

# FOUNDATION IN FOCUS

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## MOBILE RADIOLOGY SYSTEMS ARE GIVING US SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT!

### New Roving “Photographers” Are Here!

Radiology technicians are wheeling their way down halls and into patient rooms to take their “picture.” The new mobile x-ray machine is providing high-quality images that are immediately available, which leads to a quicker diagnosis. This was all possible with donor dollars given from people like you.

“We are very grateful to the donors who made this happen,” says Sarah Missler, Lead Radiology Technician. “We are able to get quicker results, provide higher quality images, while exposing patients to less radiation.”

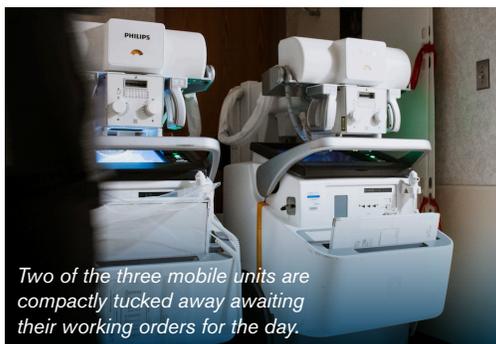
The mobile digital radiology system is ideal in many situations. Consider patients who are critically ill or in the operating room – surgeons get real time images and can make decisions or adjustments immediately. Trauma patients in the ER can be assessed for injury while the doctor is right at the bedside.

“Doctors love the mobile x-ray,” confirms Sarah. “We took a chest x-ray of a trauma patient and the doctor immediately saw the problem and put in a chest tube. They like that we can bring the machine right to them, and for us it is so easy to transport and maneuver.”

“Photos” by the Diagnostic Imaging Department always turn out great on the first take – and you can count on our radiology technicians to provide the smile!



The mobile system is fully extended and prepared to take an x-ray.



Two of the three mobile units are compactly tucked away awaiting their working orders for the day.



## LET'S GET TOGETHER AT THESE SPECIAL EVENTS

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**SATURDAY** | 9:00 a.m.  
**MAY 7, 2022** | Uptown Bay City  
[www.Mclaren.org/BayFoundation5K](http://www.Mclaren.org/BayFoundation5K)

## Dinner AROUND THE WORLD *Event*

**THURSDAY** | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
**JUNE 23, 2022** | The Grand, Essexville  
[www.mclaren.org/BayFoundationDATW](http://www.mclaren.org/BayFoundationDATW)

## Golf for Life Classic

**WEDNESDAY** | 9:00 a.m.  
**AUGUST 3, 2022** | Maple Leaf Golf Course  
[www.Mclaren.org/BayFoundationGolfForLife](http://www.Mclaren.org/BayFoundationGolfForLife)

# LUCAS HAS GOT YOUR ~~BACK~~ (we mean) HEART!

## DONORS HELP SAVE LIVES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

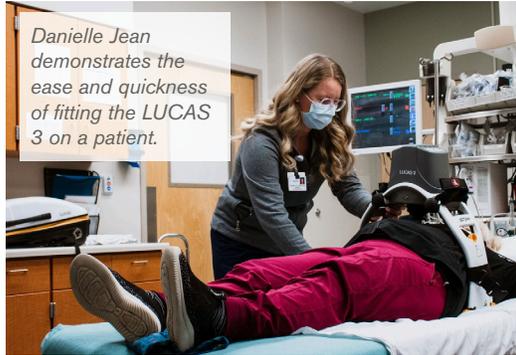
CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is a life-saving procedure that is used every day in emergency health care. Your donor dollars made the delivery of CPR even better by providing two LUCAS 3 Chest Compression Systems to the emergency and critical care departments, plus a third one at the McLaren West Branch emergency department.

LUCAS is like adding another person to the care team – a person who never tires and gives precise compressions every single time. It is designed to help improve outcomes of sudden cardiac arrest victims.

“This device provides quality CPR, while freeing up extra hands to focus on delivering meds to the patient and other life-saving tasks,” explains Danielle Jean, RN, who is the Manager Patient Care Services in the ED. “Plus, a machine does not fatigue like a person does. We humans can only give effective CPR for a couple minutes before we need to switch up with someone else.”

LUCAS is strapped onto the patient, a backboard gives firm support, and their hands are fastened to the device so their arms are secured and not in the way of treatment. If emergency defibrillation is required during the process of CPR, the electric pulse can be administered without having to use precious time to remove the device.

“It’s super cool,” says Danielle with enthusiasm. “It’s a simple two-piece device and it saves lives. We love it.”



The device may look simple, but it is full of technology that allows for custom settings and powerful battery life.



The device, which includes a firm backboard, is efficiently packed in a hard case backpack that can be easily carried to any part of the hospital or emergency department.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GEM?

### INTRODUCING A NEW WAY TO GIVE

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You can become a GEM by choosing to Give Every Month!

Why give a monthly gift? It is affordable, easy and impactful.

To find out more about how you can sign up to become a GEM, check out all the details and FAQs at:

[www.mclaren.org/bayfoundationGEM](http://www.mclaren.org/bayfoundationGEM).

