

# GENEROSITY REPORT

PARKVIEW FOUNDATIONS



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"The Foundations of Parkview Health inspire the generous spirit of our community that brings gifts of healing and comfort to everyone Parkview serves."



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Jeremy's healing started with a tiny spark. But through dedication and hard work Jeremy's glimmer of hope has been transformed into greatly increased independence and a renewed self-confidence in his ability to walk. For Parkview patients like Jeremy who are overcoming

significant hurdles in their health journey, hope and healing is only possible because of you.

Your generosity made it possible for Jeremy to utilize the G-EO machine at Parkview Randallia's outpatient physical therapy lab. The G-EO machine is the world's most advanced robotic-assisted device that enables patients to regain their ability to walk—and does so more quickly than with conventional approaches. It is one of only eight such devices in the country; and it is available today because of donors like you.

Thanks to the generosity of Parkview Foundation donors, miracle recoveries are dramatically changing the lives of our patients and their families in communities throughout northeast Indiana, northwest Ohio, and southeast Michigan. Generous support from donors like you is a priceless vehicle for hope and healing in support of Parkview's mission to provide excellent care to every patient every day, regardless of their ability to pay.

As the only not-for-profit health system in Northeast Indiana, we thank you for allowing your generosity to enhance the care provided at Parkview and in your community. Your gifts truly make a difference. Your generosity heals.

With best wishes and sincere gratitude,

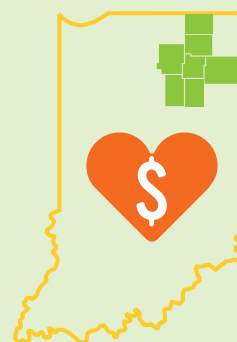
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Senior Vice President, Parkview Foundations



**TOTAL MONEY DISTRIBUTED** **\$863,920**

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS**



who support excellent care for patients and families in:

- Allen County
- Huntington County
- Kosciusko County
- LaGrange County
- Noble County
- Wabash County
- Whitley County



Our generous donors provided **MORE THAN \$49,354**

through the

**MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

for uninsured or underinsured patients who needed access to emergency medication but could not afford it.



**+\$25,000**

More than \$25,000 to provide enhanced and increased access to mental health care for patients in primary physician offices.



**MORE THAN \$49,394**

to support the

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

of local health professionals through scholarships for local students, and continuing education and training opportunities for Parkview co-workers



**THROUGH THE EMPLOYEE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

Total co-workers assisted =

**43**

**\$33,267** funds provided for co-worker assistance

**1,800+**  
**DONATED OVER**  
**\$460,000**

Over 1800 sponsors and event participants generously donated over \$460,000 to provide hope and healing for Parkview patients, families and co-workers.



**PARKVIEW FOUNDATIONS**

# WHEN BRINGS

# GENEROSITY YOU HOME

John was able to heal at home,

but only because of your gifts.

On a crisp, fall day in 2016, John was making his first run, on his first day at a new job driving a big rig, when an accident on I-69 landed him in the emergency room at Parkview Regional Medical Center. It wasn't the best first day at work.

Once he was stabilized, he was moved to the Continuing Care Unit at Parkview Hospital to continue his recovery.

Everyone involved knew it was going to be a long haul. John was going to need intensive physical and occupational therapy to regain the use of his legs. And that wasn't the only problem.

As a new employee, John didn't have health insurance, or even workmen's compensation. Worst of all, his home was in Michigan and he had no family support during his out-of-town stay in the hospital.

Parkview staff compassionately committed themselves to providing support and making his stay as comfortable as possible, even going above and beyond to make sure he had the Lebanese food he was used to. His team of three therapists did everything possible to speed his recovery.

After nearly eight weeks, John was finally stable enough to go home. But, his journey to healing was not over. He still had one non-weight bearing leg and was unable to maneuver on his own—and his family was unable to assist him in making the trip back to Michigan.

Parkview social worker, Laura Pflueger, knows people heal better at home and she was determined to get John there, no matter what it took.

She worked with vendors to obtain the durable medical equipment he needed at a discount—a wheelchair, a walker, and a bedside commode—and then approached Parkview Foundation to help John cover the costs. Generous donations also made it possible to arrange transportation to Michigan for John and his equipment, including a blanket and pillow for the long bus trip.

Healing often involves more than medical treatment. Healing requires support, care and the extra human touch that reminds us that our health matters, and we matter. Laura and Parkview donors like you provided that extra care when John needed it the most. Your generosity made it possible for him to complete his recovery in the comfort of his own home, nurtured through the priceless support of his family.





