

# Foundation Insider

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*THANK YOU! As the Chairman of the Washington Health System Foundation Board of Directors, I am grateful for your involvement in the Foundation. It takes so many of us to join together to make an impact. I believe everyone has a story to share; about where you have been, where you are now and where you are going. We are working to share our story as a health system and fundraising organization with all of you and we invite you to share yours. In this inaugural issue of the Foundation Insider, you will see the impact you are making on our community. Our hope is that you see these acts of generosity and kindness and they encourage you to be further engaged with us.*

*Jana*



WHS Foundation Board Chairman, Jana Phillis Grimm

## Phase I of CARE Center for Family Birth and Women's Health Complete

As I stood alone in the quiet of the new lobby of the CARE Center for Family Birth, I felt so many emotions: calm, proud and excited. I thought of the last several years and the planning and hard work that went in to every little detail of this project. I also began to reflect on those who supported the campaign to make this new Center a reality. I thought of those who could see the vision and understand the investment they were making in the future of our hospital and our health system but most importantly our community. It was my privilege to be a part of numerous unveilings and open house tours over the course of a week in August.



Although it was full of long days and many details and logistics, it was an amazing time of celebration. I met members of our community, which included women who were expecting a baby and would soon utilize these new services. I talked with employees I had known for years and those I met for the first time. There were volunteers, members of the medical staff, community members who work for local organizations and non-profits. I was introduced to so very many amazing people. One common theme encircled that week – enthusiasm. Each person I spoke with was enthusiastic about the changes, excited about the investment made in our hospital for today and far in to the future. Just like myself, a woman's first over-night stay in a hospital is typically when she delivers a baby or when she experiences a gynecologic surgery – we want that first impression to be the best. We want you to think of WHS when you need our services.

Thank you to the hundreds of individuals and organizations who contributed to this project. You invested in so much more than walls and paint – you invested in the present and the future experience of women, their significant others, partners and families in our community.



*Sara*



Sara A. Schumacher, CFRE  
Executive Director  
Washington Health System  
Foundation

WHS President and CEO,  
Brook Ward:



Thank you for being an advocate, donor, friend and an important part of the WHS family. Your continuous commitment helps us to provide our communities with great patient care.

Supporting our Foundation is one of the many ways in which you can and do impact our health system to further offer these valuable services. In my new role as President and CEO, I look forward to providing you with information pertaining to our health system and showcasing our patients, donors, staff, medical staff, volunteers and programs.

*Brook*

## The Washington Hospital & Washington Hospital Greene

# Auxiliary News

Both the Washington Hospital and WHS Greene Auxiliary organizations have deep roots and a rich history of dedicated community members giving back to our communities in a big way – both of their time and helping to raise money for their respective hospitals.

Since its inception in 1923, the Washington Hospital Auxiliary, led by current president Mrs. Jean Cline, has donated more than \$6 million to Washington Hospital. These donations are used to fund projects, such as purchasing new A/V equipment, acquiring new medical equipment, and with their most recent gift of \$825,000, helping renovate the new CARE Center for Family Birth and Women’s Health.

This group raises money through a specialty gift shop, which is all volunteer-led, the snack cart that circulates throughout the hospital, raffle sales and of course numerous sales to include candy, clothing, purses, shoes, home goods and more.

The WHS Greene Hospital Auxiliary, led by current president, Mrs. Mary Zollars, was established in 1921 when the hospital was called Waynesburg Hospital. There have been several owners since that time until being acquired by Washington Health System in 2015.

The WHS Greene Auxiliary has donated more than \$105,000 to Greene Hospital since 2015. These donations have been used to purchase enhancements to the lobby, wheelchairs, Vocera - a communication system for family members, monitors, a bladder scanner and educational items.

This group raises money through their specialty lobby shop, the Cherry Door - a thrift shop run by volunteers only, raffles and sales of candy, clothing, purses, shoes and more.

Please refer to the [Connections Magazine](#) for more details on these two great organizations and the amazing volunteers who are committed to helping to provide great patient care at WHS.



**Auxiliary Sales**

All sales are located in TWH Community Room or Greene’s Guesman Room unless noted.

Hours: 7:00 AM—4:00 PM unless noted.

