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Community Hospital Anderson was built by our community, and we have not forgotten our heritage. It continues to take a team of dedicated volunteers, employees, nurses, and physicians for Community Hospital Anderson to grow and thrive. We remain steadfast in our mission to care for the community that built us. Exceptional Care. Simply Delivered.

Together, we are Community.
Dear Friends of the Foundation:

This Annual Impact Report celebrates you and all that we have accomplished together. You partnered with Community Hospital Anderson, our Foundation, and our employees to positively impact the lives of countless people.

As you will see in this magazine, the results have been remarkable. Together we have started the Community Farm, began a program that gives hope to women dealing with crises, created a serenity garden, purchased equipment that is vital to the health and wellness of our friends, family, and neighbors, and much more!

New opportunities arise each day, and we look forward to sharing in more accomplishments with you throughout the course of this year! Please continue using your imagination, seeing solutions, and having a positive impact. We accomplish so much more with your help!

With warm and joyful regards,

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Community Hospital Anderson’s campus sits on more than 120 acres of land at the edge of Anderson’s city limits, giving the hospital the perfect opportunity to implement a farm on hospital grounds. Community Hospital Anderson will be the first hospital in the state to have an in-ground farm located on its campus.

“The idea was to expand the Employee Garden project into a Community Farm that can grow more food for the hospital and community. That’s when I was brought on board as a full time farm project coordinator to develop the farm,” Christine Davies said.

Davies graduated from Purdue in 2016 with a degree in Dietetics. While she was in school, she was involved in agriculture at the Purdue Student Farm and learned small farm techniques. She was able to use these programs as examples to help put together the plans for Community Farm.

One of Community Farm’s goals will be to distribute fresh produce to patients. This will involve working with dietitians, primary care providers, and other integral staff to implement the process of farm-to-table, while also providing education to help patients learn

Two years ago, a small group of Community Hospital Anderson employees came together to plant a garden by the employee entrance. What started out as two raised garden beds quickly grew to six throughout the growing season. The employee garden became a huge success by providing fresh vegetables for employees to take home. By the end of the first year, the garden totaled 28 raised beds. This hard work and dedication grew into the vision for a Community Farm.

3000 lbs total produce from the garden since 2016

Community Farm

The Community Garden inspired the vision for the Community Farm.

Christine Davies, Farm Project Coordinator
how to eat healthy. This year the farm will be supplying a variety of fresh tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers to Café 15fifteen. It will also grow onions, squash, winter squash, and beans. Davies calculated that the farm should produce at least 200 pounds of produce per week for the hospital kitchen, and an average of 200 pounds per week for overall patient and community distribution from late July to early October. There are also plans to grow pollenless sunflowers for patient rooms, along with other flowers that can be made into bouquets for the hospital gift shop.

After a year of strategizing, planning, and researching, 2018 will see the kick-off for Community Farm. While it is still a work in progress, Davies has plans for continued growth and purpose for the farm. “We want Community Farm to be a destination in our community and for people to be able to learn and engage with their food system. We will show them where their food is coming from, how it’s grown, and how to prepare it. This will be done by hosting workshops, leading field trips, and offering cooking demonstrations. We will become an interactive farm-to-table program.”

Dr. Preetham Jetty, cardiologist for Community Hospital Anderson, has been integral to the development and success of the Employee Garden and Community Farm from the very beginning. He was instrumental both by getting his hands dirty in the garden and providing financial support to help the project grow. “In this community, we see so many patients coming in with heart disease, and a lot of it has to do with our diet. I know that we eat too much processed food; everything comes in a package. We wanted to do something to help patients have access to better quality foods that are also enjoyable to eat.”

Dr. Jetty’s goal with Community Farm is to offer healthy eating options to the community and to inspire people to understand how their food is grown so they can do it in their own backyard. “We want to educate everyone to stay away from processed foods and instead eat these highly nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables. Not only will they feel better, but five portions of fruits and vegetables every day lowers the risk of heart disease by 50%, and risk of cancer by 40%. Patients’ quality of life and energy levels are always better when one eats healthy.”

