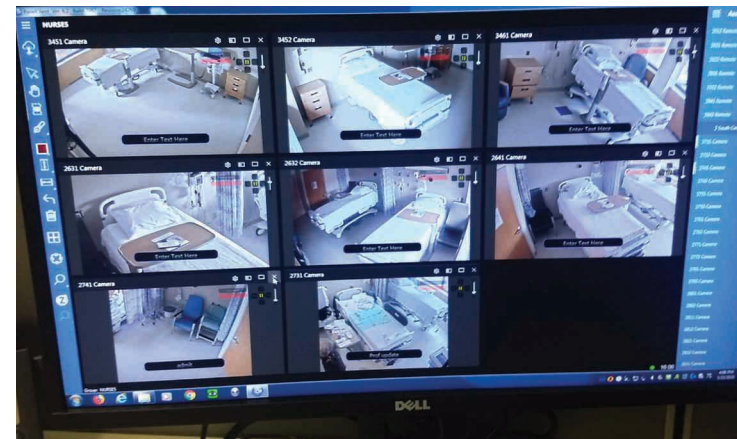


Smart Technology Will Enhance Patient Care

With your support, hospital rooms will be equipped with the most modern technology to keep patients and staff safe not only during the COVID-19 pandemic, but throughout future health care challenges.

Smart technology was always in the plans for the New Wing of the Petoskey Campus, but when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March, McLaren Northern Michigan fast-tracked investments in virtual technology. The Banyan Virtual Care Platform allows medical providers located in different areas of the hospital to round on patients, reducing in-person encounters and increasing safety for patients and their providers.

While not originally intended as an infection control measure, it has proven invaluable to minimize the risk of transmission while allowing caregivers to deliver high-quality care. This technology does not replace hands-on care. It is an additional tool that helps reduce exposure for medical providers and staff, preserves supplies, and provides frequent interaction and comfort to patients.



Virtual Care Platforms provide a clear view of patient rooms and allow for medical team members to check in on patients frequently.

Every patient room at McLaren Northern Michigan will be outfitted with this Virtual Care Platform, including the Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit, Acute Rehabilitation Unit, and the New Wing. In addition, the rooms will be equipped with “Smart Room” technology using high-tech tools that will make the inpatient experience safer, more comfortable, and less-stressful for patients, their families, and the staff who care for them.

The “Smart Room” consists of advanced technology, furniture, and equipment to give patients more control of their environment, greater access to their care team and medical information, increased privacy and safety, new bedside telehealth and virtual nursing care, and many other features.

Engineering requires integration of many components, including software, equipment, furniture, and IT configuration. The total cost of this project is more than \$2 million. Would you consider being a part of this project to keep our patients safer in the coming years?

Every gift counts and will provide McLaren Northern Michigan with the tools to respond to urgent patient needs now and in the future. Please consider a gift to the Equipment and Technology Fund today. If you would like to learn more, give us a call.

A Timely Gift

One couple’s plan 28 years ago serves our hospital today.

In 1992, McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation was notified that Ron and Bettie Fenton had planned for a gift to benefit the hospital in their will. Ron passed away in 1997, and Bettie followed in 2016 at the age of 99. Just a few weeks ago, we were notified that their gift is forthcoming.

Bettie and Ron certainly never could have guessed how impactful their gift would be. They couldn’t have predicted that their commitment 28 years ago would be received at a time when a global pandemic has had such a devastating effect on our economy and our hospital.

This health crisis has profoundly impacted our hospital, and while philanthropy has always played a crucial

role in our history, it will play an even greater role in our future. We invite you to think about all the ways that you can invest in McLaren Northern Michigan, now and in the future.

Giving now will help our patients get the care they need and deserve. Your future gift will ensure that our hospital remains strong for years to come and that we have the resources needed to continue delivering the very best care – despite what the world throws at us.

Please consider joining others who are helping to support future generations by including McLaren Northern Michigan in your will. You can request our estate planning checklist to get organized before speaking with an attorney.

Legacy Society

When you make a future commitment to McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation you will be recognized as a member of our Legacy Society. You will also be recognized as a Friend of the Hospital, with support from the Foundation Nurse Liaison. To learn more about arranging for a planned gift, or if you have already included McLaren Northern Michigan in your will or estate plan, please contact the Foundation office at 231-487-3500.

Thinking about giving a gift through your will?

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts you can make. It could be a gift of a specific asset, a fixed dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate. Or your gift could be the residue of your estate after all gifts have been made to your heirs.

An attorney can easily include a provision in your will that leaves a lasting impact with McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation using the following language:

“After fulfilling all other provisions, I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, a nonprofit organization located at 360 Connable, Petoskey, MI 49770, Federal Tax ID #38-2445611, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for the area of greatest need at the time the gift is received.”



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Your support keeps staff, patients, and our community safe.

Jori Poland, Clinical Manager, Respiratory Therapy, is thankful for the six new ventilators purchased thanks to a generous donor. “I’m so grateful to have these—not only for COVID-19 patients, but for others who need respiratory care. This is an incredible gift to our hospital,” she said.



How Your Gifts Help

Your gifts to the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation are making a difference in the ongoing fight against COVID-19, as well as in all our programs.