# HEALING MINUTES

Your generosity saved

When Miranda felt discomfort in her chest on Wednesday afternoon, a heart attack was the last thing on her mind. She didn't have time for anything like that. When the discomfort didn't go away by Friday, she knew she couldn't ignore it any longer. She drove herself to the Parkview Warsaw ER hoping she would be sent home after a quick medical review.

Miranda actually did leave Parkview Warsaw quickly, but not in her own car. Instead, she was flown to Parkview Regional Medical Center by the Parkview Samaritan team. Flying 180 miles per hour, the Samaritan helicopter crew knew that every minute counted. For Miranda, the minutes saved by the speed of the helicopter meant she had a better chance of surviving the heart attack.

The weather was not ideal on this particular Friday, and it hadn't been guaranteed that the helicopter would be able to provide the transport. Visibility was too poor for a visual flight, making an instrument flight the only safe option. Thanks to the generosity of donors through the Parkview Foundation, the Parkview Samaritan team had the Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) capabilities in place that allowed for Miranda's life-saving transport. Otherwise, she would have needed to travel to Fort Wayne via ambulance, requiring roughly double the travel time, wasting precious minutes needed for her treatment.

Thankfully, the Samaritan pilot working that day had extensive experience, including the use of IFR. In order to safely get Miranda the care she needed as quickly as

# WHEN THE COUNT

time and Miranda's life.

possible, his skills were put to good use, including the donor-funded flight routes required for IFR take-off and landing.

When the helicopter landed, Miranda was taken immediately into the catheterization lab to treat the blockage that was causing her heart attack. Thankfully, because of the quick flight from Parkview Warsaw and the skilled hands of every one who provided her care that day, Miranda made a full recovery and was discharged only two days later.

Your generosity made it possible to get Miranda

the care she needed when she needed it. Because of you, and the all-important minutes you saved her, Miranda counts herself very lucky for the gift of time she has been granted.



# GENEROUS DONORS PROVIDE HOPE FOR A FULL LIFE

Huntington County

Thanks to donors, Patti's grandchildren will see her on the playground.

In November of 2016, Patti's doctor told her she desperately needed knee replacement surgery. In fact, he said he didn't know how she was walking at all, given the condition of her knees. But before she could have the surgery, she needed to get control of her severe lymphedema.

"I didn't even know what that term meant," Patti said. The doctor explained it was the swelling in her legs, which was so severe it was causing them to weep lymphatic fluid. "I was really scared, especially when he said it wouldn't be safe for me to have the surgery with my legs as swollen as they were."

Patti was referred to Parkview Huntington for lymphedema therapy. "Lynn, my therapist, was so

patient and supportive," said Patti. "She explained every step and took the time to answer all my questions. She never made me feel rushed. At the end of every session, she always said for me to call her anytime if I had questions or concerns. I felt like she really meant it."

Therapy sessions lasted two months and included light exercise, massage, and compression wraps. Thanks to donations made to the Parkview Huntington Foundation, Lynn was able to provide Patti with compression socks and a Flexitouch lymphedema pump system for use at home.

"Without help from those generous donors I wouldn't have had that pump to use at home," Patti said.

"With it, I was able to keep up with the therapy and see daily improvement. Even my daughter was amazed at how good my legs looked with all the swelling gone."

Patti expects to have knee replacement surgery by the end of summer 2017. She says she is most looking forward to being able to walk to the playground with her three young grandchildren—and she has Parkview Huntington Foundation's generous donors to thank for that!

Parkview Huntington therapist Lynn Merrill is pictured right demonstrating a lymphedema wrap technique often used for therapy treatment much like Patti received on her knees.



# WHEN IT TAKES

# A VILLAGE

Generous donors helps siblings learn how to welcome a new baby into the family.

Preparing for the arrival of a new baby is an exciting and busy time for a family. It includes more than just making a birthing plan, decorating the nursery, and picking out a name. It also involves learning how the new baby will fit into the family—especially for a new big brother or big sister-to-be.

To help families learn how to best welcome a new baby, Parkview Huntington provides a number of baby how-to classes and workshops that are funded through donations to the Parkview Huntington Foundation. One of these classes is the Siblings Class offered especially for three- to eight-year-olds.

The Siblings Class helps the big brother or sister-to-be gain a better understanding of what to expect from a new baby sibling, and what their role might be when the new baby comes home.

