Arnot Health Gala Celebrates Dr. Edward J. Grandt, OB/GYN

Warm autumnal tones and glistening candlelit tables adorned the ballroom where 160 guests enjoyed a festive evening to honor our 2016 Healthcare Hero Award recipient, Dr. Edward J. Grandt, OB/GYN.

On October 22, the Arnot Health Foundation hosted their third Healthcare Heroes Gala at the award-winning Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen. The Healthcare Hero Award recognizes compassionate, civic-minded men and women who care deeply about the health and well-being of their community, and share their time and resources to ensure it. They inspire others to continue the mission to heal, comfort, and care for the communities and people they serve. This selfless focus makes them true healthcare heroes.

“Heard Grandt is regarded as a medical pioneer and has been a tireless advocate for women’s health services in our community” said Arnot Health President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert K. Lambert, M.D. Dr. Grandt dedicated his life to helping others and truly exemplifies what it means to be a physician, an educator, a leader, and a healthcare hero.

His career has been distinguished by the many hats he wore during his 40 years of service. He was the past President of the Arnot Ogden Medical Staff, the long-time chief of our OB/GYN Department and served on the St. Joseph’s Hospital Foundation Board. Dr. Grandt was also one of the founders of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and trained many OB/GYN Nurse Practitioners at Arnot Ogden Medical Center. He had an enormous impact in delivery rooms across the Southern Tier, estimating that he delivered over 8,000 babies! He also fought to change delivery room policies so that fathers may be present during childbirth.

In honor of Dr. Grandt’s career at Arnot Health, the newly remodeled Maternity Department at Arnot Ogden Medical Center bears his name to celebrate his many achievements and contributions.

The 2016 Gala chairs, Dr. Ken and Mrs. Louise Herzl-Betz, spoke about Dr. Grandt’s leadership in Elmira and beyond. Not only did Dr. Grandt make a significant impact in his field, he was a generous supporter of many local arts, educational, and cultural institutions.

He was a key force in the establishment of the Elmira College Nursing Program and served on their Board of Directors for 13 years. When Dr. Grandt took a break from his busy schedule, he found solace in local land that he named the “Plymouth Woods Nature Preserve.” In 2003, he donated this land to the Finger Lakes Land Trust so that it may be protected, and that others can enjoy it in perpetuity.

During his remarks, Dr. Herzl-Betz also compared Dr. Grandt’s influence to that of Mark Twain. He said that “Dr. Grandt has been a true medical giant in our community, who has made the Southern Tier a better place.” Upon accepting the Healthcare Hero Award, Dr. Grandt humbly recalled that he worked with a remarkable group of people during his time with Arnot Health. He was deeply touched by the honor from the Arnot Health Foundation, and for the words of Dr. Edward J. Grandt and his son, John Grandt, at the Healthcare Heroes Gala.

Several prominent businesses, medical professionals, and local organizations sponsored the evening’s festivities. Thank you to this year’s sponsors and to our benefactors, supporters, and friends who contributed with gifts in honor of Dr. Edward J. Grandt!

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Arnot Health Surpasses The Future is Today Campaign Goal

Marianna Amot Ogden would be proud of you: our community members, loyal donors, grateful patients, and business partners who all have remained faithful to the vision of the Amot Ogden family for over a century. You are the stewards of their mission. And it is because of you, that we always seek to be better.

Since their inception, both Amot Ogden Medical Center and St. Joseph’s Hospital have worked to meet the ever-changing needs of your community. Staying cutting edge and competitive have been the hallmarks of both institutions. When the Hospitals joined forces in 2011, their strengths combined and further evolved healthcare in the Southern Tier under the new auspices of Amot Health.

As a non-profit healthcare system, Amot Health depends on support from you, our closest friends, so that we can remain the leading provider of healthcare in this region. Because of your sincere dedication to our organization, we recently were able to turn our dreams into an action plan.

