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Letter from our Director...

Dear Friends,

I hope this quarter's newsletter finds you remaining safe and warm during these coldest months. No matter the weather, our Foundations remain active supporting our hospitals and community to ensure our region can be at its healthiest. In this edition, you'll see some of the things your charitable donations have made possible, hear from some of the organizations we support, and learn about the difference we are making in the lives of residents.

Thank you for helping make this impact possible.

Adam Nowland, *Director*

UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation
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Welcome to the Board

Dr. David Wood

The UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation and the UPMC Jameson Health Care Foundation are proud to announce the addition of Dr. David Wood to the Board of Directors of both Foundations.

Dr. Wood is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame, he obtained a Master of Science degree in toxicology from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then graduated from the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa. He completed his residency training at the Cleveland Clinic and spent four years on active duty with the U.S. Navy in Corpus Christi, Texas.



Dr. Wood specializes in otolaryngology and is board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. He practices at UPMC Horizon and is affiliated with both UPMC Horizon and UPMC Jameson.

He is involved with the family practice residency at UPMC Horizon and is an adjunct clinical professor at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine as well as the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. His clinical interests are general otolaryngology, otolaryngic allergy, and sino-nasal disorders.

Dr. Wood is active in his community in Sharon, PA, where he lives with his wife, Amy. He has three children, all currently working in or studying to join the medical field. Dr. Wood also currently serves on the board of the Buhl Club in Sharon.

Dr. Wood joins a distinguished group of community members committed to the health of our region, including Jay Bruce, Kelly Conger, Alyson Fisher, Scott Graubard, Patsy Maxim, Frank Mindicino, Margaret Noel, David Patton, Jessica Phillips, Tom Sabol, Randy Silverman, Michael Tracy, and Jerry Trontel.

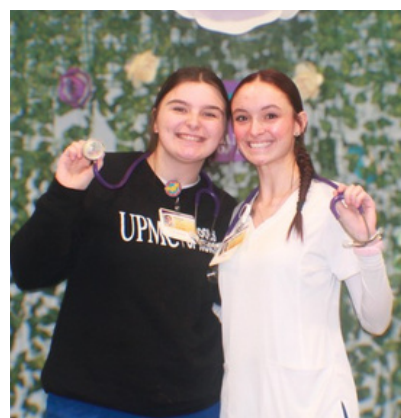


Stethoscopes for Students **Fundraiser Success**

The UPMC Jameson Healthcare Foundation recently completed its second annual stethoscope fundraiser, where more than 40 donors collectively contributed \$16,500 to the Foundation's Jameson School of Nursing Support Fund to provide stethoscopes to rising second-

semester students to celebrate their academic accomplishments. Donors included individuals, a significant gift from the May Emma Hoyt Foundation, and a matching donation from Frank and Judy Mindicino.

On January 9, 2026, a stethoscope ceremony was held to present these new stethoscopes to 84 students entering their second semester in the nursing program at the UPMC Jameson School of Nursing. A nursing student's first stethoscope is both a critical tool for the nurse's chosen field of study and a meaningful milestone marking the student's academic progress. The presentation marked the students' academic progress, with Kevin Macdonald, Vice President of Operations at UPMC Horizon and UPMC Jameson, representing the Foundation as he awarded the stethoscopes.



More Milestones & Updates from **UPMC Jameson School of Nursing**

The UPMC Jameson School of Nursing continues to prepare the next generation of nurses to care for our region. In December, 43 students graduated and were honored during a commencement ceremony celebrating their academic achievements and dedication to patient care. The School also welcomed more than 45 new students in January — the first cohort to begin the program in the spring semester. These future nurses will soon begin their clinical experiences at UPMC Horizon and UPMC Jameson hospitals.



Cancer Survivors Celebration Luncheon

Around 150 cancer survivors, guests and volunteers gathered together at the Hickory VFW in Hermitage, Pennsylvania on October 26th for the annual Dr. Edgardo Lob Memorial Cancer Care Fund Survivor's Luncheon. Hosted by the UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation, the luncheon brought survivors together for an afternoon of celebration, fellowship and encouragement provided by the Fund, one of the Foundation's community health initiatives.



