

# Partners in Giving Create Healthier Communities, Healthier Tomorrows

As part of its mission, the La Porte Hospital Foundation seeks grants and partnerships with other philanthropic organizations to obtain funds that can be used to enhance patient care and make a positive difference in the communities we serve. Featured below are the grants received from January 2007 to date.



(L to r): Maria Fruth, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, LaPorte Hospital Foundation; Marcia Vermilye, Director, Cardiovascular Laboratory; Billie Womak, and Jim Clarke.

Billie Womak, La Porte, was honored with flowers as the 1,000<sup>th</sup> woman to have been screened for heart disease through the 2BigHearts Foundation. These screenings are made possible to area individuals through a partnership with 2BigHearts, La Porte Hospital, and the Foundation.

“Something like this is really great. I couldn’t afford it otherwise, and a lot of people just don’t have the money to have these kinds of screenings. I love everybody here. They are the best people,” Womak said. “Working with La Porte Hospital has been a very rewarding experience, and there is a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction to see the 1,000<sup>th</sup> woman screened,” said Jim Clarke, Founder of 2BigHearts. See below for more information about this partnership.



**2BigHearts Foundation** - The 2BigHearts Foundation, in partnership with La Porte Regional Health System and the La Porte Hospital Foundation, has assisted with funds for six heart screening events for women in our service area since 2004. Approximately 180 women will have participated in the screenings in 2007. **Amount awarded in 2007 - \$15,700.**

**Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust, Inc.** - Through the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust, funded by the sale of breast cancer license plates, the La Porte Hospital Foundation has been awarded a grant to provide screening mammograms for low income, uninsured women ages 40 and older who meet specific financial criteria. Approximately 55 women will be assisted with screening mammograms in 2007. **Amount awarded in 2007 - \$6,000.**

**Matthew Frank Moore Foundation** - The La Porte Hospital Foundation has secured funds from the Matthew Frank Moore Foundation to help purchase equipment for the La Porte County Dental Services. The new X-ray film processor helps dentists get to the “root” of the problem. **Amount awarded in 2007 - \$5,127.**

**Indiana State Department of Health** - These funds are used for operational expenses of La Porte County Dental Services, which provides quality dental care to the uninsured or underinsured in our community. **Amount awarded from 2006 - 2008 - \$374,530.** (This grant does not flow through the financial statements of the La Porte Hospital Foundation.)

**Unity Foundation** - The Unity Foundation has awarded the La Porte Hospital Foundation funds toward the purchase of a digital scale, priced at \$1,390.30, for the Community Health Center, which serves low income, underinsured or uninsured members of our community. **Amount awarded by the Unity Foundation in 2007 - \$700.** (The remaining balance of \$690.30 will be funded by the La Porte Hospital Foundation.)

**Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation** - Administered by Healthy Communities of La Porte County, this grant from Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation enables the Wellness Resource Center to offer FREE smoking cessation classes and one-on-one assistance to individuals who wish to kick the habit. The initiative has been particularly important this year as LRHS prepares to go completely smoke-free on all its properties by November 15, 2007. This grant also provides HealthQuarters the ability to give information to inpatients who smoke. **Amount awarded in 2007 to be used for a period of two years - \$36,559.**

**Tri Kappa, Inc. - Delta Upsilon Chapter** - This generous organization has awarded the La Porte Hospital Foundation these funds to purchase children’s furniture for the Community Health Center/La Porte County Dental Services building. **Amount awarded in 2007 - \$500.**

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*“I choose to be a member of the Foundation because I see how generously the Foundation supports our initiatives through purchase of equipment, funding for scholarships and screenings for the community. Their generosity this past year has allowed us to develop a very comprehensive cardiovascular screening service for participants at no cost, which is unique.”*

- Marcia Vermilye, MSA, BS, RN