In early 2015, Amot Health System’s Board of Directors Chairman, Michael Hosey, led a group of volunteers towards the goal of raising funds to help cover the costs associated with renovating both the 4D and 5D units at the Amot Ogden Medical Center. Environmental, facility, and technological upgrades were needed in the Radiology Department as well. On the St. Joseph’s Hospital campus, the Behavioral Science Unit required critical updates to make the space more therapeutic. This multi-layered fundraising project became known as The Future is Today Capital Campaign.

Through the collective power of our Steering Committee members, Amot Health was positioned to tackle this special project head-on. With the support of the Amot Health President and Chief Executive Officer Robert K. Lambert, M.D., and the Senior Director of the Foundation Angela May, the Committee was able to gather resources from loyal community partners to help us fund our ambitions.

After working tirelessly for 2 years, Amot Health is proud to announce that The Future is Today Capital Campaign has surpassed the original goal of $5,000,000 and has raised $5,256,235. This announcement was made public at our Healthcare Heroes Gala celebration on October 22, 2016.

In addition to the Steering Committee, a Physicians Committee was formed under the thoughtful leadership of Dr. Jan Eberhard. Dr. Eberhard led this committee of motivated Amot Health medical professionals, breaking records in physician participation; giving more than in any other campaign before. As such, physician giving totaled $813,000. Thank you to our physicians for believing in our vision!

The new 4D/ 5D wings were designed to maximize efficiency, in hopes of the patient having a quicker recovery time.
One of our commitments to you is to demonstrate how your contributions are wisely invested in truly exceptional healthcare. Your dedication to our fundraising efforts gives us a bigger platform to serve you better. Now, more than ever before, we are positioned to not only meet, but exceed your expectations of what your local medical center should be.

At Arnot Ogden Medical Center, renovations on unit 4D and the addition of unit 5D created 44 new rooms, adding 15,000 square feet. About 90% of the hospital’s rooms are now private with new bathrooms. By adding more private rooms, patients are able to rest more comfortably, have improved communication with their care providers, and have time alone with their family.

Since patients all have different needs, designated areas for specialized care were further developed in the 4D/5D plans. Orthopedic and neurosurgery patients can receive personalized care on the 4D unit, while the 5D unit caters to cardiovascular patients. 5D is also considered an intermediate, “step-down unit,” that relieves congestion in the ICU and enables patients to move to a more appropriate level of care when needed.

The Campaign also funded major enhancements in the Radiology Department on the Arnot Ogden campus. Arnot Health has more than 300 physicians, specialists, and primary care providers who rely on medical imaging, such as MRIs and CT scans, to help make accurate and early diagnoses. System-wide, Arnot Health provides over 180,000 diagnostic and interventional radiologic procedures each year. With the imaging technology upgrades, the Radiologists can determine the best treatment plans more efficiently than ever before.

Also within the Radiology Department, new private waiting areas and dressing rooms help to improve patient privacy. The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades throughout the department allow for a more comfortable environment for our patients. Furthermore, the newly constructed floor plan now has a direct route to the Emergency/Trauma areas, facilitating a safer and easier transition for patients between the two corridors.

Third, updates at the Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) at St. Joseph’s Hospital focused on patient safety. The physical renovations help the BSU to exceed safety and regulatory compliance measures. The BSU is now a more therapeutic environment, and these upgrades help us tend to the ever-increasing need for inpatient mental health services in our community. With these extensive renovations, patients have access to a positive gateway to recovery.

These three areas were the focus for The Future is Today Capital Campaign. This initiative was inspired by you and was carefully crafted with patient-centric care as a main priority. Though the official strategic planning process for this Campaign began in early 2015, it has been you, our donors, who have supported the plans of the Arnot Ogden family for over a century. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to provide you with high-quality, cost-effective, socially responsible healthcare. Without you, this would not have been possible.
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The opportunities of tomorrow are created with your generosity today! You can play an important role in shaping our future when you include Arnot Health in your will or estate plans. To learn more about bequest options, contact Angela May at (607) 795-8167.
Lambert and Dr. Herzl-Betz. In closing he said, “I really feel appreciated. I can’t tell you how much this award touches me.”

