

THE LEGACY LETTER

UNION HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, INC.

A Boy with a Cause



Several months ago, Thomas McCusker, a fifth grade student at Bay View Elementary School, visited the Foundation and shared an idea he had for a charity fundraiser. Thomas’ plan was to organize a charity softball game between the faculty of Bayview Elementary and the fifth grade class with the intention that the Union Hospital Foundation would be the beneficiary of all proceeds raised from this event. Obviously, we at the Foundation were pleased and delighted to hear about the event and even more impressed with Thomas’ determination and organizational skills in overseeing this venture.

It seems that Thomas had some strong support on the home-front with his mother, Janet, who is a member of the Imaging Department at Union Hospital. Thomas and Janet dedicated many shared hours on Wednesday afternoons soliciting local merchants and vendors to support the event. They secured beverages, hot dogs, soft pretzels and snacks to sell at the event in addition to gift certificates which were raffled off to raise more funds. Thomas’ efforts to encourage participation in the event produced good results with dozens of fifth graders and several members of the faculty onsite at the Bayview field on Sunday, May 16, 2010. As a crowd of 200 enjoyed watching six innings of exciting soft ball, the fifth graders emerged victorious with a final score of 7 to 5.

Shortly after the softball game, on Thursday, May 27th, Bayview Elementary held its annual Good News Assembly and Thomas presented a check in the amount of \$1,914 to Mr. Raymond Heidel, incoming Foundation Chairman. This check included a generous \$500 donation from American Legion, Post 194 which Thomas secured. In return for his outstanding efforts to support the Union Hospital Foundation, Susan Beachell presented Thomas with a “Youth in Philanthropy” plaque during the assembly. We congratulate Thomas, the students and faculty of Bayview Elementary School and American Legion, Post 194 for supporting the Union Hospital Foundation.

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Soiree on the Susquehanna Cornerstone Summer Social

The Summer Social of the Cornerstone Society was held on June 24, 2010 at the Donaldson Brown Estate in Port Deposit, Maryland. Although the weather was unseasonably hot, the attendees enjoyed touring the mansion and taking in the view from the shores of the Susquehanna River.

In addition to an evening of fine fellowship, another enhancement was provided by Mr. John Murray, proprietor of State Line Liquors. Mr. Murray shared his wine expertise by selecting several wonderful US wines that were paired with the dinner entrees. This wine education was well received by the diners who enjoyed sampling the wines and tasting new vintages.

The evening concluded with the induction of Dr. Leo Najera and Mrs. Philomena Najera into the Legacy Society. Dr. and Mrs. Najera recently announced their estate plan intentions to support Union Hospital, thereby fulfilling the criteria for Legacy Society recognition. Dr. Ken Lewis shared a compelling history of both service and benevolence provided by the Najeras and thanked them for making Union Hospital their charity of heart for their future gifts. Dr. and Mrs. Najera received their Legacy Society pins with grateful applause from all in attendance.



Junior Board Makes \$146,600 Annual Gift Announces New Leadership for 2010-2012

At the annual Junior Board Luncheon, held on June 9, 2010 at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall, Junior Board President, Ms. Sallie Teague, presented Dr. Ken Lewis with a check in the amount of \$146,600 to support Union Hospital of Cecil County. Despite a challenging economy, the ladies of the UHCC Auxiliaries made another significant donation which reflects their dedication of countless hours of fundraising activities to benefit the hospital.

Ms. Teague has served as President for the past two years and has provided wonderful leadership, encouragement and enthusiasm which has kept the Junior Board motivated and on task. This recent donation fulfills the Junior Board's five year pledge of \$750,000 to support Union Hospital's 2005 Capital Campaign and now provides the opportunity for the new leadership of the Junior Board to assume a new project for their fundraising efforts.

In addition to the check presentation, the luncheon's schedule also included the installation of the 2010 – 2012 new officers. Incoming President, Mrs. Jayne Foard, shared her goals and objectives while recognizing and thanking Ms. Teague for her past two years of service. Mrs. Foard served nine years on the Foundation Board of Directors, from 1999 – 2008, so she will be warmly welcomed back to the board room.

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Fair Hill Races – UHCC Foundation Keeps the Tradition Running

On Saturday, May 29, 2010 the 76st Running of the Fair Hill Races took place and drew a crowd of over 15,000 to picturesque Fair Hill, Maryland on a blue sky day, with eight exciting races and a full field of entries. As a true Cecil County tradition, the Races are held every spring on the Saturday before Memorial Day to benefit Union Hospital of Cecil County. The Union Hospital Foundation, in conjunction with the Cecil County Breeders' Fair, Inc., has the pleasure of operationally supporting the event and underwriting all costs associated.

The Fair Hill Races are the only steeplechase event in the United States that provides pari-mutuel wagering. Despite the wagering opportunity, Union Hospital derives a very small benefit from an event that takes months to plan and over 100 volunteers to support. The cost to support the Races is close to \$250,000, yet this year's revenue was less than \$20,000. But despite a small return on investment, the Foundation and Cecil County Breeders' Fair continue the tradition of steeplechase racing at Fair Hill for the pleasure and enjoyment of all.

On behalf of the Foundation and the Cecil County Breeders' Fair, we thank our race day sponsors for providing both financial and in-kind support to help us underwrite the cost of all purses. We appreciate the support of our legion of volunteers, which include Union Hospital staff, board members and the Fair Hill Task Force who devote their time assisting with pre-race and race day operations. Lastly, we extend our gratitude to our race day patrons, families, tailgaters and the community at large who communicate their appreciation for the Fair Hill Races by filling our stands, shopping in the Merchant Vendor Village and introducing the steeplechase tradition to yet another generation of horse racing fans.



Fair Hill Race photos courtesy of William Jones

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15th Annual Golf Tournament

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