

SPRING 2021

# FOUNDATION CONNECTION

*The Cole Foundation is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to supporting and enhancing the work of UPMC Cole as it serves its communities by promoting awareness of needs and goals and identifying and connecting donors to those needs.*

## OB/GYN Doctors Give Back

The Cole Foundation received a generous donation from our Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians. The providers recognize the importance of beginning to read aloud to children at a young age and provided funds to supply each child born at UPMC Cole with a book. Reading to children teaches a baby about communication, builds listening, memory, and vocabulary skills, and provides an opportunity for bonding with baby. James Clark, MD states "We strive to provide the best experience for our patients, and this should continue at home." Ethan Gable, MD is a father of 4 and tells us that he values the time he is able to spend reading to his children. "Reading is a great educational activity that builds a good habit for years to come." Thank you, Dr. Gable and Dr. Clark, for your donation and your commitment to our patients at UPMC Cole.

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# Local Money Stays Local

## Cole Foundation funds new furniture with your donations

Thank you to the many donors of the Cole Foundation who made it possible to enhance the living room furniture at Cole Manor. Cole Manor, part of UPMC Senior Communities, is located on Maple Street in Coudersport, PA. Cole Manor offers the best in personal care services in an environment designed to replicate many of the features of the home.



Cole Manor is a personal care facility with apartment-style resident rooms. Residents are welcome to personalize their living area and can use the facility's furniture or bring their own. Residents of Cole Manor have the freedom to come and go as they please, with the peace of mind that their personal and health care needs will be taken care of.

Cole Manor encourages continued independence through individualized wellness and personal care. Team members are available 24-hours a day for help with bathing, dressing, medication distribution, or other activities. Cole Manor provides personal care services that enable residents to continue to function as independently as possible.

"My grandmother lived the last few years of her life at Cole Manor, and I will never forget the compassionate, loving care she received there. It brought me great joy to be able to give back to Cole Manor in hopes of making their home a little bit more comfortable for them. I am very passionate about continuing to enhance this facility and to work with the Cole Foundation board on ways we can do so." Andrea Streich, Executive Director of the Cole Foundation.



## Lydia's Lots of Love

In 2018, Coudersport Elementary School 2nd grader Lydia Tingley made a New Year's resolution. Three years later, we continue to see the outpouring of love demonstrated by this young lady. On Monday, May 10th, Lydia asked to meet the Director of the Patterson Cancer Care Center, Michelle Gaida, and Executive Director of the Cole Foundation, Andrea Streich, to present gifts that she asked to be handed out to cancer patients who are coming into the facility for treatments. Lydia has coined her mission "Lydia's Lots of Love" to show those patients with cancer, that someone cares for them, loves them, and is hopeful that their days will soon be brighter. Each item Lydia thoughtfully picked out, was purchased through donations that Lydia collected from the local community. Thank you so much, Lydia, for being a great example to others and bringing a smile to the face of over 50 patients at the Patterson Cancer Care Center!



Lydia's Lots of  
LOVE

*Left: Andrea Streich, Executive Director; Lydia Tingley; Michelle Gaida, Director, Cancer Services*

## Looking Glass Gift Shop

The Looking Glass Gift shop is now open Monday – Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm. We thank Lisa Bretz, Faye Furman, Judy Mottershead, Patrice Levavasseur, Lori Klinedinst, Pat Errick, Karen Robinson, and Laura Geiser for volunteering and allowing our doors to be open again for our employees, patients, and visitors.



Only by giving  
are you able to  
receive more  
than you  
already have.





## Honor Your Caregiver



The Cole Foundation received a donation through the Honor Your Caregiver program to recognize Speech Language Pathologist, Amy Greene. Amy was recognized by Dr. and Mrs. Peter Ryan for the excellent care she provides each and every day. Amy has been busy throughout this challenging year, yet she maintains a positive and compassionate demeanor while ensuring her patients receive quality care.

