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Letter from our Director...

At the Foundations, we're often talking about "community health". It's even in the name of the Horizon "Community Health" Foundation. The key in that phrase is "community". Without the collective efforts of many individuals throughout the area, including our board members, volunteers, healthcare professionals, donors, and friends, our Foundations, and our region, would not be able to make Mercer and Lawrence Counties healthier and safer places to live.

We owe so much to the many people who made the stories in this issue possible, from the donors to our stethoscope and t-shirt fundraisers, to the healthcare workers caring for patients in our hospitals and doctors' offices, to the volunteers who clean and repair equipment at MERP. They, and you, are the ones who made these successes possible. Thank you for being part of our "community health" journey.

Adam Nowland, *Director*

UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation

UPMC Jameson Health Care Foundation

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2025 UPMC Foundations' Golf Care Classic

Grab your clubs and hit the greens for a day of fun, competition, and giving back at the Foundations' 2025 Golf Care Classic on **June 16th!** This year's outing will be held at the Avalon at Buhl County Club in Hermitage, PA. Golfers will enjoy a great day on the course with opportunities to network and enjoy friendly competition, and all proceeds will directly support the charitable mission of the Foundations.



Can't golf but still want to make an impact while showing your support? A variety of sponsorship packages offer great visibility for your organization. All sponsors will be recognized leading up to and at the event. To learn about available sponsorship opportunities, visit our golf website below or contact Adam Nowland, Foundation Director, at (724) 656-4103 for more information.

For more information about the outing and sponsorships, or to register your foursome, visit upmchorizonfoundation.org/golf.

Save the Date 3rd Annual Community 5K

Mark your calendars for the UPMC Horizon and Jameson Foundations' 3rd Annual 5K Run/1 Mile Walk! This year's event will be held on **Saturday, August 9th** at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Plan to join us for a fun, and healthy event, and bookmark the landing page for more information in the coming weeks: upmchorizonfoundation.org/run





Scholarships

Applications Available

The UPMC Horizon Foundation is pleased to offer several scholarships to qualifying students pursuing a healthcare education. For information on how to apply, visit the Foundation's website by using the links below, and please pass them on to anyone who may be interested. All scholarship applications must be completed and submitted to the Foundations by April 15, 2025.

The Kirk L. Works, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund will award scholarships to selected 2025 graduates from specific Mercer County high schools who are pursuing higher education in a healthcare related field.

Learn more and apply for the scholarship here:
upmchorizonfoundation.org/scholarships/works

The Dr. Edgardo Lob Memorial Cancer Care Fund Scholarship will be awarded to a 2025 Mercer County high school graduate who is pursuing higher education in a healthcare related field.

To learn more about the scholarship and apply, visit:
upmchorizonfoundation.org/scholarships/lob

The UPMC Horizon Medical Staff Scholarship will provide financial support for students enrolled in medical school who are from the UPMC Horizon or Jameson service area or who have or are serving in a rotation at UPMC Horizon or Jameson.

For information on qualifications and how to apply, visit:
upmchorizonfoundation.org/scholarships/horizon-staff



KIRK L. WORKS, M.D.



DR. EDGARDO LOB



Physician Spotlight Welcoming New Residents

The UPMC Horizon Family Medicine Residency Program trains resident physicians in a small-town and rural environment to become family medicine practitioners. Located primarily at the Shenango Valley Family Medicine offices adjacent to UPMC Horizon, the residents and faculty treat patients across all ages in a variety of clinical settings, supported by a team of

physicians, pharmacists, medical assistants, nurses, care managers, and behavioral health providers. The objective of the program is to provide training to resident physicians, offer family health care to local residents, and ultimately retain the residents as long-term practitioners in the region. Residents practice in the program for three years, with six new residents joining the program each year for a total of 18 physicians in the program at any given time.

The residency program recently announced its newest cohort of physicians, including Ricardo Backer, MD, Tanvi Bathla, MD, Nico Brown, DO, Nabeeha Essam, MD, Huda Mohammed Rasheed, and Noah Parker, DO.

UPMC Horizon also offers a General Surgery Residency, a five-year program which adds two resident physicians each year. The program is one of the oldest osteopathic residency training programs in the country, having been in operation since 1973. Residents take on patient responsibilities in their first year of the program, managing pre- and post-operative needs, rounding on patient units, and taking formal educational experiences.

The general surgery residency recently selected its two newest resident physicians, Anastasia Alberty, DO and Nicholas Mesropyan, DO, who will join the program in July.

Please join us in welcoming each of these doctors to the UPMC Horizon and Jameson system!