**OCTOBER**

- ◆ October 31 & November 1—Carol’s Dips—(8 AM—4 PM) - *Washington*

**NOVEMBER**

- ◆ November 6—Uniform Sale—*Greene*
- ◆ November 7 & 8—Uniform Sale (7 AM—5 PM; 2nd day: 7 AM—2 PM) - *Washington*
- ◆ November 14 & 15—.925 Silver Jewelry Sale—*Washington*
- ◆ November 25 & 26—Sweet Treats—*Washington*

**DECEMBER**

- ◆ December 2—13: Basket Raffle—*Washington Upper Lobby*
- ◆ December 2 & 3—Collective Goods—*Washington Surgical Services II*
- ◆ December 5 & 6—Applelicious—*Washington Surgical Services II*
- ◆ December 10 & 11—The Fudge Guy—(9 AM—4 PM) - *Greene Lobby*
- ◆ December 19 & 20—Masquerade Jewelry—(7 AM—5 PM; 2nd day: 7 AM—4 PM) - *Washington Surgical Services II*



## *The 2019 Millicent Gabriel Scholarship Winner*

*Congratulations,  
Erin Allison!*



*Erin*

Giving back truly does make a difference. A good example of this is in the scholarships provided to our School of Nursing students. In 2017, Art Gabriel and his wife, Meryl, established the Millicent Gabriel scholarship in honor of Art's mother. We interviewed this year's Gabriel Scholarship recipient, Erin Allison, about her student experience and what financial support means to her and her future plans. Natalie Chaido, WHS Foundation Development Manager, interviewed Erin to discuss her future plans with the dual scholarships.

### You have your Bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock. Why go back to nursing school?

*I have always loved helping people, and I had reached a point in my life where I realized that nursing was the best way to do that and was something I could be passionate about. I decided a bit later in my time as a student at Slippery Rock that I wanted to do nursing, so it made sense to finish out my Public Health degree and then attend an accelerated nursing program. There are also many job opportunities for someone with a public health and nursing degree since there is a branch of nursing that combines the two i.e. a public health nurse. I could work in a multitude of settings such as community health centers, clinics, schools, patient homes, etc. and see different populations of patients.*

### In what area would you like to focus on after completing your degree? Future plans?

*I think I would like to work in a labor and delivery or postpartum unit. I loved my rotation in the labor and delivery unit. This was where I felt most confident with my skills and enjoyed my time the most. My future plans definitely include going back to school for my bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. I would also like to become a nurse practitioner in the future and specialize in women's health.*

### What does receiving scholarship money mean to you?

*I am currently paying off my student loans from my bachelors and receiving this scholarship has significantly reduced my financial concerns in paying for my nursing degree. My academic success is important to me and not having to worry about my financial status will allow me to focus on my schooling and continue working toward becoming a registered nurse.*

### Anything you can say about the education & experience you've gotten so far from WHS School of Nursing?

*There is a lot of material to cover in such a short amount of time since the program is only 16 months. The instructors do an excellent job at making sure we have all of the educational content that we need in the classroom to carry over with us to the clinical floor to provide quality patient care. They are also good at ensuring that we as students get patients with a variety of health concerns that we are able to provide different types of care for so that we are prepared as new nurses when we graduate. I personally feel that I've had both good clinical and classroom experiences through the WHS School of Nursing.*

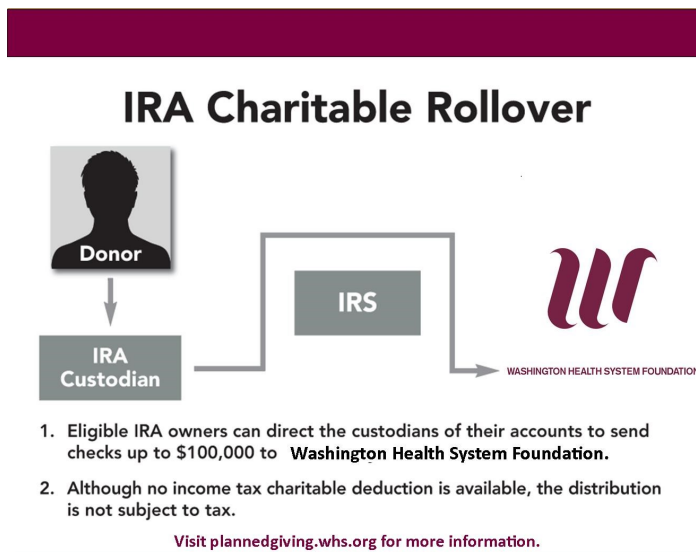
Congratulations to Erin from the WHS Foundation!

## Make a Gift Tax-Free With an IRA: A Tax-Saving Way to Help Washington Health System Foundation

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit Washington Health System Foundation and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD, for short.

