Kelly Corrigan Guest Speaker at
Bill & Ruth McGraw Cancer Awareness Symposium

Best-selling author and Breast Cancer Survivor will share her inspiring story.

The UVMC Foundation is excited to bring, Kelly Corrigan, best-selling author and breast cancer survivor to speak at this year’s Bill & Ruth McGraw Cancer Awareness Symposium on August 26. A gifted storyteller and talented interviewer, Corrigan has touched hearts and captured audiences as the author of four consecutive New York Times bestsellers, including Tell Me More, Glitter and Glue, and The Middle Place, her poignant personal story of battling breast cancer while caring for her father who was also undergoing cancer treatment.

Corrigan was happily enjoying the phase of when childhood and parenthood overlapped, “the middle place,” until she discovered that she had breast cancer. Then, almost simultaneously, her father was diagnosed with late-stage cancer. In this keynote, Corrigan shares her inspiring coming-of-age story, and illustrates the importance of love, family and growth. Corrigan also discusses her experiences with battling cancer, undergoing her own treatments, while ensuring that her father received proper care. Her message is one that we can all find relatable: the power of a support system in times of need.

Corrigan is also a contributor to O, The Oprah Winfrey Magazine, Glamour and Good Housekeeping. She has been on The Today Show many times and her YouTube video columns on purpose, motherhood, entrepreneurship, acceptance and connection have been viewed by millions.

As a breast cancer survivor, and a strong philanthropist, Corrigan will be an inspiration you won’t want to miss!

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A Better Experience for You!

UVVMC announces Patient Flow Project

Have you ever walked into Upper Valley Medical Center’s lobby and asked “now where do I go?” Well, we’ve heard you! And we will be making changes to better meet your needs. Thanks to your support and the support of others, we’re going to create a better experience for you and our community. Titled, “The Patient Flow Project,” many changes will be occurring in our lobby and throughout the hospital.

In order to begin the changes in the lobby, we must make room by relocating the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Center. To begin, a 7,600-square-foot addition on the south side of the hospital will house our new and expanded Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Center. If you participate in the rehab program you know we’ve outgrown our current location. The new center will include more equipment and even a walking track! Stay tuned for more details.

The main lobby and registration areas will be redesigned to enhance patient flow and improve the efficiency of our staff for better customer service. The gift shop and retail pharmacy will move closer to the front entrance of the hospital for easier access. And Winan’s will have a more intimate coffee shop located off the cafeteria. Of course, you’ll be able to find your way around with new way finding signage. The project begins this summer and is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. So, please be patient (no pun intended!) as we’re working hard to make a better experience for you, your family, and our community. If you’d like to help provide a better patient experience, please send your gifts directed towards the Patient Flow Project.

Equipping our Teachers to Handle Mental Health Issues

UVVMC Foundation again partners with Miami County Educational Service Center to bring Mental Health First Aid to Teachers

We’re excited to once again partner with the Miami County Educational Service Center as a follow up to Rachel’s Challenge. You may remember that the UVVMC Foundation, with the support of you and others, helped bring Rachel’s Challenge to the schools in Miami County to help combat bullying and address the feelings of isolation through kindness and compassion.

This national program was very successful, and it also helped identify other mental health issues that our youth are facing, such as addiction (family or personally), suicidal thoughts and neglect. Unfortunately, many of the teachers and staff are not equipped to deal with the mental health and behavior issues these kids are struggling with.

The Miami County Educational Service Center asked if we could help bring Mental Health First Aid training to our communities. This national program trains teachers and staff on how to help adolescents who are in crisis-situations, are struggling with mental health issues or are contemplating suicide. Knowing that mental health is a big part of building a healthy community, we said yes!

So, with your support and the support of the Miami County Foundation, Piqua Community Foundation, and PNC Bank, all teachers in Miami County schools have access to training by our own Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services who are certified to provide Mental Health First Aid. Thanks to you and your support of the UVVMC Foundation, many kids will get the help they so desperately need.
When Seconds Matter, the Cardiac Cath Lab Saves Lives

Upper Valley Medical Center Cath Lab fixes 100th heart

You have helped save lives! Thanks to your support and the support of others to the UVMC Foundation, the level II Interventional Heart Catheterization Lab has been up and running for close to a year and saving many lives. More than 200 patients have been seen in the Cath Lab to help the doctors diagnose heart issues. And better yet, more than 100 patients have benefited from important interventional procedures now possible at UVMC.

Having the Cath Lab in Miami County has saved lives. Seconds can truly matter when it comes to heart issues, and we know there are patients who wouldn’t have been able to survive a flight to Miami Valley Hospital for the “fix.”