The work of the Foundation is close to Dr. Grandt’s heart. During his career, he established the Edward J. Grandt Obstetrics and Gynecology Fund to support education and improvements in women’s health. This year, the Gala in honor of Dr. Grandt raised over $36,000 to support the work of the Arnot Health Foundation. The funds are used to attract and retain a highly-qualified staff, provide access to new medical technology, and enhance our facilities.

After the award presentation, guests enjoyed a lovely dinner and dessert display. The fun continued as everyone danced to the live music of Nik & the Nice Guys, who performed the classic songs of yesteryear. A wonderful night was had by all!

Community Support for Breast Cancer Awareness

Every year many individuals in our community selflessly give their time, resources, and energy to help those battling cancer. As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Williams Auto Group and the Town & Country Fire Department went pink for a purpose in the hopes of calling attention to this challenging disease.

For every vehicle sold in October, Williams Auto Group made a donation to help offset the costs of treatment for local patients in the Southern and Northern Tiers. They were able to raise a total of $1,750! Gifts were directed to the Arnot Health Breast Cancer Patient Service Fund. The fund supports Falck Cancer Center patients by helping with their personal expenses. At Arnot Health, we are grateful for community partners like Williams Auto Group, who work to provide comfort to those experiencing the many hardships of cancer.

In addition to the efforts of Williams Auto Group, the Town & Country Fire Department in Horseheads raised $330 in honor of a loved one who succumbed to breast cancer and also to increase awareness of cancer in their line of work. Jeff Sweet, a volunteer fireman, mentioned that “Firefighters are at a higher risk of developing cancer from the toxins they’re exposed to on the job.” To draw attention to this cause that is close to their heart, Jeff and his team of firemen and women solicited personal donations and sold pink t-shirts to raise funds that will also benefit the Breast Cancer Patient Service Fund at the Falck Cancer Center. Thank you, Town & Country Fire Department, for your everyday sacrifices and for your passion to raise money in an effort to assist those going through a difficult time. We salute you!

**Did you know** that breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed disease among American women? 1 in every 8 women, roughly 12%, in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. A diagnosis of breast cancer affects more than the women with the disease; it affects their families and everyone around them.

At Arnot Health, we are grateful for the profound impact that Dr. Edward Grandt has made on our physicians, nurses, patients, and our community throughout his career. To make a donation in honor of Dr. Grandt, please contact the Foundation Office at (607) 737-7004. Thank you for helping us celebrate his achievements as Arnot Health’s 2016 Healthcare Hero.

We will return to the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen for next year’s Gala. Save the date for October 21, 2017!
Golfing Fore the Kids!

Warm summer air, freshly manicured greens, birds chirping… Nothing beats a great round of golf, especially when you combine it with a good cause. Golfers took to the links on Friday, September 9th at the Mark Twain Golf Course for a day of fundraising on the fairway in support of the Children’s Miracle Network at Arnot Health.

This year, Rob Stanton from Streeter Associates chaired the 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament that consisted of 36 golf teams totaling 144 golfers.

The $48,012 raised represents a 20% increase over the 2015 tournament. A “shout out” to the 2016 Golf Committee: Annette Ajamian, John Balon, Scott Benson, Dave Blauvelt, Wes Blauvelt, Christine Bohart, Rodney Kremer, Dan Lyon, Gregg Martin, Rob Stanton, Kelly Williams, and the many event day volunteers.

Congratulations to our 1st place team from Micro Solutions! Our 2nd place team was John Blalow’s group, and Elmira Structures took the 3rd spot.

Funds raised are used to sustain our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the Well Baby Unit and the Pediatric Unit at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center. During the post-tournament dinner, golfers heard from Jared and Kristi Coldiron, a local CMN family, who shared their story and expressed their gratitude for the care that their little one, Camden, received in the NICU.