Or, as always, feel free to contact Lynn Weaver, Vice President of McLaren Bay Medical Foundation at:

[Lynn.Weaver@mclaren.org](mailto:Lynn.Weaver@mclaren.org) or 989.895.4728

## SPRING MEMORIAL TREE CELEBRATION



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25  
7:00 P.M.**

The Spring Memorial Tree program is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm at the hospital cafeteria.

You can be part of this event by making a special tribute gift in memory or honor of someone dear to you. The names of your loved ones will be read at the ceremony and light refreshments will be served.

For more details or to participate, you can go to [www.mclaren.org/bayfoundationmemorialtree](http://www.mclaren.org/bayfoundationmemorialtree). If you would like to receive a hard copy brochure with more information on how to participate, please contact Jessica Gregory at 989-895-4727 or [jessica.gregory@mclaren.org](mailto:jessica.gregory@mclaren.org).

***A memory is a special gift that survives.***



# PHILANTHROPY BEHIND THE SCENES

## Definition of Philanthropy:

*Goodwill to fellow members of the human race; The desire to promote the welfare of others; Giving money for a purpose or cause benefiting people who you don't personally know.*

Our community is blessed with hundreds of philanthropists who give to so many worthy causes. We want to highlight one wonderful couple for you – Walter and Carol Weinlander.

Carol and her late husband, Walter, are long-time supporters of our local community. They gave their first gift to McLaren Bay Medical Foundation 29 years ago. Today, Carol continues the tradition of giving that she and Walter started.

"If you have a little extra, why not give a little extra," says Carol. "This is my home, my town, and I feel that is where you should give. I believe in giving locally. I believe in McLaren Bay Region – I was born in this hospital!"

Carol admits to being a "behind the scenes" type of philanthropist. "We didn't want any fanfare or attention," she states. The patients and staff at McLaren Bay Region may not know about the "behind the scenes" support being given by Carol today, however, they benefit from it greatly.

We are so grateful that Carol chooses to make the world a better place through McLaren Bay Medical Foundation. We promise all our donors to use your contributions wisely and resourcefully – and we look forward to continuing to share the great impact you make every day.



Carol & Walt Weinlander

*Note: We are sad to announce that Carol passed away on March 1, 2022, after the writing of this article. The staff and board of McLaren Bay Medical Foundation sends their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Carol. Again, we thank Walter and Carol for their years of commitment and support.*

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

### DOING WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"You name it, I do it!" That's the attitude that Mary Alice Cornejo comes with to report for duty as a Helen M. Nickless Clinic volunteer. Over her nearly 15 years volunteering at the clinic, she has performed many tasks like collecting patients' financial information, greeting patients, and preparing charts and filing. Without a clinical background, Mary Alice wasn't sure what she could do to help, but she knew she just had to do something. She quickly found that there was a task for just about anyone and that medical knowledge wasn't necessary.

Early on, Mary Alice was at the clinic every week giving of her time and talents. As life changed, she wasn't able to come as often, but has always found a way to stay involved. She now comes at least twice a month, and advocates in the community about the benefits of the clinic.

Her favorite part of volunteering at the clinic is the people – she loves working alongside dedicated nurses and other volunteers like herself, and meeting and helping patients. She's heard many stories of struggle and feels good that she can play a small part in their relief. As she encourages

others to get involved, Mary Alice says that she believes we all have a purpose and everybody has something to give.

Volunteering is a work of heart and a profound expression of love – love for others, love for life, love for community, and love for self. We like to think of our volunteers like Mary Alice, as "love in motion..." giving life to the service of others.

### DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Volunteers are needed at the Nickless Clinic. All you need is a little time, compassion, and kindness. We can teach you the rest! The time commitment can be as much or as little as you want it to be. The advantage of having a robust volunteer pool is knowing that some volunteers will be here every week, but some might only be able to come twice a year and that's okay.

For more information about volunteering, contact Terri Gaiser, Volunteer Clinic Program Coordinator, at 989-895-4664 or [terri.gaiser@mclaren.org](mailto:terri.gaiser@mclaren.org)



Volunteer Mary Alice Cornejo has been making a difference for over 15 years.



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## DOING THIS TOGETHER

**A MESSAGE FROM THE  
VICE PRESIDENT**



I have this sign hanging on my office wall at the Foundation. I've always believed that a strong community is essential. A healthy community is now more important than ever. And a vibrant community gives us our personality and character.

**TOGETHER WE  
CAN HELP  
ENSURE A  
STRONG, HEALTHY  
AND VIBRANT  
COMMUNITY  
FOR ALL!**

However, the most important word on this sign is TOGETHER. We can only do all these things by working together.

I am so grateful for YOU. You have made it possible for our community to grow strong, healthy and vibrant. Because of you, our hospital system is available to all and brings you the best care. We did it together.

In this issue of Foundation In Focus, you will see how innovative technology helps to save lives. You will learn about how individuals in our community are making a significant difference with their donations of time and money. You will understand how all this is only accomplished by working TOGETHER.

Thank you for your help. Thank you for your donations. Thank you for ensuring our community hospital will always be here to provide you the absolute best care.

**Lynn Weaver, Vice President of Philanthropy**  
*McLaren Bay Medical Foundation*

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