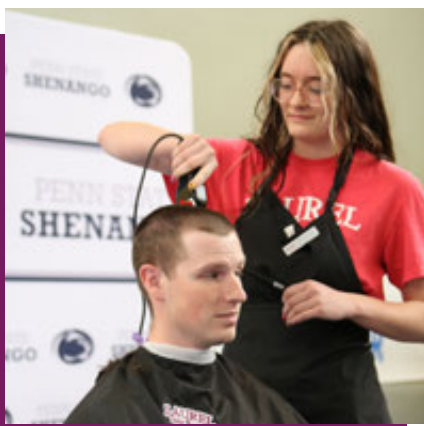


Caring for Cancer Patients

The Dr. Edgardo Lob Memorial Cancer Care Fund

The Dr. Edgardo Lob Memorial Cancer Care Fund, part of the Horizon Foundation, provides support for cancer patients being treated locally through the Hillman Cancer Centers at UPMC Horizon. The Fund seeks to provide comfort and assistance to patients during their treatment, to provide support, training and education for healthcare professionals, and to provide support for national cancer research and educational organizations. It is named in memory and honor of Dr. Edgardo Lob (1958-2021) a long-time resident of Greenville, Pennsylvania who spent his career helping his patients battle cancer.

The Fund is supported through donor giving and is overseen by a committee of community members and healthcare professionals. The committee and volunteers help coordinate patient support and conduct an annual t-shirt fundraiser each August. **During the 2024 fundraiser, 299 shirts were ordered, generating \$5,436.66 in proceeds to help support the Fund's mission.** The Foundation offers its particular thanks to Kim See and Kelly Haux for their hard work as well as to the entire committee for its support.



The Foundation extends its gratitude to Penn State Shenango and Laurel Technical Institute for organizing the inaugural Cuts for Cancer fundraiser. The event brought the community together in support of those undergoing cancer treatment, with Laurel's students providing more than 20 haircuts. Donations raised helped support the Dr. Edgardo Lob Memorial Cancer Care Fund, ensuring local cancer patients receive needed assistance. Special thanks to PSU students Tyler and Nathan Evans for their dedication to this cause.

To learn more about the Fund and how you can make a donation to support local cancer patients, visit upmchorizonfoundation.org/lob



AEDs Support Community Health

The Foundations were pleased to be able to support two local volunteer fire departments through the donation of Automated External Defibrillators (commonly referred to as AEDs) for use on individuals experiencing cardiac distress. Both the Volant Volunteer Fire Company and the Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company received an AED to assist with the services they provide to their communities



AEDs are a potentially lifesaving tool and serve as an additional resource to community health and safety organizations. In addition to Lawrence County, the Foundations are proud to partner with the Buhl Regional Health Foundation and other organizations to provide AEDs throughout Mercer County.

For more information on acquiring an AED in Mercer County, visit buhlregionalhealthfoundation.org/aed

Board of Directors Update on Appointments

Board members Frank Mindicino and Jerry Trontel have been appointed by the UPMC Horizon and Jameson hospital board to serve additional three-year terms on the UPMC Horizon and UPMC Jameson Foundations' board, beginning on April 1st. All members serve concurrently on the board of each Foundation, which are operated in close partnership to serve the region. Other board members include Jay Bruce, Kelly Conger, Alyson Fisher, Scott Graubard, Patsy Maxim, Margaret Noel, Dale Perelman, Jessica Phillips, Tom Sabol and Randy Silverman. David Patton, President of UPMC Horizon and Jameson, Mike Tracy, CFO of UPMC Horizon and Jameson, and Adam Nowland, Director of the Horizon and Jameson Foundations, also serve on the board as ex officio members.

Board Officers elected for the 2025 term are Jay Bruce (Chair), Frank Mindicino (Vice-Chair), Randy Silverman (Secretary) and Jerry Trontel (Treasurer).



Thank you for supporting **Stethoscopes for Students**

On January 10th, the UPMC Jameson Foundation visited the UPMC Jameson School of Nursing to provide stethoscopes to nearly 80 second-semester nursing students at the 2025 Stethoscope Ceremony. Joined by representatives from the Foundation's Board of Directors, School of Nursing administration and faculty, and UPMC Jameson leadership, the students were celebrated for reaching an academic milestone by being awarded with their first stethoscope in a formal ceremony led by School of Nursing Director Mary Beth Langdon.



The stethoscopes were made possible thanks to the generosity of dozens of donors to the Foundation, who contributed approximately \$13,000 to a stethoscope fundraiser to benefit the School and its students. For each donation of \$50, a stethoscope was made available by the Foundation to a nursing student in the name of the donor. All donations supported the Foundation's School of Nursing Support Fund, which provides assistance the School in its academic goal of training the next generation of nurses.