Community Farm will allow patients and members of the community to see, visit, and participate by volunteering or taking educational classes.

“In a few years, it would be really awesome if we could develop this project to include a food truck that goes into neighborhoods and distributes food directly to our community,” Davies said. “We’d also like to develop a vegetable prescription program that allows doctors to write a prescription for someone to get produce. We hope this concept catches on and gets people engaged with their food system so they have the necessary tools to eat healthier.”

If you are interested in volunteering, you can fill out an online volunteer application and contact Lorie Staehler, Director of Volunteer Services, at 765.298.1021 or lorie.staehler@ecommunity.com, or Christine Davies at 765.298.5619 or christine.davies@ecommunity.com. To donate, visit ecommunity.com/foundation-anderson. You can also keep up with news and farm updates by following Community Farm on Facebook and Instagram.
Providing support, care, and comfort – close to home

After being diagnosed with cancer, finding the very best treatment possible is always the top priority. With highly qualified staff, accreditation by the Commission on Cancer through the American College of Surgeons, and certification by MD Anderson, Community Hospital Anderson’s Cancer Center offers medical and radiation oncology treatments close to home.

“All of our physicians are board certified, and all of our nurses are oncology certified. Our therapists, physicist, and dosimetrist are certified. Everyone has continuing education and is dedicated to making sure we provide the best care possible,” said Marsha Sherrell, Director of Cancer Services.

When a patient is diagnosed, they are immediately provided with a navigator to help guide them through treatment. Navigators are a constant caregiver for the patient from the very beginning. They coordinate appointments and schedules, and are a positive support system to the patient and family by helping to provide resources.

At the beginning of the treatment process, the patient goes through an evaluation to determine their needs. By establishing patients’ needs at the beginning, and knowing their specific cancer type and what the potential side effects might be, navigators are able to guide them to the right resources as early as possible.

“My navigator really looked out for me. I could call her 24 hours a day. She was available if we needed anything. Because it is a lot of information, it can be overwhelming, especially to people who know nothing about the process,” said Carl Christy, an oncology patient with Community Hospital Anderson.

Our navigators often turn to the hospital Foundation as they have been a wonderful resource to the oncology department. “I know our patients couldn’t be more grateful. Support from the Foundation could include assistance with transportation, groceries, or necessary home equipment, like installing bath and shower bars. Our patients are so thankful to receive the extra support,” Sherrell said.
The Cancer Center, with the help of the Foundation, built the Serenity Garden next to the medical oncology building. The Serenity Garden offers a place of quiet refuge to family members who accompany the patient receiving treatment, and also allows patients to enjoy a peaceful view of the garden during their appointments. Patients often see geese, deer, ducks, or other wildlife pass through. There is a fountain in the middle, along with several tables, chairs, and flowers. The Serenity Garden includes pine trees, which are used for the yearly “Love Lights a Tree” ceremony in December and serves as a place of comfort for patients and their families all year long.

Community Hospital Anderson Cancer Center is committed to the fight against cancer and to providing the best individualized care for every patient. To learn more about the oncology program, call 765-298-4220.
Imagination, Inspiration, & Impact  |  Making a Difference

Investing in care

The Community Hospital Anderson Foundation supports our staff and patients in a variety of ways. One of the most significant areas of support is through the purchase of equipment that improves patient and staff care. From lifesaving devices in ICU to lab specimen identification machines, the Foundation improves outcomes and provides much needed comfort.

Dan Yates, Director of Laboratory Services

**Wireless positive identification system for laboratory specimens / incubator**

“One of the pieces of equipment recently updated with help from the Foundation was a positive identification system for collection of laboratory specimens. It’s a wireless system that we use throughout our hospital in the collection of any type of specimen. The employee collecting the sample scans the patient’s arm band, generating the bar code for that test, which is used on the analyzer at that time. With this system it’s virtually impossible to collect or mislabel a specimen, which has enabled us to have an error rate of zero. It’s been a really great benefit.