Survivors were treated to live entertainment by Jack Lindey as well as the Greenville High School Steel Drum Band. In addition to lunch and the opportunity to connect with fellow survivors, participants had the opportunity to meet with therapy dogs from UPMC Horizon's Volunteer Services team, get nutritional advice from a dietitian from UPMC Hillman Cancer Centers, learn about services provided by Maple Tree Cancer Alliance and participate in activities hosted by representatives from Eli Lilly. Adventurous participants had the opportunity to use a 360-degree photo booth to make fun memories from the afternoon.



The keynote speaker for the event was Rita Abdullah, a motivational speaker with decades of experience working with cancer survivors and others pursuing better health. Rita's message encouraged survivors to choose "joy" in their daily lives, finding opportunities to focus on positive emotions even during difficult times. Participants were encouraged to share the names of people and things that bring them joy on sticky notes that were put on boards that will travel between UPMC Horizon's three Hillman Cancer centers.



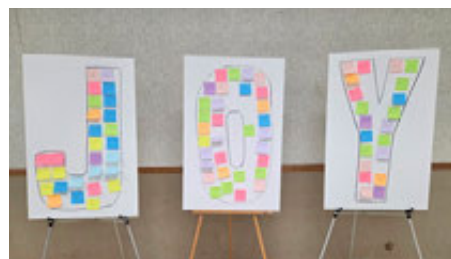


Survivors – continued

The event was made possible through the tireless efforts of committee members and volunteers supporting the Dr. Lob Fund, who dedicated their time and energy to plan, prepare and serve at the event and care for the survivors who attended. The Dr. Lob Fund was originally established in 1999 to provide care, comfort and support for cancer patients and their loved ones, and has since been renamed in memory of Dr. Lob, a beloved longtime hematologist in Greenville, Pennsylvania.



To learn more about how you can support the Fund or programs like it through the UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation, visit our website at upmchorizonfoundation.org/lob





Supporting the Lawrence County **Children's Advocacy Center**

The Foundations are proud to partner with the Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, whose work provides critical support to children and families facing abuse, neglect, and difficult circumstances.

One example of the CAC's impact involved a Spanish-speaking family of seven living in overcrowded conditions and struggling to afford rent. A dual-language home visitor advocated for language access, worked directly with local housing management, and guided the family through the process of securing a more affordable four-bedroom apartment. With adequate space and clear communication, the family experienced meaningful improvements in mental health and their children's well-being. Today, they continue to confidently advocate for their needs — a powerful reflection of how intervention and support can create lasting change.

You can help the CAC continue making stories like this possible. The CAC's 2026 T-Shirt Fundraiser has been extended for one final week, with **orders due by February 27**. Shirts will arrive in time for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April — a meaningful way to show your support and raise awareness in our community.

To learn more about the CAC and support their mission by ordering a shirt, visit upmcjamesonfoundation.org/cac

Applications Now Being Accepted for **Foundation Scholarships**

Know an expected 2026 Mercer County high school graduate pursuing higher education in health-care? Let them know that the UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation is offering several scholarships through the Kirk L. Works, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Dr. Edgardo Lob Memorial Cancer Care Fund to exceptional students graduating from a Mercer County high school this spring.

**Application information and materials can be found on the Foundation's website at upmchorizonfoundation.org/scholarships.
The deadline to submit an application is April 1, 2026.**



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2026 UPMC Horizon & Jameson Foundations Golf Care Classic

Join the UPMC Horizon & Jameson Foundations, UPMC Horizon & Jameson staff and leaders, and fellow community members and businesses for a day out at the Avalon at Buhl Park Country Club in Hermitage, Pennsylvania as we host the annual Golf Care Classic on Monday, June 1st, 2026! Participants will enjoy a great day of golf, food and prizes while supporting the Foundations' mission to improve community health in and around Mercer and Lawrence Counties.

In addition to golfing, we encourage you to considering sponsoring this year's event! Contributions made to the Foundations for the Golf Care Classic are tax deductible and come with recognition leading up to and at the event. All proceeds from this event will support the Foundations' programs and funds benefiting local patients and health care workers.

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