Healthy mothers, healthy babies: A community-wide commitment

Pregnancy is the most critical situation because there are two lives involved. Our patients are very complicated. Most of our women have serious post-traumatic stress disorder. They are abuse victims. They have all kinds of social disadvantages. Numerous obstacles. Terrible environments to live in. They need so much care. We’re not just advocating for medication only. We believe in counseling, support groups, teaching coping skills and relapse prevention techniques, creating better environments and more support for people. These are the types of services our patients need.

It’s a labor of love for the compassionate doctors, nurses and other caregivers at Community who first access to identify at-risk mothers, then treat them with a variety of therapies. Later, social workers and other caregivers at Community to make a difference in the lives of mothers and their babies. “We wanted to help the patients coming through our doors. Through the pilot program, we are able to help our expectant mothers and ended up helping a lot of other hospitals, too,” she says.

“This is not an urban problem. It’s an addiction epidemic that affects every neighborhood and every level of society. We want to identify moms who need help with substance abuse, connect them with all the services that are available to get them on the right track and fully support them through treatment and recovery.”

Because of the incredible impact of the NAS program at Community, the State recently awarded a $550,000 grant that will expand the reach and effectiveness of Community’s learnings and those of the other front-runners.

Today, there are 27 Indiana hospitals utilizing Community’s learnings and those of the other front-runners.

The more than $1.7 million raised will benefit cancer patients and their families through the Oncology Patient Assistance Fund. This vital fund provides $250 gift cards to assist with groceries, prescriptions and transportation to appointments, because eliminating financial obstacles allows patients to focus on their treatment during a most difficult time in life.

Thank you for making The Giving Gig 2018 a huge success! Funds raised helped exceed the overarching $5 million goal set forth when the Oncology Patient Assistance Fund was established in 2014, creating a self-sustaining endowment that will help Community’s cancer patients for years to come!

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Whether 2018 has been filled with joy and accomplishments or challenges that test what you’re made of, you’re invited to visit http://whatcommunitymeansto.me/2018/bide now and “Share Your _____ Year Ever!”

Your gifts at work!
Thank you for your support of Community Health Network, which is saving and changing lives across Indiana! Here are a few of the many ways in which your compassion and generosity made a difference in 2017:

**Medication Assistance**
Investment and outpatient medication assistance was made available across all of Community’s six regions of care, helping support patients with their most urgent medication needs, including asthma inhalers and insulin for diabetes patients.

**Center of Hope**
Donor support of the Center of Hope, located at Community Hospital East, provided compassionate and specialized care to 195 victims of violence, abuse and neglect this past year, including financial assistance to victims of sexual assault whose medications can cost as much as $3,000. The long-term goal is to replicate this program and provide forensic nursing care for victims 24/7 throughout Community’s six regions of care.

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