The Foundation also helped us purchase an incubator for microbiology. As our number of procedures increase, our volumes increase. We were at capacity in our incubator, so we went to the Foundation and they purchased a new one for us. It is actually a lifesaver for our microbiology team.”

Cindy Beisser, Director of Ortho, Neuro, and Critical Care Services

**C-MAC intubation machine**

“We have rapid intubations in the ICU to open airways and help patients breathe. We may be planning to intubate somebody, or we may be emergently intubating someone in a code situation. Having the equipment we need available is the difference between life and death in certain situations. The C-MAC is a visual laryngoscope that helps to visualize the patient during intubations, because blind intubations could cause several problems. Now we have a video camera to help visualize and get into the right place in a matter of seconds. The C-MAC helps us have safer, more efficient intubations to better care for our patients.”
Carmen Voss, Manager of Cardiac Cath Lab

i-STAT machine

“When our patients come in for an intervention in the cath lab, we need to give them medication to thin their blood. In the past we had to send the blood to the lab and wait for everything to be processed before we could start the procedure. We asked the Foundation for an i-STAT machine, which allows us to have the blood test read immediately with a hand held device. The machine allows us to keep the patient calm and to get their blood results quickly. With the i-STAT, patients don’t have to anxiously wait on their blood test result, and we can continue with their procedure.”

Meghan Sanchez, Clinical Manager of Ortho/Neuro

Massage Chair

“As you can imagine, our team deals with some stressful circumstances. We wanted to create an employee retreat area where our team can step away to regroup and relax. The Foundation helped us purchase a massage chair for this area, which has been a welcome comfort for our team.”

3,528 ICU patients in 2017

1,134 Healthy Heart Procedures 2017

735,491 Lab Tests in 2017

158 AED’s placed in Madison County

(Automated external defibrillators)
Why employees give

At Community Hospital Anderson, we are proud of our heritage and are committed to serving the community that built us. The Community Hospital Anderson Foundation was established in 2001 to further support the healthcare needs in this community.

John Harris, vice president of finance and chief financial officer, has been with Community Hospital Anderson for 35 years. He saw the inception of the hospital Foundation and has watched it continue to grow. “The Community Hospital Anderson board saw the need for a Foundation. It supports our community, patients, and employees. Employees do a great job of supporting the Foundation, which in return cares for them.”

The Foundation benefits the community through service programs like Community Bikes and Keith Trent’s Coats of Caring. The Foundation also supports hospital employees in many ways. They provide a help fund that allows employees to ask for financial assistance and permits them to pay it back slowly.

Hospital employees are the biggest donor to the Foundation. They participate in an employee giving campaign and a variety of fundraisers throughout the year. Through their donations they’re not only supporting patients and the community, but they’re also supporting each other.

"It’s cool that employees can give to something that they see is tangible. It might go to their coworker, their friends, family, or to patients. It might go to one of the many programs in the community. People go into healthcare because they care, and the Foundation provides a way to donate and employees can see a direct return back to coworkers, loved ones, and patients. That’s Community," stated Harris.
Charles Forehand, an environmental services employee, is passionate about giving to the Foundation’s oncology fund. “My wife had breast cancer. She had all of her treatments here, and her doctors are fantastic. I want to donate because I know what my wife went through, and we hope that our gift to the Foundation can help someone else in some small way.”

In his nine years of working for Community, Forehand has enjoyed the culture of giving and kindness that fills the hallways of the hospital. “Everybody is family here, and we are a caring group of people who are willing to do what it takes to help others.”

Terri Rinker, revenue cycle director, sees the difference the Foundation makes in the lives of patients and her coworkers. Her job consists of caring for patients in non-clinical ways, such as patient accounts, customer service, and coding.

“In Madison County, a lot of people don’t have jobs or health insurance, so we have financial counselors to help. While we are a not-for-profit and can provide care to patients, we cannot pay for medications or therapy or home equipment needs. I see patients come in with their bills that they’re not able to pay, and they have to make a choice between what they can afford – food or healthcare. I see the Foundation help people with health insurance premiums and transportation.”