Scott Sales was our Cath Lab’s 100th fix. He came in through the emergency department with respiratory problems, only to find he had a heart abnormality. He was rushed to the Cath Lab to have his heart fixed. Scott was very pleased with his service at Upper Valley, and the fact that he was able to walk out healthy. “I praise the Lord and that (Cath Lab) team,” Sales said after his procedure.

A special thanks to you, too, for your support of the UVMC Foundation. You helped bring the only Cardiac Cath Lab to Miami County, AND the updated Emergency Department to UVMC. You should feel good in knowing that you are helping to save lives, each and every day.

Gala of Hope Foundation Providing Integrative Cancer Therapies

Premier Hospital Foundations receive grant from the Gala of Hope Foundation

If you or family members are battling cancer, the grant received from the Gala of Hope Foundation will help make sure you and your loved ones receive the best cancer care possible at Upper Valley Medical Center. This $353,200 grant to Premier Health Foundations supports massage therapy and exercise and yoga classes at all Premier Health hospitals to ensure all patients have access to these most integrative therapies and services. This grant will also help fund the replacement of the Mobile Mammography Coach that has provided more than 3,000 woman throughout Southwest Ohio with life-saving mammograms.

We can’t thank the Gala of Hope Foundation enough for partnering with us in our efforts to provide the best cancer care and preventative care possible to our community.

Thank you for your support of the Foundation!

"Oncology exercise therapy and massage have been proven to elevate the quality of life for cancer patients, reduce anxiety and depression, boost energy and strength, and, overall, heighten the opportunity for survivorship. Replacement of the Mobile Mammography Coach will help us continue to drive awareness of the importance of early detection and need for an annual mammogram."

Mary Brusella (CFO, Premier Health)
Your Foundation Dollars At Work!
The UVMC Foundation and the UVMC Auxiliary provide financial assistance to area students pursuing a degree in a healthcare related field. Listed below are our 2019 awardees and healthcare leaders of tomorrow. Congratulations to this year's Scholarship Winners!

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: $73,550

UVMC Sharing Plus
Hunter Alexander
Kara Barlage
Brandon Beyke
Matthew Brush
Phillip Bullard
Kiera Burns
Blake Burton
Rachel Deloyer
Alyssa Gambill
Sierra Gostomsky
Nicholas Gratz
Jonathan Irvin
Damien Jones
Kyle Jones
Rachel Kaiser
Megan Kaufmann
Treyton Lavy
Noel Mescher
Bryan Miller
Danielle Poepelman
Jana Poepelman
Clint Ratterman
Erin Redick
Taylor Schmitz
Gavin Schultze
Graham Thornburg
Elliot Wilson

UVMC Auxiliary Scholarship
Elizabeth Bair
Brooke Beeler
Blake Burton
Madison Fogt
Alyssa Gambill
Sierra Gostomsky
Nicholas Gratz
Emily Hawkins
Will Huffman
Allison Huffman
Elizabeth Huffman
Jonathan Irvin
Erin Jans
Rachel Kirk

Steinilber Health Education Scholarship
Brooke Beeler
Blake Burton
Emily Hawkins
Will Huffman
Jonathan Irvin
Rachel Kirk
Luke Manis
Joshua Niemi
Savanna Schauer
Claire Went
Rachel Winters

Sue & Jack Reddy Scholarship
Whitney Snider

Raval Family Scholarship
Lauren Setzkorn

Hinsch Family Scholarship
Rachel Kaiser
Danielle Poepelman

David Spencer, M.D.
Kyle Cotner
Elizabeth Huffman

Norma Smith Scholarship
Melissa Mayor
Dawn VanHoose

Reeker Family Scholarship
Jordan Humphreys
Taylor Schmitz

Heath Family Scholarship
Claire Went

UVMCF Scholarship
Lucas Beuhler
Kyle Cotner
Jenna Frantz
Kristin Grimes
Alana Holsapple
Treyton Lavy
Brooke Ruhenkamp
Whitney Snider

John Scarbrough Memorial Scholarship
Brandon Beyke
Rachel Deloyer
Erin Jans
Alex Meier

Torrence Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Bair
Allison Bornhorst
Madison Fogt
Sierra Gostomsky
Nicholas Gratz
Allison Huffman
Anna Klepinger

A Message from the Foundation President

Thank you so much for supporting Upper Valley Medical Center through the UVMC Foundation. I'm excited to be partnering with you to provide the best quality health care possible to the Northern Miami Valley community. Your support allows us to go "above and beyond" by creating and enhancing patient programs, services and other priorities identified by the hospital, such as the new Interventional Cath Lab and expanded Emergency Department, so thank you! I look forward to working with you to improve the health of our community.

Duanna Osting,
UVMC Foundation President