

The *spirit* of Giving

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ASCENSION ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL CANCER CENTER

The Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital Cancer Center is a special place. Along with the difficult journeys that come with a cancer diagnosis, there are also moments of comfort, support and peace.

Those moments are made possible by a team of associates driven by compassion and a shared commitment to helping others.

Amie Reckling, the cancer center's manager, has experienced that atmosphere from both the associate and patient perspective. When a bill for genetic counseling wasn't covered by insurance due to a coding error, Pam Seefeldt, a financial counselor at the cancer center, stepped in to help ensure Amie was reimbursed.

"I went to Pam and asked her if everything looked right, and she said no and immediately started working to take care of it," Amie shared. "Pam is one of the hardest working people I have ever met. She's always fighting for the underdog, and wants everyone to feel they're important."

That patient-first mindset extends across the entire team. Receptionists welcome patients with warm smiles and kindness. Nurse navigators help guide patients through each step of their journeys. Physicians provide expert care while



The cancer team celebrating **Pam Seefeldt** for her recent Guardian Angel recognition

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taking time to listen. Financial counselors work behind the scenes to ensure patients receive the coverage and support they need.

Together, their dedication helps make the Ascension St. Elizabeth Cancer Center a place where patients feel supported, cared for and never alone.

"We have the most fantastic team ever. I truly think everyone is here for the right reasons, and they all work so well together," Amie shared. "The communication is top notch, and everyone is willing to jump in whenever needed. Everyone does it for the patients, and we want to make sure everyone is taken care of."

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COMMUNITY PLAY PROJECT



In the clinic, the adaptive toys have been used more than 50 times during occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy sessions.

“One of the most notable outcomes has been the impact on siblings,” Amy shared. “By providing inclusive play strategies at home, we’re helping brothers and sisters find new ways to connect and play together.”

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- AMY LANGEBERG

Play is essential for a child’s development. From creating with building blocks, to dressing a new doll and to playing with toy cars, creativity and imagination are crucial to a developing mind.

For some kids, though, play isn’t always accessible. They may need special means of support, or adapted toys that work with their abilities.

Thanks to recent funding from Ascension Wisconsin Foundation, the Ascension Pediatric Rehabilitation team, located at Ascension Medical Group Midway Place, now offers inclusive play options for children with disabilities.

“Our mission has been to ensure that play is accessible for every child, and seeing that mission come to life has been truly inspiring,” said Amy Langeberg, Occupational Therapist. “This work is made possible through a generous Mission Possible Grant from Ascension Wisconsin Foundation, and we are incredibly grateful for their commitment to helping us create these inclusive opportunities.”

So far, six children receiving therapy in the outpatient pediatric rehabilitation program have received adaptive toys to take home.



RECOGNIZING OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS

Guardian Angel, a program of Ascension Wisconsin Foundation, extends an invitation for patients to recognize any associate that made a lasting difference in their care. Please join us in recognizing recent Guardian Angels at Ascension St. Elizabeth!



Dr. Alexander Starr, Oncologist



**Emilia Beach, Registered Nurse,
Courtnee Crull, Registered Nurse**



Wound Care Team



Brianna Wolcott, Licensed Behavioral Counselor

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LETTER FROM YOUR FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



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I hope you've enjoyed reading our latest edition of *The Spirit of Giving*, which highlights the impact you're making right here at Ascension St. Elizabeth. Your generous support has made these stories, and so many more, possible at your local hospital. **Thank you.**

Looking ahead, Ascension Wisconsin Foundation has committed to investing \$20 million over the next three fiscal years, including projects right here at Ascension St. Elizabeth. We look forward to sharing more about these important investments in the months ahead.

Every time you make a gift in support of a specific area of care or program at Ascension St. Elizabeth, you help ensure patients receive the compassionate, high-quality care they deserve. Because of you, all patients — regardless of background or ability to pay — are supported by our care teams in moments of need.

Thank you for making it possible to achieve the Mission of Ascension at Ascension St. Elizabeth.



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President, Ascension Wisconsin Foundation

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