Employees see the impact the Foundation has on the hospital and community. This culture of giving ties in with the mission of the hospital. The employees at Community care about each other, the community, and the patients they treat.

“People truly care about each other. It’s so important to protect our culture so we don’t lose it, because that’s what sets us apart – the fact that we give and give back. It’s who we are,” Rinker said.

To learn more about the Community Hospital Anderson Foundation, visit ecommunity.com/foundation-anderson
Inspiring hope

In January 2017, Tammy McCord received a gift basket. On a day she was feeling down, she opened it. As she thought about how nice the gift basket made her feel, she began to wonder if there was a way she could share this feeling with others.

“It just hit me. Wouldn’t it be cool to put some baskets together for women who maybe weren’t taking care of themselves? We’re women – we’re moms and wives, we work full time jobs. We take care of everybody else first, and sometimes we take care of ourselves last,” McCord said.

The idea stayed with McCord until she attended the Community Hospital Anderson Foundation appreciation dinner in April 2017. Her husband, Dennis McCord, manages Rock Steady Boxing in Anderson, an organization for which Community Hospital Anderson Foundation helped to fund equipment. During this dinner, McCord heard Vice President of Community Engagement and Chief Foundation Officer Tom Bannon talk about the three I’s for community involvement: imagination, inspiration and impact. After that night, McCord knew it was time to create Baskets of Love and Hope.

McCord met with Bannon a few weeks later. Their discussion culminated with McCord receiving a message stating the Community Hospital Anderson Foundation and Community Hospital Anderson were each contributing $5,000 to help fund her project.

“I couldn’t believe it. I’ve never done anything like this before. I jumped up from my desk, and it was time to go shopping. I was ready to put a basket into a woman’s hands for the first time,” McCord said.

The main recipients of these baskets are women who are residents of Dove Harbor, Beauty for Ashes, and Alternatives. McCord has made arrangements with the directors from each shelter to come up with the best way to deliver baskets at the appropriate time.
McCord then spent time putting together different baskets for different purposes. All ladies receive a *Pamper Me* basket that includes self-care products like shampoo, lotion, fingernail polish, hair accessories, and other fun items. The *Home Sweet Home* basket is for ladies who have finished the program at a local shelter and are transitioning to being on their own. This basket includes the basics to get them started in their home; a crockpot full of kitchen utensils, a hamper of sheets and towels, and other important cleaning supplies.

“I think about these women that are in shelters and what their life was like to bring them there. I know it’s very important for women to feel loved and to feel like there’s hope. I think sometimes all it takes is one spark; a spark in their heart to feel good about themselves.”

With funding support from Community Hospital Anderson Foundation and Community Hospital Anderson, friends’ help assembling the baskets, and McCord managing and promoting her project, it is off to a great start. McCord has already hosted her first fundraiser and is blown away by the response she’s receiving. She says it gives her energy to continue on with the project.

“Having the first thought back in January of 2017, to feeling like this is my calling – I couldn’t let go of this thought. After attending that Foundation dinner and all the meetings after that, it started to become real. There was fear and anxiety, because it was all unknown. I had nobody to follow or nothing to copy from. The fact that there is a community willing to support an idea that I came up with – it’s still overwhelming, but very humbling and exciting.”

McCord continues to build her project and wants to see it grow. She wants women feel loved and special as they transition out of a place of hardship and into a place of hope.

If you are interested in donating to Baskets of Love and Hope, donations can be made to Community Hospital Anderson Foundation, memo: Baskets of Love and Hope, at ecommunity.com/foundation-anderson.
Over the last 18 years, Keith Buehler, a help desk and purchasing specialist on the IT team at Community Hospital Anderson, has participated in a variety of mission trips around the world. His first trip, a visit to Haiti in 2001, was among the most memorable. “I was afraid at first. I’m not a big fan of spiders, and they have tarantulas the size of a dinner plate,” said Buehler. “But the experience grabbed my heart and kept me returning again and again.”

