



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



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2020 YEAR END APPEAL

Matching gifts and a generous community equals Success!



Pictured above, the Foundation kicked off the Year End Appeal on television when Bob Benser (left) presented a \$10,000 check to the MSH Foundation in front of Murdick's Fudge in downtown St. Ignace. Reporter Katie Birecki from TV 9&10 (middle) interviewed Mike Grisdale (right) who appeared on behalf of the Foundation.

Our 2020 Year End Appeal was a great success! Thanks to all those contributed in helping to surpass our goal of \$80,000 by raising over \$134,000 to help support the Mackinac Straits Health System. A big shout out to MSHS Employees, Medical Staff and first-time donors. Since 2014, thanks to the wonderful support of the community, our Foundation has been able to provide more than \$3.5 million towards new equipment and programs throughout the Health System.



Foundation News and Updates

CDH1 AWARENESS EVENT



Amy Gustafson (left) presents check from the "Run for CDH1" to Mike Grisdale of the MSH Foundation to help Promote Genetic Testing Awareness to patients. She is planning to have the event again this year.

In an effort to bring about more awareness regarding the value of genetic testing, Amy Gustafson from St. Ignace organized a "Run for CDH1" last fall. Many from Mackinac County and around the Midwest participated. She worked with the MSH Foundation and other organizations to promote the event. More than \$6,500 was raised to help bring awareness to those diagnosed with CDH1, the role of genetic testing and how genetic counseling can play a key role in a patient's journey. Amy said \$1,500 is being donated to a group called "No Stomach for Cancer" out of Wisconsin which helped sponsor the event. The remaining proceeds were donated to the MSH Foundation to help educate patients and providers about the value of genetic testing and how the process works. Proceeds will also be used to help local patients who need financial assistance when traveling for the tests.





In Memoriam - Mary Maurer



Mary R. Maurer
May 4, 1951 – Dec. 31, 2020

Mackinac Straits Health System board trustee, Mary Maurer of St. Ignace passed away peacefully, December 31st following an eight-month battle with cancer. At the time of her passing, Mary was also a member of the St. Ignace Library Board, St. Ignace Community Foundation, and Superior Health Foundation in Marquette. She and her husband, Wesley played an integral role in the community as owners of the St. Ignace News and the Mackinac Island Town Crier. A service will be planned later with burial taking place on Mackinac Island. Memorials can be made to the St. Ignace Community Foundation, Mackinac Straits Health Foundation or charity of choice.

2021 HOOPING FOR A CURE

Proceeds help:

No Cancer Patient Left Behind



This year's event will be a little different, but it will be more important than ever. Due the pandemic, we won't be able to have a packed gymnasium, but the need to help our oncology patients is greater than ever. Our Oncology Department is seeing more patients, and more families are affected by the economic downturn. Please consider supporting this year's effort which includes sponsorship opportunities, Grand Cure Raffle, 50/50, Online Auction and specially designed T-Shirts. Call the MSH Foundation, (906) 328-0006.

From the Director

With Heartfelt Gratitude

Mackinac Straits Strong! is an understatement. Once again, this community shows what it can do when challenged. All of us have been affected by the pandemic changing our lifestyle, worrying about our health, constantly rescheduling our plans, adapting to new rules at work, and dealing with stress at work and at home.

Asking for money at a time like this is not easy, but it was necessary. During our recent Year End Appeal, we asked some key donors to help set the pace to reach our goal for 2020. They did by providing a \$40,000 Match and the community responded overwhelmingly by donating more than \$134,000 which included our first-ever Online Auction.

This year's effort was in honor of all of our MSHS Employees for all they have done this past year. Your generosity is a tribute to them and will help make our organization stronger as we meet our new challenges!

Mike Grisdale - Foundation Director



Pictured to the left are some of the team from our hospital's Emergency Department. To the right are some of the dedicated staff from the Evergreen Living Center.



SAVE THE DATES!

- **Hooping for a Cure 50/50 Raffle Drawing** - Wednesday, March 17, 2021
- **6th Annual St. Ignace Rock & Run** - Saturday, May 22, 2021
- **Annual Geranium Sale** - Friday, May 28, 2021
- **3rd Annual Health Partners Luncheon** - Summer 2021
- **19th Jewel at Mackinac Golf Outing** - Thursday, August 26, 2021
- **Alzheimer's Walk** - Wednesday, September 23, 2021

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