

WOMEN OF VISION FUNDED GRANTS 2025

OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION

Program/Project: Lymphedema Treatment Supplies

Amount Funded: \$3,000

Executive Summary:

Many women in our community cannot afford the appropriate wraps used to decrease swelling. These specialized bandages help decrease their edema to the point it allows them to utilize a compression garment. This makes normal mobility and function more feasible, which overall improves their quality of life. Outpatient rehabilitation served 30 women in 2024 and projected to serve the same amount in 2025. (Bandages are approximately \$75 for an arm and \$90 for a leg)

BONE AND BREAST CENTER

Program/Project: Breast Cancer Awareness Gifts

Amount Funded: \$2,500

Executive Summary: The Bone and Breast Center provides small gifts as a sign of our appreciation for patients choosing Riverview Health for their mammogram during the month of October. These gifts help raise awareness and set us apart from our competition in the area. They also help to reinforce to our patients that they are special to our facility. Bone and Breast completed mammograms to 1,148 patients and they hope to increase this in 2025. A portion of the gifts are funded through the Bone and Breast Center's budget.

BONE AND BREAST CENTER

Program/Project: Breast Cancer Patient Support

Amount Funded: \$5,000

Executive Summary: Many women diagnosed with breast cancer experience financial difficulty during their treatment period. Women may need to reduce hours at work, may need to take FMLA, and/or exceed their paid time off and not get a full paycheck. Additionally, women are experiencing the impact of medical bills. Currently, Riverview Health refers women to other resources in the community that provide financial support. At this time, these resources have become more limited, and the Bone and Breast Center would like to bridge the gap for these patients. The Bone and Breast Center is seeking funding in the amount of \$5,000 to support 10 women who are experiencing financial hardship this year. Riverview Health Foundation will collaborate directly with our nurse navigator to meet the needs of the patient and not exceed \$500.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: Pregnancy and Infant Loss

Requested Funded: \$2,500

Executive Summary: Riverview Health wants to continue to provide excellent care for our bereaved patients. This program provides ongoing education to not only the Maternity Center staff, but any staff that is in contact with a patient that is experiencing a loss of a pregnancy. We, as staff of the Maternity Center, will be responsible to provide education and support to other staff in the hospital when the loss of a pregnancy occurs. We have offered support by creating mementos and photos that the families take home in memory of infants that have passed away due to stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, and neonatal death. Through this grant they provide literature to the families and provide yard signs, with their baby's name, to our parents that recognize Pregnancy and Infant Loss month in October. There are multiple ways the staff engage with a support group, memorial services and will be hosting a new memorial walk in October. Additional funds will be utilized to provide kits for the ER/Urgent Care off site locations. These kits will contain education materials about what to expect from a miscarriage as well as comfort supplies to ease the miscarriage process. (This program utilizes other resources in the community. It is very impactful to the family.)

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: Adolescent Peer Pregnancy Support Group

Amount Funded: \$500

Executive Summary: The purpose of this grant is to build community through an adolescent peer pregnancy support group. This group provides a stable, welcoming environment for teens to engage in activities with peers, medical professionals, and others to create an environment of support. They play educational games and let the winner pick from toys, clothing or supplies needed for their baby. We often have our teen moms express how meaningful and helpful this group is, and they enjoy being able to see other moms in the same situation. We help them manage the stress of parenting while attending school, work, or dealing with families. They voice this group provides a safe place to ask any questions.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: Maternity Services (Lactation support, Sleep sacks, Period of Purple Crying, Car seats, Newborn holiday hats, Natural labor support)

Amount Funded: \$4,300

Executive Summary: To educate new parents on the importance of safe sleep practices to reduce SUIDS (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome): to decrease/eliminate shaken baby syndrome in central Indiana and to educate parents about what normal crying is for infants: to continue to increase initiation and continuation rates of breastfeeding. There are numerous items in the grant that support the overall well-being of babies. This grant will help our staff implement training on SUIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome (Period of Purple Crying Program) and natural birth

and lactation support for new parents prior to the family leaving the hospital. The maternity department will provide sleep sacks for all families and car seats if needed.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Program/Project: New Birth Announcement Board

Amount Funded: \$1,000 (New Project)