In addition to Haiti, his mission trips with East Side Church of God have taken him to Russia, Guatemala, Paraguay, Belize, and Jamaica. What started out as an anxious first trip out of the country has turned into a personal passion to serve others.

Buehler’s mission team consists of both youths and adults, and they spend their time visiting orphanages, building foundations for homes, churches, or schools, and doing whatever is needed. “Every trip is something different, but I really enjoy interacting with the people there, participating in worship services, and offering a bit of hope to places that may not have much,” Buehler said.

While he has traveled to many countries, Buehler has a special place in his heart for Haiti. He was on one of the first planes to land after the catastrophic 2010 earthquake. That experience impacted him deeply, and when he returned to his day-to-day work, he brought with him a deeper awareness of his coworkers and the culture he enjoys at Community.

“I have been blown away by the amount of interest that has been expressed by various employees, my boss, the president and administration, those who know that I take these trips. It’s been really neat to be part of the culture here, and to work with people who are so interested in each others’ lives. Also, the donations from the hospital for medications to take with us has been wonderful. It really shows the family atmosphere here at Community.”

This year his team plans to visit Puerto Rico to lend a helping hand with the devastating damage left by Hurricane Maria. There’s no doubt that with 18 years of mission work and nearly 21 years with Community Hospital Anderson, Buehler’s passion to serve has impacted the lives of many.
Ruthie Smith’s career has spanned over 37 years at Community Hospital Anderson, and she shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon. Her work as maternal child support services coordinator includes being involved in multiple programs that provide support and education for families in need. Her life has been dedicated to connecting those in need with the resources and services that provide them hope and a brighter future.

While she is passionate about serving people of all ages, Smith is particularly passionate about helping youth – more specifically, teenagers. Her work focuses on reducing teen pregnancy and providing support and services to teen parents to help them stay on the path of furthering their education. She also works closely with the Healthy Life Group at Madison County Youth Detention Center and provides opportunities for teens at risk to learn about healthy living and healthy choices.

Smith is actively involved in several important programs and has strong beliefs about the importance of healthcare within the community. “I am very thankful for the opportunity that I have at Community. Our leadership recognizes that needs in the community go beyond the services we provide inside the hospital walls. When we think about healthcare, we think about the person as a whole. We know what agencies and programs we can connect them with to help them receive those services.”

One of the entities that is instrumental in Smith’s work is called Honor Our Children. The Community Hospital Anderson Foundation began this program 15 years ago, and Smith assumed leadership in May of 2017. Honor Our Children brings together the people and agencies in Madison County that serve families and children and provides them the opportunity to connect and share services with each other. This program allows each agency to be aware of what services are available, so if they are not able to help a family with a specific need, they can refer them to an agency who can.

“I know how important it is to connect people to the right agency or service provider. I take that very seriously. It is so important for everyone to have their healthcare needs met, regardless of age or income,” Smith said.

Smith is also well known for her involvement with Open Arms, a bereavement program that serves and supports families in the community who experience a miscarriage or infant loss. The program offers a monthly support group and a yearly memorial service to recognize those families and their loss. “We’ve been privileged through the Community Hospital Anderson Foundation to have The Benjie Fund, which was established by the Housholder family, and assists families with infant funeral expenses. The fund has helped 62 families since its inception in 2010,” said Smith.

“I’ve been blessed to have a job that allows me to serve. Being involved with so many groups gives me that opportunity. We are about improving the quality of life for people in our community. We know how important it is to look at mental and physical health, safety, housing, and transportation as the overall well-being for a person. All of these things are important to us.”

Smith was given the opportunity to speak in front of Capitol Hill lawmakers to represent, advocate, and raise awareness about maternal mortality in the United States, making sure our government knows the importance of access to healthcare. Her passion for helping those in need makes her work instrumental in people’s lives beyond the boundaries of Madison County.
Beth Tharp, president and CEO of Community Hospital Anderson and 2017 campaign chair for the United Way, sees first-hand the impact United Way has on families in Madison County. United Way of Madison County focuses on improving the quality of life in our community by working with individuals to help them become empowered and self-sufficient. They teach the skills people need to help them reach their full potential.

