

Inside Northern Arizona Healthcare From the Office of Philanthropy

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To all of our Northern Arizona Healthcare supporters, we are pleased to share this summer newsletter as an update on our work. We are always available to you, so please reach out as needed. Thank you for your continued partnership!

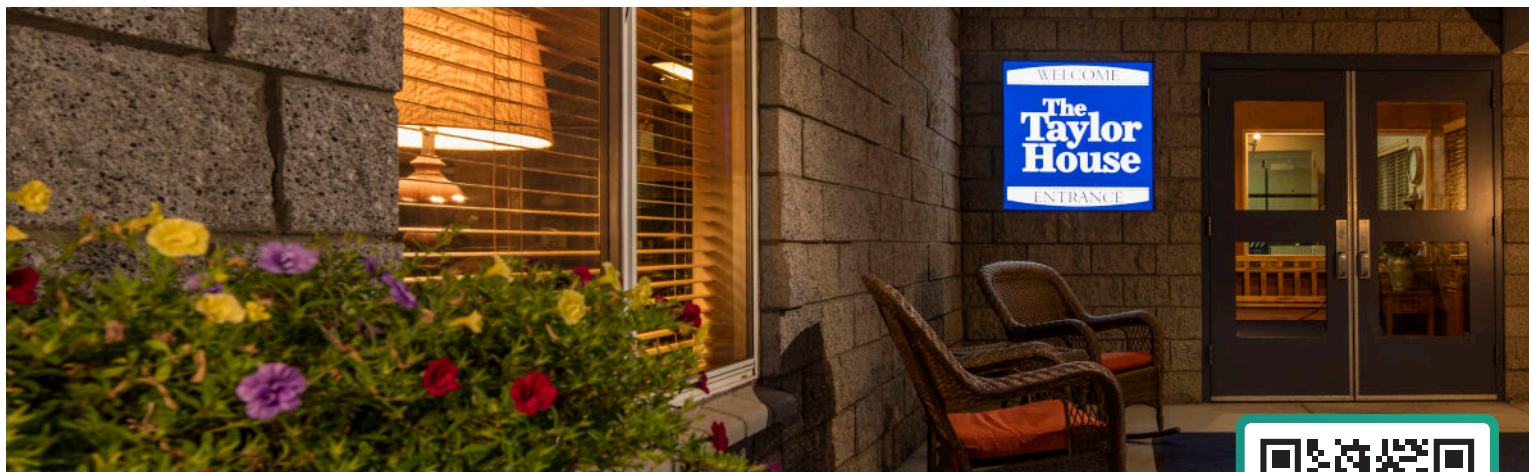


Larry Kushner,
Chief Philanthropy Officer

TAYLOR HOUSE: HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The Taylor House is an important resource for our community and provides low-cost lodging for patients, families, and friends close to Flagstaff Medical Center and NAH clinics in the area. With the use of philanthropy funds, The Taylor House was furnished with new mattresses for all 19 rooms this year, along with enhancements to other areas of the building. The impact of this update will improve the "home away from home" feeling for many of those who receive care at NAH.

Scan the QR code to donate to The Taylor House:



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46TH ANNUAL MACHINE SOLUTIONS RUN & WALK FOR KIDS

503 participants ran and walked the 2k, 5k and 10k courses at Fort Tuthill County Park on Saturday, Aug. 3. The 46th Annual Machine Solutions Run & Walk for Kids raised nearly \$40,000 for NAH's Children's Health Center (CHC). In one of our favorite events, over 50 caped heroes ran in the 100-yard kids dash and were the highlight of the morning. Thank you to our title sponsor, Machine Solutions, and all our sponsors and supporters who continue to make this event a success. Funds raised help CHC elevate the care provided to the youth of northern Arizona.

"This event shows how much the community supports Children's Health Center, and with the funds raised, we help our community's youngest members accomplish great things so they can thrive," said Anthony Gobe, Children's Health Center practice manager.



GUARDIAN AIR TRANSPORT REUNION

Guardian Air Transport (GAT) celebrated 39 years of serving northern Arizona this summer with their annual reunion. GAT services nearly 80,000 square miles, from Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon to the border of New Mexico. Our flight teams are of utmost importance in critical incidents. Many times, the flight crew does not get to reconnect with patients they served. This reunion allows pilots, flight nurses and other members of the GAT team to reunite with patients they've cared for. Attendees expressed gratitude, appreciation and respect for their caregivers.



PAINTFEST AT NAH

The Foundation for Hospital Art (FHA) celebrated its 40th anniversary by holding a PaintFest at multiple hospitals along Interstate 40. The mission of FHA is to bring comfort and hope to people in health care facilities around the world. NAH was one of six hospitals selected to participate in this event. Our colleagues voted beforehand to paint three murals during the event on June 4, which also welcomed patients and family members. These murals were generously donated to our organization and will be featured across our campuses.