Executive Summary: The Maternity Center is seeking a grant to create and implement a newborn announcement board that will celebrate new arrivals, foster community connections, and enhance the birthing experience for families. This project will serve approximately 550 families annually who utilize our maternity services, while also creating a welcoming and joyful environment for family visitors and staff. The birth of a child is one of life's most significant milestones. At Riverview Health, we provide medical care for this transition but recognize here is an opportunity to better celebrate these joyful moments and create lasting memories for families.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Lymphedema/Compression

Amount Funded: \$4,000

Executive Summary: Lymphedema is a medical condition characterized by swelling in one or more extremities typically following cancer treatments, especially breast cancer. One of the lymph nodes are removed during treatment, the body's ability to remove fluid is compromised. The goal of this grant is to make sure patients undergoing lymphedema treatment at Riverview Rehab and Fitness or the Wound Center can afford compression garments to assist with long term control of this chronic condition.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Wig Program

Amount Funded: \$3,000

Executive Summary: There are many women in our community that are undergoing chemotherapy due to cancer that will lose their hair, and they may not have the capacity to pay for a wig or head covering. The Women's Boutique will provide women that show financial need with a free wig or head covering (hat or cap). Currently, Medicare does not cover cranial prosthetics for cancer patients.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Breast Cancer Post Surgery Garment Program

Amount Funded: \$3,300

Executive Summary: This grant makes sure no breast cancer patient leaves Riverview Health without post-op garments after having a Mastectomy. All women who have breast surgery at Riverview Health will go home with a post-surgery garment. After breast surgery, a woman is left with several tubes and drainage bulbs that simply hang

from their body. The post-surgery garment is a soft cotton bra/camisole that not only allows a pocket to hold the drainage tubes and bulbs but also has a soft puff where her breast is missing.

WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE

Program/Project: Breast Prosthesis

Amount Funded: \$5,700

Executive Summary: There are women in our community that have had a Mastectomy due to breast cancer but are uninsured or underinsured. These breast cancer patients may not be able to afford a post mastectomy breast prosthesis or specially made bras to support the prosthesis. The Women's Boutique would like to provide women that have had a mastectomy and show financial need with a free silicone breast prosthesis and bra.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Program/Project: Touch of Love

Amount Funded: \$15,000

Executive Summary: Touch of Love is facilitated by numerous volunteers at Riverview Health and in the community that knit or crochet items for our patients and new babies. The volunteers provide blankets, wraps, pillows, for patients and newborns. Riverview Health has experienced an increase in patients/families, approximately 50%, who meet the qualifications for WIC. 373 babies were born at Riverview Health and 224 received Baby Bags filled with much needed items for the babies. 33 Baby Bags were given to families who had a preemie baby. The bags consist of the following items that are purchased; 1 crib blanket, 2 receiving blankets, 2 burp cloths, 2 bibs, 2 pairs of socks, 1 mitten set, 1 sleeper (0-3 months), 1 sleeper (3-6 months), 1 hooded bath towel, 1 changing pad and a handmade, sweater, hat, booties, and blanket. Touch of Love impacts the following departments: emergency room, Courtney Cox Cole Infusion Center, Surgery, Bone and Breast Center, Pediatrics and Maternity.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Program/Project: Rise Team Lavender Cart

Amount Funded: \$1,000 (New Project)

Executive Summary: The Wellness Committee and RISE (Resiliency in Stressful Events) Team request funding for a "Lavendar Cart" for staff at Riverview Health in Noblesville. This cart would be available to provide tactile and emotional support during stressful situations. This funding would include the cart, as well as items (crayons/coloring sheets, pop-its/fidgets, mints/gum, scented lotion or aromatherapy sticks, chocolate/candy, stress balls, bubbles, playdough/puffy, earplugs, affirmation cards, etc.

BONE & BREAST CENTER

Program/Project: Bone and Breast Center Refresh

Amount Funded: \$30,000 (New Project)

Executive Summary: The Bone and Breast Center is requesting funding to refresh and improve the aesthetics of their space. The goal of this project is to add seating, remove old wallpaper, add décor, install coffee bar, refresh patient waiting rooms, install new laminate tops, etc.

The team members of Bone and Breast are working with the facilities staff and vendors to provide a detailed quote for services.