In 2016, United Way of Madison County launched a program called the Thrive Network that helps families or individuals build a stronger financial future. There are several individuals who live paycheck to paycheck and, according to Tharp, this kind of financial struggle negatively impacts their health.

“United Way is absolutely instrumental in health care. They are very involved with the Healthy Indiana Plan which helps individuals get signed up for medical benefits. If an individual is struggling and has to make a decision about whether to pay for medications or feed their children, the children are going to come first. To that end, Community Hospital Anderson has been a longstanding supporter of United Way, and I’m very proud to say that in 2017, we were their largest supporter by way of employee and corporate giving.”

Tharp is fully supportive of the Community team, led by Amanda Shepherd, Community Hospital's coordinator for United Way, as they plan and implement fundraisers to benefit United Way. A few of the more popular fundraisers include banding together to serve lunch at Texas Roadhouse, bringing in Good's Ice Cream, hosting a hospital-wide gift basket auction, and competing in the United Way Truck Pull.

“My favorite event has to be the truck pull,” Tharp said. “That's something that the hospital has been very involved with since the beginning. We’ve had three or four teams compete every year. Watching teams pull an 18,000-pound semi 250 yards in such a short amount of time is pretty amazing. That's an event that everyone should come out and support.”

Community's fundraising goal in 2017 was lofty at $100,000, but with hard work and dedication it was exceeded. The hospital was able to raise $101,102. To honor this outstanding achievement, the United Way presented Community a Champion of Hope award.

Tharp’s passion for the United Way and her drive to improve the health in our community is clear. “Our mission statement is ‘Deeply committed to the communities we serve, we enhance health and well-being.’ We have a huge commitment to the people in this community. I really believe that we all have to step up to the plate and be responsible to our community. It is my hope that we will see a decline in health issues as a part of our efforts to improve our community. I know we have a lot of work to do.”

To learn more about the United Way of Madison County, visit www.unitedwaymadisonco.org.
One of the largest projects of 2017 was the expansion and relocation of the ICU. Established in 1969, the original Community ICU contained four patient beds. Over the years small expansions were made, bringing the bed total up to 12. To meet the needs of the nurses, physicians, and patients, the new ICU was built to include five additional patient beds with lifts in every room. The increase in beds means fewer patients will have to be sent to Indianapolis to receive the critical care they need.

Much thought and work went into optimizing the patient and family experience in ICU. “The unit’s layout reduces noise, and the rooms are larger and more accessible, which also enhances the patients’ experience,” stated Cindy Beisser, ICU clinical director. Patients who do not need ICU care but may need progressive care can receive it in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU). In PCU, patients receive the additional monitoring that they need. This area was carefully constructed to maximize caregiver access to patients.

“We have so much more natural light, which helps decrease the incidence of ICU delirium. We love our unit,” said Shelby Sloan, clinical manager of the ICU.

The physical and occupational therapy services experienced a major change – they have a brand new address. Community Health Pavilion Anderson became their new home in January 2017. Susan Durbin, rehab services administration director, saw the immediate benefit to patients and staff. According to Durbin, “Moving to the new location gives us visibility we did not have before. It’s a safer environment due to immediate access to other physicians and our MedCheck. The design of the space put all of our staff together, which has helped build camaraderie; they are able to work together on treatment plans. Everything is more accessible and convenient, which helps us provide the best care possible. The new location also provides enough space to accommodate more people in exercise or rehabilitation classes, allowing expanded programming.”
In addition to big changes for ICU and therapy, the neurosurgical unit has experienced significant growth. The unit doubled in size, allowing us to care for up to 25 patients. Coordinating with the surgical team and ICU, the unit cares for complex neurosurgical cases. With the expansion, a retreat area was included for the health and wellness of our employees.