When Parkview Huntington's instructional videos for the Siblings Class needed updated for the first time in over 30 years, Parkview Huntington Foundation donors came to the rescue, providing funds to purchase the new updated DVDs. "They've been quite a hit," said Sherry, one of the Siblings Class instructors. "So much so that some of the siblings have asked for one to take home."

The videos also help children understand and deal with their feelings about a new baby, letting them know it's okay sometimes to feel frustrated when the baby cries a lot, or even to feel a little bit sad because mom is paying so much attention to the new baby. And it shows them ways to be involved with the care of the new baby, so they don't feel left out.

The videos not only address emotions but they also educate kids about what the baby will eat and

how much the baby will sleep and shows them how to touch the baby and how to talk to the baby.

"You touch them very, very soft. Like a feather," said one small big sister-to-be, demonstrating what she'd learned in the class by stroking a gentle fingertip over her own forearm.

"They can't really understand what you say," said a slightly older big brother, "but they like you to talk to them. It helps them know words when they finally learn to talk."

Generosity from local donors continues to give new big brothers and big sisters the confidence and excitement to truly welcome not only just a new family member, but a new friend into their lives.





# DONORS ENHANCE OF LIFE IN THE FINAL

Liz and Virgil were able to spend their last few days

Virgil and Liz Hershberger were having a rough year. After a period of remission, Liz's cancer—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma—had come back with a vengeance and the prognosis was not good.

"The worst part was that she was in a lot of pain," Virgil said. "Oral medication helped but not enough."

When Liz suffered a series of seizures, Virgil and the couple's daughter took her to the Parkview LaGrange Hospital emergency department. By that time, the family knew there was nothing medicine could do to prolong Liz's life but they were desperately hoping there was some treatment that would at least allow her to enjoy a good quality of life until the end. Sadly, it was not to be. Tests showed the cancer had spread to her bones, which was the cause of her intense

pain and the seizures that racked her body. Only heavy medication and constant care would make her last days bearable, but neither Liz nor Virgil wanted her to spend the time she had left in the hospital.

Liz wanted to go home. "But we knew we couldn't handle the pain on our own," said Virgil.

That's when Parkview Home Health and Hospice—which operates through the support of the local donations from generous funders—entered their lives. A hospital bed and all the equipment needed to manage Liz's pain were installed in the Hershberger's living room, and the hospice nurse and the volunteer caregiver visited them every day.

"They didn't just provide medical care and make sure Liz wasn't in pain," Virgil said. "The caregiver did things I didn't think to do, or know

# THE QUALITY MOMENTS

together at home because of your gifts.

to do. Like, one day, the caregiver washed Liz's hair. She didn't have to do that. She did it out of the kindness of her heart because she knew it would make Liz feel better."

Liz passed away a week later, at home, surrounded by her loving family, just the way she wanted.

"For me, the hospice folks were angels of care. They were so gentle with Liz. And so kind to all of us," said Virgil. "They have a heart that goes deeper than most people."

Donations to Parkview LaGrange Foundation helped to make these genuine expressions of kindness possible. Your generosity gave Liz, Virgil and their family the compassionate care they needed in the moments that mattered the most.



Liz Hershberger (above)



# WHEN CARRIES SWEET DREAMS

# GENEROSITY

Donations and a simple book are keeping newborns safe as they sleep.

As a first-time expectant mom, Sarah was getting a lot of advice from family and friends about how she should care for her new little bundle of joy. People had opinions on everything from what the baby should eat, what the baby should wear, what to do the baby cried, and even how and where the baby should sleep. But, no one would have guessed the best advice she'd get would come from a simple children's book that donors have helped make available for new parents at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

"My mom raised five kids and we all made it to adulthood," Sarah said with a little laugh, "so I felt like I should listen to her about a lot of things. But times have changed, too, and we know more now about what's best and safest for a baby."

One of the things we know more about now is that the safest way for a baby to sleep to prevent accidental suffocation is alone, on its back, in a sleep sack, with no stuffed animals, blankets, or pillows in the crib that might block the baby's mouth or nose and restrict breathing. Unfortunately, Indiana has the second highest rate in the nation of infant deaths from accidental suffocation due to unsafe sleep practices.

"When I heard that [statistic], I knew I couldn't listen to my mom on this one," said Sarah. "And one of the things that really helped me convince my mom was the *Safe Sleep* book I received at the Parkview LaGrange Birthing Center when my daughter was born."