Dr. Langdon noted the significance of a nursing student's first stethoscope, a momentous milestone on the student's journey to joining the healthcare field. In addition to being a vital tool for listening to a patient's vital signs, Dr. Langdon noted that the stethoscope also serves as a reminder of the importance of listening to patients, colleagues, and other healthcare professionals in their role as a nurse.





Stethoscopes for Students – continued

The Foundation is committed to supporting the School of Nursing’s students during their academic journey. To learn more about how you can help support the School of Nursing, including through the creation of a scholarship, visit the Foundation’s website at: upmcjamesonfoundation.org/scholarships/jameson-nursing/

The Foundation plans to host another stethoscope fundraiser in the fall of 2025.

MERP

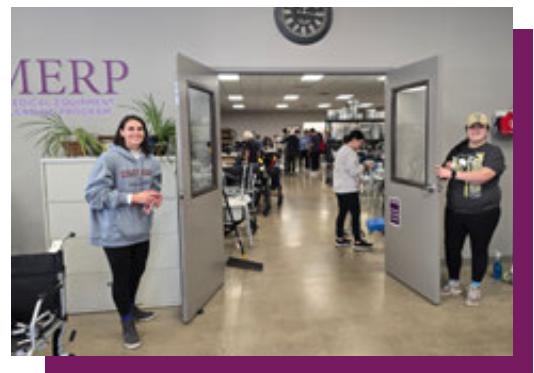
Makes an Impact



The UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation’s Medical Equipment Recycling Program, also known as MERP, operates three locations across Mercer and Lawrence County, loaning durable medical equipment, at no cost, to area residents. Devices donated to MERP, including wheelchairs, walkers, bedrails, shower chairs, and other equipment, are sanitized, cleaned, inspected and refurbished and then made available for borrowing. This program allows medical equipment to have an extended lifetime serving many different individuals rather than being scrapped after a single use, saving patients the cost and time often needed to acquire the equipment from elsewhere.

In 2024, MERP provided substantial benefits to the community, loaning 5,725 devices to 3,415 customers across the region.

MERP has locations in Greenville and Farrell in Mercer County as well as in New Castle in Lawrence County. The service is free to use, but an application must be completed online or at the location before equipment can be borrowed.



To learn more about MERP, visit upmchorizonfoundation.org/merp



MERP **NEEDS YOU!**

The Medical Equipment Recycling Program is sustained through the generosity of the community. We need your help.

To donate new or like-new equipment...

Drop the equipment off during open hours at one of our three MERP locations. To determine if MERP can use your equipment or medical supplies, visit our website at upmchorizonfoundation.org/merp or call ahead of time at (724)-347-MERP (6377).

To make a charitable donation...

Visit MERP's page on the UPMC Horizon Foundation's website at upmchorizonfoundation.org/merp and select the "Donate Online" button to make an online gift.

To mail a check, please make it out to the UPMC Horizon Foundation with "MERP" in the memo line, and mail to:

UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation
110 N. Main St.
Greenville, PA 16125

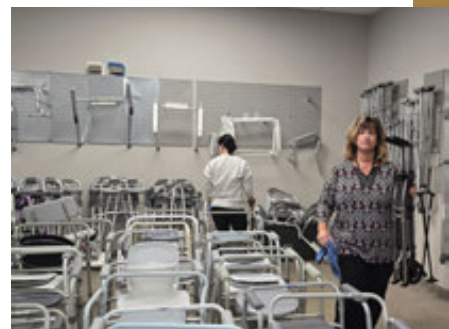
To volunteer...

MERP is always looking for volunteers to help clean and maintain equipment, assist customers, and organize inventory. To learn more about volunteering, contact Joni Kappler at 724-347-6377.

Stay Updated...

Keep up with MERP news and updates by following their Facebook page:

[@medicalequipmentrecyclingprogram](https://www.facebook.com/medicalequipmentrecyclingprogram)





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Steppin' Up for Kids

With the Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, part of UPMC Jameson, will host its **annual Steppin' Up for Kids community event on April 24th at the Riverwalk in downtown New Castle.** The UPMC Jameson and Horizon Foundations are proud to sponsor the event and support the CAC's mission to support vulnerable children and families throughout the area. Steppin' Up for Kids is open to the public and will provide activities, awareness, resources from a variety of children's health organizations. Activity and food vendors will also be in attendance.

The Foundations also celebrate the CAC's success in its annual shirt fundraiser, with 267 t-shirts and 84 sweatshirts ordered. The proceeds of the fundraiser will support the CAC's mission and programs.

As it begins April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, the CAC will plant blue pinwheel gardens around Lawrence County throughout the month to raise awareness of the dangers and effects of child abuse.

To learn more about the CAC, the Steppin' Up for Kids Event, or how you can support its important work through a charitable gift via the UPMC Jameson Foundation, visit upmcjamesonfoundation.org/cac