Alene Goodman, our Children’s Miracle Network representative, said that “This event is so much more than a golf tournament. The biggest winners are the infants, children and their families who will benefit from the tournament’s proceeds.”

Thanks to the generosity of our players, CMN now has more resources to fund critical treatments, purchase medical equipment designed for kids, and provide charitable care for families in need. We are grateful to our sponsors and golfers for their unwavering commitment to raise awareness and funds for infants and children in our community.

Thank you to our Platinum Sponsors: Ernie Hartman (left) from IBEW Local 139/NECA and Rob Stanton (right) from Streeter Associates!

Calendar of Events

**Arnot Health Foundation**
- March 27: Campaign Celebration Arnot Ogden Medical Center
- March: Radio Auction
- Outpatient Rehab Center at IDMH
- June 8: Golf Tournament Bath Country Club

**Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital**
- February 9: Collective Goods (formerly Books R Fun) Lobby
- February: Scrubs and More Lobby

**St. Joseph’s Hospital Auxiliary**
- December 16: Christmas Cookie Sale Lobby
- January 19 & 20: Used Book Sale Cusick Room

**Children’s Miracle Network**
- January 14: CMN Night at the Eagles Basketball Game vs. New England Anchors
- Family Fitness Center, 425 Pennsylvania Ave, Elmira Doors @ 6pm
- January 29: CMN Day with the Elmira Jackals/Blade’s birthday vs. Adirondack Thunder
- Post-game skate with players First Arena Doors @ 3pm
- March 9 & 10: Radiothon Wink 106.1
- March 25: Dance Marathon Elmira College
- April 27: Pasta Night with Celebrity Chefs Scott & Ally from Wink 106.1 Glenora Wine Cellars Call (800) 243-5513
- May 19: Moonlight & Miracles “Party at Gatsby’s” Elmira Country Club

Volunteers needed for the CMN Radiothon to help staff our phone bank at Arnot Ogden Medical Center!

Individual tickets for Moonlight & Miracles are $50 per person and Sponsorship Opportunities are available!

For CMN Radiothon and Moonlight & Miracles inquiries, call Alene Goodman for more information at (607) 795-8165 today!
Fred & Harriett Taylor Health Center Rehabilitation Project Underway

Whether healing from an illness, recuperating from a surgery, or making a life change, rehabilitation facilities such as the Fred & Harriett Taylor Health Center exist in order to guide you or your loved ones during a time of transition.

To better serve their patients and long-term care residents, the top-ranked Fred & Harriett Taylor Health Center has redesigned the short-term rehab space within their existing 120-bed skilled nursing facility. Rich Cleland, Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital’s Site Administrator, recognized that their rehab patients and residents all had different needs, and that short-term patients should receive their treatment separate from the long-term care residents.

The Keuka Healthcare Foundation is supporting a $56,000 project to enhance both the long-term care facility and the new short-term rehab unit. Funds are being used to provide new nonslip flooring and emergency lighting in the bathrooms of all patient and resident rooms, including the new short-term rehab rooms. The restructuring of the short-term rehab space and the facility enhancements will help provide a more comfortable, therapeutic, and safer environment for all of their patients and residents.

As of October 10, the main level of the facility is now where the short-term rehab residents reside as they engage in comprehensive therapy programs in an effort to resume a better quality of life. The unit currently has 6 completed private rooms. Their goal is to expand to 20 private and semi-private beds in the future.

Thanks to you, our generous donors, the Fred & Harriett Taylor Health Center and our rehabilitation spaces are now positioned to better address the needs of more rehab patients and long-term care residents from Steuben County and beyond. Your support makes it possible to invest in the people, facilities, and programs that give our patients access to high-quality, personalized, compassionate care close to home.

Do you have a heartwarming story to share about an experience you had with Arnot Health?
If so, write to us! Your submission can be sent to Lauren Mirabella at the Arnot Health Foundation located at 571 E. Market Street, Suite 102, Elmira, NY 14901 or call (607) 795-8169.