NAHOSC RANKS AS TOP 1%

Northern Arizona Healthcare Orthopedic Surgery Center (NAHOSC) was recently named one of the best Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC) for orthopedics and spine by U.S. News & World Report. This rating has put NAHOSC in the top 1% of ambulatory surgical centers in Arizona (6,000 nationwide, 212 in Arizona). NAHOSC was one of 10 ASCs in Arizona to be recognized and the only one in northern Arizona region with this stellar ranking.



SAFE SLEEP CERTIFICATION

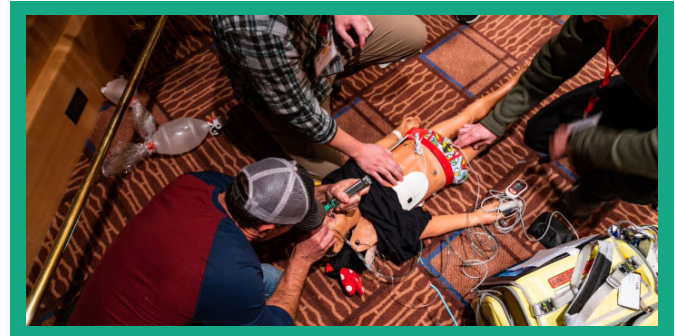
Each year, over 1,400 babies are born at Northern Arizona Healthcare. Our center is a Birthing Friendly Designated Organization through Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. A goal of the Women and Infant Services department at NAH is to become safe-sleep certified. The final step to reach this certification is the ability to provide a sleep sack for each family once they are discharged from the hospital. Providing a sleep sack to families will allow the nursing staff to model safe sleep practices and assist parents so they feel prepared once their baby is ready to go home.

Scan the QR code to support this initiative so every baby will go home, safe and snuggly in their very own sleep sack. Your support will continue to elevate the care provided at NAH, specifically for our smallest patients.



NORTHERN ARIZONA EMS PEDIATRIC SYMPOSIUM

Northern Arizona Emergency Medical Services (EMS) hosted the 15th annual Pediatric Symposium this spring and was sponsored by the Office of Philanthropy. NAH's trauma services and pediatrics teams attended and presented at the event. Child abuse, orthopedics and toxicology were topics of discussion. Simulation labs were made available to allow attendees to practice assessment and practical skills on pediatric manikins. NAH's sponsorship also supported scholarships that allowed nine rural EMS providers to attend for free.



SHOWING GRATITUDE FOR OUR COLLEAGUES

Thanks to the support of our community partner, The Peaks, A Senior Living Community, our Flagstaff Medical Center Emergency Department team was recognized for their hard work and dedication to delivering the best care for patients. The team enjoyed food from local food truck Tot Box. The Month of Gratitude program allows our community to support our departments with morale-boosting initiatives, such as meals during shifts.

On June 22, our Guardian Air Transport and Guardian Medical Transport teams were recognized at a First Responder Night at Pepsi Amphitheater. In partnership with R-Entertainment, our first responders enjoyed a Yachtley Crew concert and a round of applause from attendees thanking them for their service to our communities.



MEET OUR EXPERTS

NAH's mission is "Improving health, healing people." That is exactly what our team at NAH does. Meet some of the people who are dedicated to NAH's mission and serving the communities of northern Arizona.

Mark Liwanag, DO, is a specialist in cardiac electrophysiology with the Cardiovascular Institute at NAH. He manages complex arrhythmias. Dr. Liwanag performs advanced procedures including radiofrequency ablation and implantation of cardiac electronic devices like pacemakers and defibrillators.

"My job is to listen and educate so that we can engineer the best plan for you and your family." – Dr. Liwanag

To get to know Dr. Liwanag, watch a short one-minute Meet our Experts video on YouTube:



HEART OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to Loven Contracting for sponsoring NAH's Office of Philanthropy's Heart of Gratitude Program. This program allows patients, family members, friends and others to nominate clinical or non-clinical employees who went above and beyond in the care of patients.

"I came into the ER with a broken tibia and fibula. The ER was very busy that night so I had to wait a bit to get an X-ray and a bed. Once I got my X-ray and got a bed, I had the most amazing nurses take care of me. Allyson, the night shift OR charge nurse, was very sweet and kind. She got a hamburger and a Gatorade for me, got me pillows and blankets to make sure I was comfortable, and was always there when I needed her. She was kind and amazing at taking care of me during a very difficult time. I am forever thankful for these amazing people who made that miserable night a little more bearable!"

– Grateful Patient

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