Although the *Safe Sleep* book is meant to be read aloud to a baby,

it also tells a new mom and anyone else who takes care of a baby the best way to put the baby down to sleep. "It's been a really big help to me in getting my mom to go along with my wishes on this," said Sarah, "Kind of a gentle reminder every time she reads to my daughter."

The *Safe Sleep* book that was such a help to Sarah is part of a goody bag of items provided to new mothers at the Parkview LaGrange Birthing Center. Each goody bag is funded and made available to families through the generous contributions of individual donors to the Parkview LaGrange Foundation.

It's so much more than a nice gift. Through the generosity of others, the *Safe Sleep* books are helping keep newborns safe and bringing sweet dreams to families throughout our community.

Nurses Alex Larson and Tarah Levitz (left to right)



# WHEN GENEROSITY MAKES CHILDHOOD POSSIBLE

Noble County

## Thanks to donors, Matthew

Matthew Meyers is eight years old and attends Wolf Lake Elementary School, where his favorite subject is science. He likes to play drag racing video games, play baseball and shoot. "I have shot a shotgun, a rifle and BB guns!", Matthew says excitedly, "I go hunting with my dad and even shot two geese without really trying!"

Were it not for generous donors, Matthew might not be able to do any of these things. He was born with the life-threatening heart condition called Long QT Syndrome. His first symptoms occurred at just 18 months old, when he collapsed, unconscious, as his mother was watching him play.

Parkview Noble EMS responders were there from the beginning. Not only did they respond to numerous medical emergencies that Matthew suffered, they got to know the boy and his family well during the first few years of his life. After Matthew's

first full cardiac arrest, Parkview Noble EMS responder Drew Hoskins knew the family needed an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) at their home. The Parkview Noble Foundation offered to provide the AED to the family, using funds they received from donors for "above and beyond" health needs, just like these.

The AED was a game-changer for Matthew and his family. Parkview Noble EMS responders trained the family on how to use it, so that if he collapsed at home again they would be able to take lifesaving measures while waiting for first responders. With their new training, and equipped with the AED, Matthew's family knew they no longer had to worry about being unable to respond to tragic event at home.

Less than a year later, Matthew had a second cardiac arrest while he was playing baseball in his backyard. He felt the attack coming on, and

## feels like a normal kid.

collapsed as he was walking toward the house. His mother rushed to prepare the AED, while waiting for help to arrive. Luckily a neighbor, who is a fireman, arrived and took over just as she was ready to deliver the shock. Because of their AED training, she knew she could have done what was necessary, but was relieved that someone with more experience was there to assist.

Today, Matthew lives an almost normal life, thanks in no small part to Parkview Noble Foundation donors and the village of individuals who have been there from the beginning to support him and his family. He loves to run and is excited to be playing baseball again this year.

"I just feel like a normal kid," says Matthew, "It used to feel scary when I was younger, but now I mostly think about baseball, school and other kid things."



# WHEN INDEPENDENCE IS ONLY A RAMP AWAY

## Generosity

Rita Combs had always been very active, working and raising her children. But when she had to start relying on a wheelchair, she found herself needing assistance just to leave her home.

The Noble County EMS (Emergency Medical Services) noticed that Rita was regularly requesting assistance to leave her home and navigate the porch steps, both of which she needed to be able to do to gain access to the Noble Transit vans that took her to dialysis and other appointments. They set things in motion so that Rita soon received a house call from the Parkview Noble Hospital Community Paramedicine program.

It was immediately evident during the house call that Rita needed a handicap accessible ramp. Because she was home-bound, and her family and friends were no longer able to assist her down the steps, Rita was dependent on EMS to help her into

the Noble Transit or other vehicles.

Unfortunately, an added challenge soon appeared when it became evident that Rita was not be able to afford the cost of a ramp. Enter: the Parkview Noble Foundation--which raises funds to support the needs of patients to help improve their health and promote well-being in Noble County. Rita was very fortunate that local donors stepped in to help her regain her independence. Their generous gifts, provided through the Foundation, covered the cost of the materials for the ramp. EMS House Calls coordinated the efforts, Destiny Family of Faith provided the volunteer manpower to construct it, and Parkview Noble Foundation donors funded the materials. Rita was excited and grateful to see her community come together to make a handicap accessible ramp a reality for her.

And the ramp has changed Rita's life.

## changed Rita's life.

"I was so scared of falling before - and I don't get back up easily," Rita laughed, "But now I've got my independence back. I can even get out and go grocery shopping on my own again!"

