



**MACKINAC STRAITS  
HEALTH FOUNDATION**  
BRIDGING DREAMS TO REALITY

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### *With your support...*

Earlier this year, Mackinac Straits Health Foundation (MSHF) was able to purchase a new wheelchair-accessible Glider swing for Evergreen Living Center. This summer, residents and their families enjoyed sitting in

the swing out in the courtyard. The swing allows residents and guests to safely glide in the canopied swing (*pictured at left*).

Other items purchased recently for Evergreen Living Center include a new commercial dishwasher, passenger van and a brand new Bingo board!

MSHF was also able to purchase three new pieces of equipment for our hardworking patients of our Physical Rehabilitation Department, including a Pelvic/Cervical Traction Package to replace treatment currently being done manually, allowing optimal, consistent delivery of services while also providing key measurable data for medical records.

The equipment upgrade also included a brand new Upper Body

Ergometer that is used regularly, and on a daily basis, by patients. The department also received an Eva Support Walker, a Gait Training Device to improve safety and quality of care for patients in the early stages of rehab. It is primarily used for long term care patients.

So far in 2018, the Foundation, working with the MSH Oncology Department has provided more than \$16,000 in assistance to those patients that had to travel out of the area for further treatment. This included help with the cost of transportation, lodging and meals. We were able to help our patients in such a large capacity in part due to the success of the annual Hooping For A Cure basketball game and event.

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# Director's Corner

MIKE GRISDALE  
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Dear Friends,

It is my privilege to serve two different roles with the Mackinac Straits Health System. As Marketing Director and Foundation Director, I have the opportunity to not only witness the great care our staff provides for the community, but also the wonderful support our community gives in return.

No matter where I go, I enjoy any chance I get to tell our amazing story; a story of how great things can be accomplished when people come together. I never get tired of telling it and it seems people never tire of hearing it. It's about the many different facets coming together and working hard towards securing health care in our community. We call it "Bridging Dreams to Reality".

Unique partnerships, community trust, dedicated leaders, a history of caring, and generous financial gifts have built Mackinac Straits Health System into what it is today. The vision, created over ten years ago, still has momentum today. We are proud of our exceptional reputation, including 5-star ratings for our hospital and Evergreen Living Center. Promises made, promises kept.

We continue to grow and stay strong because of the both past and present commitment to providing health care to the Straits region. Those who make this commitment include hospital administration, board members, medical staff, employees, donors and most importantly, the community. Our Foundation is able to overcome challenges because we are all committed to the shared goal of providing quality care. This effort is fueled by patients who trust us, and donors who believe in us.

While the formula may seem simple, it is not that easy. Everyone wants quality medical care at an affordable price available locally. Our goal is to work diligently to provide those services. Staying committed is hard sometimes, and we all need encouragement to stay focused. Our staff is motivated and encouraged when families entrust us to care for their loved ones. They are also motivated when they see donors give generously through the Foundation, because they know those donations make it possible to continue to provide the high level of care our community has grown to appreciate.

Let us all pledge to continue to work together, stay committed and keep this story alive. Please consider a gift to help us meet the challenges ahead and keep our health system strong.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Grisdale".

Mike Grisdale, Director

*P.S. Be sure to check out the 2019 Event Calendar on the back page!*

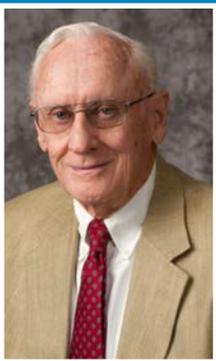
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PRENTISS M. BROWN, JR

## Donors Make a Difference . . .

**Prentiss M. Brown, Jr**

Everyone in the St. Ignace community knows who “Moie” is, but if you don’t, let us introduce you to Mr. Prentiss M. Brown, Jr.

Brown. “Not only does it provide such wonderful care for our families and visitors, but it has also become an economic engine in the region. These are the main reasons I have been a financial supporter since the mid-1950s. My main mission now is to promote these feelings to others in the community.”

“We are fortunate to have such great support in this community,” stated Mr. Brown. “I encourage everyone to continue to support our health system, both financially and by using their services.”

There are many ways in which you can support MSHF, including honorary

donations for someone in your life, or at Mackinac Straits Health System who made an impact on you, or, you may also make donations in memory of those you have lost. You can even direct these funds to any department or project you choose.

Making a donation to Mackinac Straits Health Foundation has never been easier! You can donate via the mail, online payment, or over the phone! Simply fill out the enclosed envelope and drop it in the mail, or donate online by visiting us online at [www.mackinacstraitshhealth.org](http://www.mackinacstraitshhealth.org).

For more information about donating or specific projects, call 906-643-0443.

For several decades, Moie and his family have been involved in countless efforts to improve the community; his nickname has become synonymous with support and pride.

Mackinac Straits Hospital and the Mackinac Straits Health Foundation both have great meaning to Moie and his family. “This health system plays a vital role in the community”, said Mr.

## The Jewel at Mackinac Golf Tournament

## 17 YEARS & STILL GOING STRONG

# The Jewel at Mackinac ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th Annual Jewel at Mackinac Golf Tournament was held August 23, 2018 on Mackinac Island. This popular fundraising event sold out again, featuring 168 golfers playing on a beautiful, sunny day. Many thanks to all who participated, volunteered, donated or sponsored this year’s successful event.

Not only does our golf outing help support the mission of the Mackinac Straits Health System, it also brings together many community leaders, state officials and several agencies that work with us to continue to provide access to quality healthcare in the Straits region.

Over the last 17 years, proceeds have helped purchase vital equipment and fund key programs for the Mackinac Island Medical Center, as well as the hospital in St. Ignace. The event has also strengthened the many relationships and partnerships that have also played a very important role in helping our system grow.

We hope to see many of you back on beautiful Mackinac Island for the 2019 event. Let’s keep the tradition going, and keep our health system healthy!



PHOTOS: *Top* – One of the many local foursomes competing, left to right, Mike Konicki, Doug Rearick, Mike Robinson and Ken Doud. *Bottom* – Volunteers at the Grand Nine course, standing L to R, Shannon Doran, Kim North, Karen Cheeseman and Mike Grisdale. Sitting L to R: Wendy Baril, Carol Rearick and Sandy Grisdale. Photos credited to Kelly Champion and Karen Schwiderson.

**SAVE the DATE! AUGUST 22, 2019**

**The Jewel at Mackinac Golf Tournament**



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We hope you'll find this newsletter informative and share the stories with others who you feel may want to help make an impact on the future of healthcare in the Straits region.

Take a few moments to learn about the value of your gift, your fellow donors, recent highlights, and upcoming events.

With your help, we can continue the work of *Bridging Dreams to Reality!*



## Upcoming Events

**January 24, 2019**

**11th Annual Hooping for a Cure Basketball Game**

**May 18, 2019**

**Saint Ignace Rock & Run**

**July 12, 2019**

**2nd Annual Healthy Partners Luncheon**

**August 22, 2019**

**18th Annual The Jewel at Mackinac Golf Tournament**

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THE JEWEL AT MACKINAC GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018



HOOPING FOR A CURE 2018



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