

WOMEN OF GOOD SAMARITAN
Supporting Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center



Women of Good Sam Funded Grants Summary 2022-2023

Breast health equipment - 2 handheld attachments for Neoprobe

Purchase of two additional handheld attachments to be used on existing cancer detecting Neoprobe technology, used to locate sentinel lymph nodes for multiple types of cancer. Additional hand pieces will make use of current device more efficient and better aligned with best practices for sterilizing equipment.

Menstruation station pilot project for Good Sam staff

Establishes a pilot program which will provide free menstrual care products and remedies to workers of Good Sam. Supplies will be available in the main hospital in an employee-only area, improving the work environment for those employees who might need access to this service.

Artwork and display screen for esophageal manometry room

Purchases equipment to improve the ambiance of the manometry room to assist with easing anxiety during esophageal manometries which can be a very stressful procedure. Funds will purchase artwork for the walls/ceiling (light covers) and a TV monitor to play relaxing videos and music during procedures.

Inpatient/outpatient heart failure supplies

Funds will be used to purchase supplies to help both outpatient and inpatient heart failure patients, with new or exacerbated heart failure diagnoses, to be able to participate in self-care at home. Examples of materials: information booklets, logbooks, scales, pill boxes, blood pressure monitors, and bus fare to clinic appointments. Funds will also support "Heart Failure Awareness Week" event in February 2024.

Music therapy for oncology patients

Provide music therapy to oncology patients at Good Sam with the hope of expanding this offering to all palliative care patients in the future. Funds will kickstart a 3-month pilot project, covering the cost of a music therapist who will be onsite once a week to see patients.

Epilepsy/PNES patient education

Funds will provide the book *Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures: A Guide* to all patients discharged from the Epilepsy Monitoring Units with a diagnosis of PNES (psychogenic non-epileptic seizures – the diagnosis for 50% of patients who enter Good Sam with seizure-like activity). Funds will help with the continuation of a successful project that has existed at Good Sam since 2017 and will purchase 150 additional books.

Ostomy teaching simulation

"Otto Ostomy" is a 3D advanced model which provides anatomical features to adjust and the ability to learn how to manage the stoma with appliances and devices. Simulation provides an enhanced training experience for providers who are teaching patients and families how to use ostomies daily.

Breast health equipment - MicroAire Lipotower

This is a multifunctional machine that is used for reconstructive surgery. Equipment will be used most often with for breast reconstruction after surgery or for better dissection and vasoconstriction during mastectomies. Good Sam has one MicroAire Lipotower – funds will purchase an additional unit, as it is used with high frequency.

Pocket Talkers for patients with hearing loss

Handheld devices for patients who experience hearing loss, with a focus on geriatric inpatient service. Devices are used to assist patients as they navigate around the hospital during their stay.

Sensory and educational materials for care management and behavioral health

Educational materials for follow-up care and patient homework after visiting the behavioral health clinic. Examples of material available: mindfulness companion and workbook, healthy eating educational books, grief and loss books, caring for a loved one workbook, diabetes management book, sleep hygiene tracker and workbook, stress balls, and journals.

Otoacoustic meter for children at LMG Family Medicine Clinic

Welch Allyn 39500 Otoacoustic Emission Hearing Screener for infants, newborns, toddlers, and preschool age children to be used at the Family Medicine Clinic.

Bariatric and ADA accessible exam bed at LMG Family Medicine Clinic

Bariatric exam bed to assist in safe transfer of patients experiencing limited mobility. Exam bed can be lowered to wheelchair height for safe transfers and can weigh patients who cannot easily stand or get out of a wheelchair.

Pulse oximeters for patients

Fingertip pulse oximeters continue to be in high demand due to covid 19 and RSV. Oximeters can be sent home with patients for at-home monitoring.

Point of care HbA1C tests and educational booklets for patients with diabetes

No cost blood sugar testing and educational take-home resources for family medicine clinic patients with diabetes.

SAD lights for patients

Circadian Rhythm Happy Lights to distribute to patients who meet certain criteria and may be experiencing seasonal depression.

Legacy Patient Narrative Project

Funds will launch a patient narrative pilot project at Good Sam, with potential to be rolled out to other sites. The planning for this project has been ongoing for two years and is modeled after "My Life, My Story" program at the Madison, Wisconsin VA Hospital. Funds will purchase technical equipment to be used by volunteer interviewers.

Breast Center iPad interpreter

Funds will purchase an iPad interpreter to make the Breast Center more inclusive of non-English speaking patients and their families. The service has dozens of languages to choose from, including some that are hard to find in other services. GS has this technology in other units, and it has been successful and well-utilized.

Patient lending library for outpatient rehab

This project will create a lending library which has a collection of books and other media focused on patient education for self-management of musculoskeletal, pelvic health, neurological, and chronic pain conditions.

Pressure injury and central line mannequins

Purchase of two mannequins to help with hands-on education for providers that will increase quality of care for patients and decrease the risk of hospital-acquired injuries. The Quality Coaching team is currently in the process of getting “back to the basics” with best practices in foundational metrics; additional mannequins will allow in-the-moment feedback to care teams so they gain the confidence they need when at the bedside with our patients.

Family Birth Center – mattress toppers

Funds will purchase 10 specialized mattress toppers for labor beds, which will improve the comfort of the beds for recovering mothers.

Family Birth Center – Accuvein vein finder

Funds will purchase an Accuvein vein finder, which helps providers quickly and accurately find a vein, aiding in quick IV access for emergent care.