“With the new space, we are able to provide an area where our team can step away to regroup and relax. We truly believe when the staff are taken care of mentally, physically, and socially, we can better care for our patients,” stated Meghan Sanchez, clinical manager for ortho and neuro.

We know that 2018 will be another exciting year full of growth as we look to further address the needs in our community. Future plans include an increased focus on prevention, as well as expanded programs for addiction and mental health. We strive to continually improve our facilities, equipment, and services to further meet the needs of our community.
Community Hospital Anderson is offering education on falls prevention. Stepping On is a workshop to teach you how to recognize your risk of falling, and to help you build the balance, strength, and practical skills to avoid falling.

One of the most common causes of preventable death is uncontrolled bleeding. As part of the trauma program the hospital has purchased Stop the Bleed emergency kits containing dressings and a tourniquet.

For more information about Stop the Bleed or the Stepping On class call 765.298.1681.
Technology has become instrumental in efficiently and effectively treating patients. Patient charts containing personal and medical information are kept digitally, which helps vital information be up to date and readily available. Because of this, positive patient identification has become a foundation of healthcare: the correct care needs to be delivered to the correct patient 100% of the time. To ensure a quick and easy registration and safeguard against medical identity theft, Community Hospital Anderson began using PatientSecure in 2017.

PatientSecure is a device that uses the latest biometric technology to provide accurate identification of patients. With a simple scan of a patient’s hand, their digital health record is accessed, streamlining the registration process and allowing patients to get necessary healthcare in a safe and efficient way. “It’s all about our patients. Our ability to positively identify patients grows their confidence in us – and confidence in healthcare – which is important, now more than ever,” stated John Harris, VP of finance and chief financial officer.

With PatientSecure, identity is instantly confirmed at registration. In an emergency, health professionals can access a patient’s medical record, even if they are unconscious or unable to speak. With an estimated 2.3 million individuals that are impacted by medical identity theft annually, PatientSecure ensures accurate patient ID at registration. It limits the amount of personal information, such as social security number or address, that needs to be said aloud. In a matter of seconds, PatientSecure uses harmless near-infrared light to scan vein patterns to create an encrypted and protected digital file, which links to the patient’s unique medical record.

“We scan a patient’s armband and a patient’s medication to make sure we are providing the proper care to the correct patient at all times,” says Beth Tharp, president and CEO. “Patient identification is at the foundation of everything we do.”

Community Hospital Anderson works hard to deliver an exceptional experience to everyone involved in the care process – patients and care providers alike – and PatientSecure is one more way to achieve that goal.
Proud of our local roots and committed to our community

We have grown up here and our team is vested in this community. We graduated from local high schools and planted our roots. Every day we dedicate ourselves to the communities that helped us grow. We live our lives here, surrounded by our families and friends. We love our home at Community Hospital Anderson.

We are Community –

**Community is: All of us!**

Pictured from left to right: Mike Harpe, John Harris, Carol Whitesel, Sherry Sidwell, Tom Bannon

Seated: Beth Tharp

Sherry Sidwell
VP of Integrated Services and COO
Anderson High School, lives in Anderson

Beth Tharp
President and CEO
Anderson High School, lives in Anderson

Mike Harpe
VP of Human Resources
Tipton High School, lives in Fairmount

John Harris
VP of Finance and CFO
Highland High School, lives in Anderson

Carol Whitesel
VP of Clinical Services and CNO
Knightstown High School, lives in Anderson

Tom Bannon
VP of Community Engagement and Chief Foundation Officer
Pendleton Heights High School, lives in Anderson
Living our values.
Serving our community.

