of Riverview Hospital. The kindness of the 2nd floor and Critical Care nurses was remarkable and so greatly appreciated. The aides, therapists, and social workers were always considerate and helpful. The doctors gave her appropriate treatment and advice that allowed her to live to the age of eighty-eight years, even with her very serious health problems. The facility itself is something that the community is so very fortunate to have.

When we looked at distributing the memorial that my mother received, we knew that we wanted to remember Riverview Hospital in our giving. Please accept this memorial in our mother's name as a token of her, and our, appreciation.



## *Riverview Health Care Foundation Announces 2010 Scholarship Recipients*

Riverview Health Care Foundation has the honor of administering two scholarships that are awarded each year in memory of two of our local physicians – Dr. Minerva Ponce and Dr. Elmer and Frances Debus.

### ***Dr. Minerva Ponce Memorial Scholarship***

Dr. Minerva Ponce practiced Internal Medicine in Wisconsin Rapids at the Doctor's Clinic for 25 years (1974-1999). She was well-respected by her colleagues and patients and considered a true professional. Her legacy remains with us through a scholarship program established in 2003 by her husband, Dr. Mario Ponce.

Annually, two students receive the \$1000 Dr. Minerva Ponce Memorial Scholarships. Any student residing in the South Wood County area is eligible to apply for the scholarships if they plan on continuing their education in any medical-related program at a post-secondary university or college. Programs must be at least two years in duration to qualify. Recipients are selected based on: scholastic record, financial need, community involvement, school co-curricular activities, work experience, letters of recommendation, and a brief essay stating personal goals.

The 2010 recipients of the Minerva Ponce Memorial Scholarship are Mallory Villeneuve from Lincoln High School and Hannah Osowski from Assumption High School. Ms. Villeneuve plans to pursue a degree in Clinical Laboratory Science at Winona State University. Ms. Osowski will attend Creighton University for coursework leading to a degree in Biomedical Science.

### ***Dr. Elmer and Frances Debus Scholarship***

The Dr. Elmer and Frances Debus Scholarship is made possible through an endowment established by Merrill and Mary Redman. Mary is the daughter of Dr. Elmer and Frances Debus. Dr. Debus moved to Wisconsin Rapids in 1946 and was a physician in the area for 33 years. His emphasis in life was serving people.

Dr. Debus felt strongly that physicians would not be able to do their job nearly as well if it were not for the nurses, technicians, therapists, and assistants who support them, and he wanted to do something to assist them. Therefore, each year, one scholarship in the amount of \$1000 is awarded to a student who plans on continuing their education in a medical support role. Recipients are selected based on: scholastic record, financial need, community involvement, school co-curricular activities, work experience, letters of recommendation, and a brief essay stating personal goals.

Aaron Eichsteadt was selected as the 2010 recipient of the Dr. Elmer and Frances Debus Memorial Scholarship. Aaron plans to attend the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse in the fall to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy.

## *Friends of Riverview*

### *New Donor Wall of Honor to be Completed this Summer*

Because of the generosity of those in our community, Riverview Health Care Foundation's Donor Wall of Honor will receive a facelift this summer. Over the years, the number of donor plaques on the wall has outgrown its original design. The Foundation has partnered with Schulist Custom Cabinets to create a new look to the Donor Wall, which will allow for the addition of more donor plaques and continued growth in the future.

The new Donor Wall of Honor will remain in its original location on the first floor near the Coffee Shop and across from the ATM. Schulist Custom Cabinets has begun work on the individual donor plaques. The project is expected to be finished this summer.

#### *Intent of the Donor Recognition Program*

The financial generosity of the friends of Riverview is greatly appreciated. The Donor Wall of Honor is a public expression of gratitude to those whose contributions assist the Riverview Health Care Foundation in meeting the health needs of this community.

#### *The Donor Wall of Honor*

The Donor Wall of Honor will visually express the cumulative giving of the Friends of Riverview since 1984, the year Riverview Health Care Foundation was chartered. The display will measure approximately 25 by 8.5 feet. Various colored and sized blocks will represent giving levels. As donations of an individual or entity reach a new level, the color or size of the block will change.

#### *Categories of Giving*

Friend	\$1,000-\$4,999	2" X 4" Clear Maple Block
Steward	\$5,000-\$24,999	2" X 4" Cherry Block
Founder	\$25,000-\$99,999	2" X 4" Walnut Block
Humanitarian	\$100,000-\$499,999	2" X 8" Walnut Block
Visionary	\$500,000-\$999,999	4" X 11" Walnut Block
Philanthropist	\$1,000,000+	Special Plaque

*The word philanthropy has its roots in the Greek language meaning "love for mankind". It was never meant to apply only to donors of thousands or millions of dollars.*

– Arthur Frantzreb

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Riverview Health Care Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization raising funds to support Riverview Hospital Association and other community healthcare initiatives. Donations come from individuals, memorial and tribute contributions, major fundraising campaigns, and special events. All donations are tax deductible and coordinated through the Foundation office at (715) 421-7488.

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