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Columbus Community Hospital Foundation achieves success with year-end appeal

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Each year, the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation selects a new project for its year-end appeal. This year, it chose the intra-aortic balloon pump for the hospital’s new cardiac catheterization lab.

In the event of a heart attack, a cardiologist can perform a cardiac catheterization to evaluate blood flow to the heart muscle and measure the pressures within the chamber. The intra-aortic balloon pump assists with stabilizing a patient’s condition by allowing the heart muscle to rest and recover.

“The intra-aortic balloon pump is a lifesaving device that provides temporary mechanical support, allowing the heart to pump more blood when it cannot do so effectively,” said Sue Hrnicek, director of surgical services at CCH. “It is incredibly exciting to bring this technology and cardiology services to the Columbus community. The community’s generosity continues to astonish us in supporting our constantly advancing technology.”

CCH’s senior leadership team initially approached the foundation in September 2021, presenting the need for this vital tool. The CCHF board of directors selected it as its year-end project, and after two months of fundraising, the foundation raised \$50,000 to purchase the balloon pump.

“The foundation board is enthusiastic about supporting the new cardiac cath lab,” said Bob Irby, CCHF board chair. “Appealing to the community to support the intra-aortic balloon pump seemed like a great way to begin this support. We want to thank all who have contributed through our year-end appeal, and we look forward to the many benefits your contributions will bring to the patients served by the cath lab.”

A total of 55 individual donors and companies participated in the year-end appeal campaign. The CCHF plans to purchase the balloon pump as soon as possible to prepare for CCH’s cardiac cath lab, and will continue raising funds for a second balloon pump.

“The foundation is grateful for the donations we have received thus far toward this vital piece of equipment for the cardiac cath lab,” said Cori Fullner, executive director of the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation. “Your donation could save someone’s life! If this project hits home for you, it’s not too late to add your contribution.”



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