### Why Consider This Gift?

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution for the year, your IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement.



FAQ's (Complete list of FAQ's at <https://plannedgiving.whs.org/ira-charitable-rollover>) or [click here](#).

Q. When do I need to make my gift?

A. *We must receive your gift by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year.*

Q. I have two charities I want to support. Can I give \$100,000 from my IRA to each?

A. *No. Under the law, you can give a maximum of \$100,000. For example, you can give each organization \$50,000 this year or any other combination that totals \$100,000 or less.*

Q. My spouse and I would like to give more than \$100,000. How can we do that?

A. *If you have a spouse (as defined by the IRS) who is 70½ or older and has an IRA, he or she can also give up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA.*

### Next Steps

- Contact Ken Elliott at (724) 229-2701 or [kelliott@whs.org](mailto:kelliott@whs.org) for additional information on giving an IRA gift.
- Seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor.
- Ask your IRA administrator about making a direct transfer to the Foundation or have the administrator send a check from your account to us. (To be tax free, the donation must go directly from your account to the Foundation without passing through your hands.)
- Explore other planned giving options, including Charitable Gift Annuities that provide you with dependable income during retirement while supporting our mission, visit our online planned giving site <https://plannedgiving.whs.org/>.

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Congratulations to Natalie Chaido, former Development Coordinator in the WHS Foundation. She was promoted to the Development Manager effective October 1, 2019. Natalie has been with the Foundation for 15 years. We wish her the very best in her new role!

## Event Insights



### SPORTING CLAY SHOOT WASHINGTON HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION

The WHS Foundation held our annual Sporting Clay Shoot on August 2nd, 2019, at Hunting Hills in Dilliner PA. We raised \$61,000 and had 174 shooters participate. Thank you to all our sponsors including event sponsors, Washington Auto Mall and Washington Financial.

Mark your calendar for next year's Clay Shoot  
August 7, 2020



This year's Charity Ball theme was "Vegas, Baby" and the tickets sold quickly! The event raised more than \$140,000 and we celebrated a sold out crowd again for the third year in a row.

The proceeds of this year's Ball will be used for the reconstruction of Washington Hospital's Obstetrics and Gynecological Unit- the only Obstetrics unit in Washington and Greene counties.

Thank you to everyone who supported and/or attended the event!

Mark your calendar for next year's Charity Ball

March 28, 2020

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this event?

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Become a **Friend for All Seasons** at <https://3207.thankyou4caring.org> or call 724-223-3875.



**The Orchard Society** is a circle of Washington Health System Foundation donors who make annual gifts of \$250 or more to support our mission to provide great patient care in our community.

All **Orchard Society** members are recognized on the Donor Recognition Plaque in Washington Hospital.



**The 1897 Society** is a group of philanthropists who support Washington Health System Foundation through an initial gift of \$10,000 or more over three years.

**1897 Society** members attend exclusive recognition and educational events and are recognized on the Donor Recognition Plaque in Washington Hospital.



### Heritage Society

**Heritage Society** members make a lasting impact to ensure Washington Health System services continue for future generations with a planned gift. There are many options to making a planned gift, including bequests.

Explore planned gift options at <https://plannedgiving.whs.org> or call 724-223-3875.

MAKE A DONATION

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Save these dates

- March 28, 2020  
89th Charity Ball
- August 7, 2020  
16th Sporting Clay  
Shoot

The Washington Health System Foundation is dedicated to keeping you informed and give you an "Insiders" view about what is important and relevant to you regarding our non-profit organization. This newsletter will cover information about grants, scholarships, events, and more. We believe it is valuable to not only share such information with our donors, but with employees, sponsors, and our community as well. Please share this newsletter with your friends and family. E-news bulletins will be delivered to your preferred email address by [foundation@whs.org](mailto:foundation@whs.org) and posted on the Washington Health System Facebook page. To be removed from our newsletter list or to be added to our newsletter list, email us at [foundation@whs.org](mailto:foundation@whs.org). We would love to receive feedback on what you thought of our newsletter! We welcome your suggestions. Please visit us at <https://whs.org/foundation> Email: [foundation@whs.org](mailto:foundation@whs.org)

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### WASHINGTON HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION

#### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of Washington Health System Foundation is to generate present and future charitable resources to support Washington Health System in providing high quality health care services to the people it serves.*

## TELL YOUR STORY

Everyone has a story inside of them  
that can inspire another person

*Will you share yours?*

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