Your generosity provides:

- Personal Protective Equipment for staff
- Medical technology
- Medical equipment
- Patient assistance
- Facility upgrades
- Pediatric rehabilitation programs
- Preventative care and wellness initiatives
- Programmatic support
- Hospice care

The entire team at McLaren Northern Michigan appreciates your support—as does every patient who relies on the hospital for their care.



Dear Friends,

We have repeatedly thanked you for the difference you are making through your philanthropy. But today, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the difference you are making feels even more tangible.

Your support of McLaren Northern Michigan over the years has saved thousands of lives. Over the past few months, as we've seen COVID-19 death tolls rise globally and in Michigan, we can say that you make a life-saving impact on our community. Your gifts keep our staff, patients, and community members safe during this crisis.

Since March 16, more than 900 people have donated to the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation to safely combat COVID-19. Gifts have included homemade face masks, nitrile gloves, N95s, food, face shields, isolation gowns, and cash donations to the Emergency Response Fund.

Our entire medical team has been humbled and amazed by the outpouring of support. You'll read more about that in the pages to come.

Thank you for your commitment to McLaren Northern Michigan during this crisis and all that lies ahead. Our hospital is strong because of you!

With gratitude,

Julie Jarema
Interim Chief Development Officer
McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation

Elise F. Hayes
Board Chair
McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation

Your Gifts Make an Immediate Impact

Thank you! Your generosity has made all the difference for staff and patients.

Your compassionate support and quick response to the COVID-19 health crisis is something we will always be grateful for and will never forget. Gifts to the Emergency Response Fund were put to immediate use to purchase 150 powered air purifying respirators (see article below), six new ventilators, a state-of-the-art ultraviolet disinfecting robot, and food and nourishment for staff. Thank you also to everyone who answered the call by donating masks, gloves, gowns, an RV, and other needed supplies.

As we continue to navigate through the days ahead, one thing is certain – McLaren Northern Michigan could not provide the level of superior care it does without YOU. Philanthropy has always

played a critical role in this hospital's history and will have an even greater role in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead.

If you have not given a gift yet, it's not too late. Your support gives every patient and family member peace of mind knowing physicians, nurses, and every member of the care team has the resources they need in times of crisis – whether they are fighting COVID-19 or some other life-threatening illness or injury.

Your generosity makes all the difference as we continue to give our best to every patient who needs us. Thank you for your commitment to the hospital and for helping us keep our community safe.

Do you get our emails?

Each week we send out updates with new information about the hospital, links to important health care updates, ways to maximize your gift, and thank you messages from those you are helping.

Sign up here: mclaren.org/NorthernMichiganFoundation.

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The first shipment of PAPRs arrived in April.



Face Masks for Patients and Their Families: Hundreds of you sewed handmade face masks and donated them to our patients. Thanks to you, each patient and their family member receive a cloth mask upon discharge of our clinics, hospital campuses, and hospice houses.



Safe Patient Rooms: A generous donor funded the purchase of a Xenex robot. This unit uses ultraviolet light to rapidly sterilize surfaces, which allows us to quickly turn over hospital rooms to the next patient without fear of lingering contagions.

Personal Protective Equipment: Our team is so grateful to those of you who donated to help them stay safe while working. Thank you also to Petoskey Plastics for making the isolation gowns shown here for all of our staff.

"I don't know if there is ever going to be a way to express our gratitude. I don't think you could fully understand unless you walked in the shoes of one of our team members. I don't think we can explain it. The fact that all of you stepped up to support us during this time is absolutely amazing."

- Abby Blaskowski, MSN-ED, RN
Clinical Education Specialist



Food for Staff: Several donors sponsored food baskets to be placed in break rooms and at entrances around the hospital to be shared with staff any time. Other donors provided free coffee and meals for the entire Petoskey campus for one month.

Frontline Staff is Safe Because of You!

Thank you for immediately funding powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs)!

On a global and national scale, shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) have left care providers on the frontline unprotected.



Kari Ataman, RN, wrote a letter to many of you asking for your help during the COVID-19 crisis. Hundreds of you responded. Here she is wearing one of the new PAPRs that you provided.

As COVID-19 spread throughout emergency rooms and intensive care units, generous donors (that's YOU) responded immediately with gifts to our Emergency Response Fund. Funds were immediately deployed to purchase new PAPRs which provide greater safety in the fight against COVID-19 and other life-threatening illnesses.

Due to the incredible response from our donors, there are funds available to purchase additional PAPRs in the coming months.

Why are PAPRs important and who wears them?

PAPRs are worn by anyone working in patient care areas who has the potential to come into contact with a contagious disease including COVID-19, the flu, or any other respiratory illness.

What are the benefits of wearing PAPRs?

Before generous donors helped purchase the PAPRs, staff was using N95 masks and face shields. PAPRs reduce exposures to the contaminants in the air and provide more protection than an N-95 mask. Another occupational safety advantage of the PAPR is reduced heart, lung, and heat stress. Because purified air continually flows into the facepiece, it can be worn comfortably for longer time periods.

Here's what one of our nurses had to say about your gift:

"Thank you! These PAPRs are so much more comfortable and we feel safe when caring for COVID patients."

Would you like to give a monthly gift?

Call our office or choose that option on the envelope provided.

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