Her family sees her often and are lovingly supportive of her. Her daughter-in-law takes her to most of her doctor's appointments, and has even been trained as a caregiver, so she can better assist her Rita. Her son helps get her into the car, when needed. Noble Transit still takes her to dialysis, but with the ramp, Rita no longer has to depend on EMS to help her in and out of the house.

The ramp brought Rita what may be the best gift of all, "I even got to go to my niece and nephew's for Christmas this year - that was the first time in years that I've been able to do that!"





# WHEN GENEROSITY BREATH

Wabash County

Thanks to donors, Kyle recovered quickly

A V60 Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (biPAP) machine is a state-of-the-art, non-invasive ventilator. At first glance the device may not seem very impressive. But when you or someone you love is struggling to breathe and, without a biPAP machine, the only option is to put the patient into a coma so a breathing tube can be inserted into their lungs, the cutting-edge medical devices suddenly becomes very impressive--and important!

That's what happened to Kyle, who suffers from COPD, a chronic and progressive lung disease that makes it difficult to breathe even at the best of times. He had contracted pneumonia in addition to his COPD and was having so much difficulty breathing, his wife called for an ambulance to take him to the Parkview Wabash Hospital.

By the time the ambulance arrived at the hospital, Kyle was in severe respiratory distress. Something

had to be done quickly or he wasn't going to be alive long enough for antibiotics to begin the healing process. But, thanks to the generous contributions of local donors to Parkview Wabash Foundation, Parkview Wabash Hospital is equipped with a V60 BiPAP machine. The Parkview medical team quickly fitted a mask over Kyle's nose and mouth, and the machine took over from there. It automatically adjusted to Kyle's breathing pattern, moving the precious oxygen in and out of his lungs with just the right amount of individualized pressure he needed.

No longer struggling for every breath, Kyle's anxiety levels dropped and his body immediately relaxed. Within an hour, he was awake and asking for ice chips to soothe his dry mouth and throat. The next morning, he was able to be removed from the V60 BiPAP machine long enough to eat breakfast and take his medication.

# GIVES THE OF LIFE

with his wife by his side.

Best of all, his wife was right by his side throughout the ordeal and was able to remain with him until he was well enough to be taken completely off the V60 BiPAP and return home.

Without the V60 BiPAP machine, the only option would have been to place Kyle into a drug-induced coma and intubate him to make it possible for him to breathe. He then would have been transported to Parkview Regional Medical Center and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. There Kyle would have remained in a coma, receiving nourishment, water, and medications only through an IV. The final cost of the treatment would have been many times greater. And, worst of all, Kyle's wife, could not have

accompanied him. She is unable to drive and could not have afforded the daily bus or taxi expenses. Her only option would have been to remain behind in Wabash, leaving them both without the nurture and comfort of each other's company through Kyle's health crisis.

Thanks to generous donors like you, the lifesaving biPAP machine was available when Kyle needed it the most. Your generosity helped Kyle recover quickly, close to home, and with his beloved spouse.





# WHEN GENEROSITY MAKES THE JOURNEY WORTH IT

Generous donors make excellent care possible in every community.

"It came completely out of the blue," said Terry McDonald of the incident that landed him in the Intensive Care Unit at Parkview Wabash Hospital. "One day, I'm just fine. The next, I'm struggling to recover from a stroke."

To make Terry's recovery possible, he first needed to be transferred to the care of the heart specialists at the Parkview Heart Institute (PHI) on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus for carotid artery surgery to restore proper blood flow to Terry's brain.

Thanks to advanced telemedicine technology, specialists at PHI were consulted even before Terry left Parkview Wabash. This made it possible for him to be stabilized in preparation for the transport and surgery that awaited him at the Heart Institute. Once he recovered from the surgery, he needed weeks

of physical and occupational therapy to help him re-learn how to stand and walk, including how to walk up and down stairs.

Through great effort and determination, Terry's journey has brought him back home to his wife Carol. He is again doing well. "I can't say enough good things about the nurses and therapists at Parkview," he said. "I didn't know what was happening to me but they explained it all, patiently educating me about my condition and helping me do what I had to do to get better. Everyone was so very kind and patient and friendly. Always with a smile."

According to Terry, while nobody wants to end up in the hospital, if it happens to you, there's no better place to help you get well than Parkview. "I'm not exaggerating at all," said Terry.

"Parkview nurses are terrific!"