At Community Hospital Anderson, we are committed to serving our community, even beyond the walls of the hospital. Our team offers their time, talents, and passions to a wide variety of organizations within our community. We are proud to have team members who serve on the following organizational boards:

Alexandria Community Center
Alternatives
Anderson Community School Corporation
  Board of Trustees
Anderson Education Foundation
Anderson Impact Center
Anderson Initiative Against Gun Violence
Anderson’s Mainstage Theatre
Anderson Museum of Art
Anderson Symphony Orchestra
Animal Protection League
CASA
Corporation for Economic Development
Charlie’s Fund for Children
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INCourage Inc.
Intersect
Ivy Tech Community College
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Madison County Coalition Against Substance Abuse
Madison County Chamber of Commerce
Madison County Community Foundation
Madison Health Partners
Madison County Historical Society
Madison County Sheriff’s Department Merit Board
Outfitters
Pendleton Jr. Baseball Association
Salvation Army Advisory Board
Stripped Love
Studio 3 Music Academy
United Way of Madison County

Service Clubs/Other
Anderson Noon Exchange Club
Anderson Noon Rotary Club
Madison County Sexual Abuse Task Force
Madison County Sexual Assault Response Team
The Optimist Club of Lapel
Pendleton Heights High School Choral Boosters
Pendleton Tri-Kappa
Zion Chapel Church – Elwood

Outer County Boards/Clubs
Delaware County CASA
Interlock of East Central Indiana
Muncie First Church of the Nazarene
YWCA of Central Indiana
Estates and trusts
Norma Williams Estate
Albert G. Gilgour Trust
John Kollege Trust

Memorial/Honorary Gifts (Undesignated)
In honor of Dr. Timothy Alford
Andrea Morehead
In memory of Cheryl Arnold
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Doris Biddle
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Collins
Mauren Eck
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Lisa Gilliam
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Together, we are Community.

Best Doctor
Traci Anderson, DO
I feel honored to take care of such amazing patients. I will to continue to serve my patients with the highest quality care that they have come to know and expect from Community.

Best Nurse
Holly Renz, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P
It’s been a privilege to take care of patients as both an Emergency Department nurse and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for the past 42 years. Thank you to all the patients who have trusted their care to me, and thank you to Community for allowing me to give hope to those who are most vulnerable.

Best Volunteer
Margie Dickson
Twenty-five years ago, my daughter was hit by a train and was rushed to Community. I’ve spent a lot of time in waiting rooms, and volunteering at Community is a way for me to give back. I get to talk to people who are going through a tough time, and hopefully I help bring them some sense of calm or peace.
Senior Day at the track

Thursday, May 24
10 a.m. to noon at Anderson Speedway
Held in conjunction with the Little 500 Festival, seniors enjoy a complimentary lunch from PayLess Supermarkets. A live band is provided for entertainment. For more information contact Michele Hockwalt at 765.298.5135.

Wednesday, June 20
4-7 p.m. at Anderson High School
Held in conjunction with the community’s Safety Fair, the rodeo is an opportunity for children to learn how to ride bicycles safely. Free bike helmets are given to all children who complete the safety education. For more information contact Michele Hockwalt at 765.298.5135.

Friday, June 29
1 p.m. at Edgewood Golf Course & Event Center
Proceeds benefit the Sexual Assault Treatment Center and the Animal Protection League. For more information, contact Joni Brinkman at 765.298.5405.

Sunday, August 26
9 a.m. at Meadowbrook Golf Course
Proceeds benefit Alzheimer’s disease research. For more information, contact Sherry Sidwell at 765.298.5158.

Saturday, September 15
5:30 p.m. at Anderson Country Club
Featuring a variety of cuisines from 60 local celebrity chefs, along with a silent auction, event raises money to support the medical needs of our local schools, oncology patients, and Community Farm. For more information contact Linda West at 765.298.5133.

Saturday, October 20
9 a.m. to noon - location to be determined
Our annual coat drive provides coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to Madison County residents each year. To donate or volunteer for the event, contact Marketing and Communications at 765.298.5128.

Friday, December 7
5:30 p.m. at Community Cancer Center, 1629 Medical Arts Blvd.
Our annual tree lighting ceremony honors and remembers all those affected by cancer. Lights may be purchased in honor of a loved one, and all proceeds benefit cancer patients at Community Hospital Anderson. For more information contact Marsha Sherrell at 765.298.1621.

Join us in supporting our community!