Above: Rehab Office Manager, Chrissy Tingley; Amy Greene; Andrea Streich, Executive Director

We make a  
living by  
what we get.  
We make a  
life by what  
we give.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

## VFW Gives to Employees

On behalf of the Austin VFW Post #7810, Lyle Dynda recently presented the Cole Foundation with a \$2,000 check to honor UPMC Cole staff for their commitment to the community. This donation will provide snacks and drinks for all employees at the hospital's entrances to show staff that the community is thankful for their unselfish roles at UPMC Cole. Thank you so much, Austin VFW, for remembering our awesome healthcare workers!

Right: Lyle Dynda and Andrea Streich, Executive Director





# Operation Appreciation



The Cole Foundation's 2021 Operation Appreciation Campaign is currently underway. Operation Appreciation is a simple way for our community to say Thank You to our local veterans for the sacrifices they have made. Join our Cole Family by decorating our hospital campus with American flags to show our love, honor, and respect to local veterans. Each gift will be acknowledged with a specially designed card to the person being honored or to the family of the memorialized loved one. Donations may be made by calling 814-274-5520.





The Heart of Cole Employee Giving Club is a club organized by employees at UPMC Cole to provide support to each other and the future of UPMC Cole. Employees determine the amount of their tax-deductible donation and how they would like it distributed. One of the areas that employees can donate to is the Humanitarian Fund.

The Humanitarian Fund provides monetary assistance to employees for personal loss due to a natural disaster, injury, extended illness, or death. An application is filled out by any employee and a recipient can receive up to \$1,000 a year. Once the application is submitted, an anonymous committee reviews the needs and votes on funding. All identifying information of the employee is removed from the application so that everyone is evaluated equally.

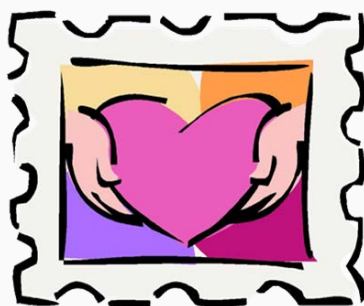
In the past year, 14 employees have received funds through the Humanitarian Fund totaling \$14,500. These funds have helped employees with funeral expenses, food and clothes for a family of 5 after a devastating fire, transportation to Pittsburgh's Children Hospital due to premature birth of a child, a mortgage payment after a life-threatening cancer diagnosis and help with health insurance premiums when the employee was on an extended medical leave of absence due to cancer.

The Cole Foundation would like to thank all those employees who donate to this wonderful fund. Thank you for caring for others and being so generous to those who are in great need!

Please contact Andrea Streich if you would like to enroll in giving to this wonderful program!

**"WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE VERY GENEROUS GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US. DURING HARD TIMES LIKE THIS, THESE KINDS OF THINGS REALLY MAKE THINGS EASIER. I HOPE TO RETURN TO WORK AFTER THIS HILL I AM CLIMBING."**

**- HUMANITARIAN RECIPIENT AND WIFE**



**"THANK YOU FOR THE EXTREMELY GENEROUS FINANCIAL GIFT. EVERYONE AT COLE HAS BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE AND CARING. IT REALLY MAKES ME APPRECIATE WORKING WITH SUCH A WONDERFUL GROUP OF PEOPLE."**

**- HUMANITARIAN RECIPIENT**



# Thank You, Donors!

Thank You For Your Generous Donations made throughout the month of April.

## COLE PLACE (SNR) ACTIVITIES

TERRY AND MARY ERWAY

## GENERAL

### IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS DUBOIS

PATRICK AND KAREN LARSEN

### IN MEMORY OF JIM MARZO

JASON AND ANDREA STREICH

## HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

THE BIRTHDAY GIRLS

### IN MEMORY OF ROY SMITH

KATHRYN PHALON

## HONOR YOUR CAREGIVER

### IN HONOR OF AMY GREENE

DR. AND MRS. PETER RYAN

Giving is not  
just about  
making a  
donation. It is  
about making  
a difference.

KATHY CALVIN

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