Generous donations to Parkview Wabash Foundation help make this terrific care possible for the Wabash community and for people like Terry. The generosity of donors ensures that every patient's needs are met with highly trained staff, using the best medical equipment available. Even when more intensive care is required at Parkview Regional Medical Center, the initial care provided at Parkview Wabash, and the follow-up care after patients return home, completes the healing journey. Your generosity heals. Thank You.

Terry and Carol McDonald are pictured right at their home in Wabash County.



# GENEROUS HELPED PHIL

# DONORS RETURN HOME

Phil was running out of options until donors came alongside him.

Diabetes ran in Phil's family, so he wasn't surprised with his diagnosis. The unwelcome surprise came later when he injured his leg—it just wouldn't heal. The diabetes was to blame and eventually an amputation became necessary.

Phil worked hard after the surgery, receiving physical therapy as an inpatient, and it wasn't long before he was well enough to be home where he could continue to heal and where his dog anxiously awaited his return.

To be able to go home, Phil required several items including a walker and a wheelchair. Thankfully, his insurance covered most of the cost, but the new ramp he would now need in order to enter and leave his home was not one of them. Without the proper ramp, Phil would be confined to his home. He

would be unable to leave for any reason, including the outpatient therapy he still needed in order to regain his mobility, and the other appointments required for his treatment.

He didn't know what to do. He didn't have anyone who could help him at home. Even the one person who had been helping take care of his dog while he was away wasn't available to help transport him as often as needed. The ramp was the only thing he could count on and the last thing standing in the way of his being able to go home.

That was when Parkview Whitley Foundation donors stepped in to help. Generous gifts from donors covered the cost of providing the ramp materials and the labor expenses that Phil's insurance wouldn't cover.

Finally, Phil could go home. The Parkview Whitley Foundation's Special Touch fund is often the last hope for a patient and their family as they face the next step toward healing; this situation was no different.

Thanks to generous donors to the Special Touch Fund, Phil was finally able to return home to continue healing—to the delight of his dog! The new ramp has allowed him to be able to continue receiving his physical therapy, make it to all of his remaining appointments, and even enjoy fresh air with his dog now and then.



# WHEN HEALING FROM A PAIR

# COMES OF SHOES

Generosity helped William stay home to continue recovery.

William is an elderly man who lives in rural Whitley County, far off the beaten path. His only companion is his beloved dog, Daisy. When William had surgery, he needed help and Parkview Whitley Foundation donors didn't let him down.

William had recently undergone surgery and, as a result, was wheel-chair bound. He was prescribed a course of at-home therapy that would get him back on his feet. He was prescribed at home therapy that would get him back on his feet. The problem was that, because of damaged nerves, he could no longer feel his feet. Before he could once again stand on his own two feet, William needed special shoes. Not only would these specially-designed shoes provide firm support, they would also protect his feet from injury.

William had a pair of orthotic shoes he'd purchased through his health insurance about eight years earlier but they were too worn to be of any

help. And even if they'd been in good condition, they wouldn't have provided the extra protection he needed.

Without proper shoes, William would be forced to remain wheelchair bound. He wouldn't be able to take Daisy outside or walk to the mailbox at the end of his driveway without the danger of injuring his feet, or worse, falling. In fact, he wouldn't be able to stand safely inside his home, even with his walker. Eventually, William might not be able to remain at home at all.

So William's therapist made it her mission to determine how William could get the shoes he needed, and then make sure he got them.

As it turned out, the closest vendor was in Fort Wayne and it would take at least two visits, one to fit the shoes and one to make sure they fit properly when they were picked up. The problem was, even if William had access to a

car, given the condition of his feet, he couldn't drive. Transportation by taxi would cost \$50 one way, which would mean the transportation fees would cost more than the shoes. William's insurance wouldn't pay for any of these transportation expenses.

But, William's therapist wasn't about to give up. She was referred to the Parkview Whitley Foundation in hopes that Parkview donors would be able to help William. And—thanks to the generous donors who contribute to the Foundation—William was finally able to make the necessary trips into Fort Wayne and back to get his shoes.

Today, William is doing just fine. He has been able to continue therapy and can now stand to do some household chores and even make light meals. Best of all, wearing his sturdy, protective shoes, William is able to use his walker to navigate to the end of the driveway to get his mail—with Daisy faithfully by his side, step by step.







*Caring for our community over the years:  
Mothers and babies born at Huntington Community Hospital gather for a reunion in 1937.*

*Image courtesy Huntington City-Township Public Library Indiana Room*