

# LEAVE A LEGACY

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## Scholarship winners

Ten individuals have been named recipients of CGH Health Foundation nursing and healthcare scholarships. Nearly \$18,000 will be funded.



Ashley Swanson, Marrietta Lilly Healthcare Scholarship recipient, shown with Bill Lilly, Marrietta's husband.

Those selected include:

- Emily Shearer, Franklin Grove, \$3,000 Althea Larson Nursing Scholarship
- Amy Marcinkiewicz, Sterling, \$1,000 Edgar and Florence Hall Nursing Scholarship
- Amber Cooper, Franklin Grove, \$1,500 Ron Smeltzer Nursing Scholarship
- Ashley Swanson, Morrison, \$1,000 Marrietta Lilly Healthcare Scholarship
- Emily Geison, Chadwick, \$1,500 Dr. Carmelo and Dr. Flora Interone Healthcare Scholarship
- McKenna Pearson, Sterling, \$1,500 Dr. Carmelo and Dr. Flora Interone Healthcare Scholarship
- Morgan Pope, Rock Falls, \$3,000 Sterling Rock Falls Community Trust Healthcare Scholarship
- Stacie Shipma, Sterling, \$3,000 Sterling Rock Falls Community Trust Healthcare Scholarship
- Trisha Richards, Sterling, \$1,052 Blue Sky Healthcare Education Scholarship
- Nichole Mitchem, Rock Falls, \$1,077 Blue Sky Healthcare Education Scholarship

## Foundation named in Neiweem trust

A great regard for his 27-year career as an orthopedic surgeon in Sterling led Dr. Joseph Neiweem and wife, Brenda, to name the CGH Health Foundation as a beneficiary in a charitable trust.

Now retired in Marco Island, FL, Dr. Neiweem was esteemed for his surgical skill and his avid devotion to quality outcomes for all patients.

The Wauconda native left his mark in the operating room as well as on overall patient care. *(continued on page 2)*



Dr. Joseph and Brenda Neiweem

## A donor since the beginning

Bill Griswold, 92, came to Sterling in 1955 to start an accounting firm and he never left! Now retired, he has been contributing to the CGH Health Foundation since its inception over 30 years ago.



Bill Griswold

He was asked to lead the Business Division during the first Annual Appeal campaign. So began his many years of being a loyal supporter. "I could hardly help but be a contributor since I was in on the ground floor of the first campaign," he said. "But I continued because I believed in the hospital. CGH is such a significant asset to the community and now so is the Foundation."

He and his late wife, Barbara, were Charter Members. Over the years they have been appreciative of how the hospital has kept up to date with equipment and patient care. He has been impressed with the various wellness programs funded by the Foundation.

"We have such a great place to live and the Foundation is doing its part to make it better all the time," he said. "I would certainly hope that residents of our area communities would make it a point to get to know the Foundation and contribute to the good things they do."



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## **Foundation named in Neiweem trust** *continued*

He was responsible for developing the Quality Improvement program at CGH Medical Center. Brenda and Joe met at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital where she was a surgical intensive care nurse. She later became head nurse of SICU at Lakeside VA Hospital on the Northwestern Hospital Campus. "Her support and encouragement helped in a great part to achieving my professional goals and raising two successful children," he said.

Coming straight from his residency at Loyola University, Chicago, Dr. Neiweem started practicing in Sterling in 1978 with Dr. John Baker. They joined the Sterling Rock Falls Clinic (SRFC) in 1980. In addition to performing surgeries, he also served as SRFC Medical Director/head of quality. In 1995 he became CGH Vice President and Medical Director.

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~ Ed Andersen, retired CGH CEO

"His major contribution was his role in our quality improvement program. He was a superb physician, which led him to being appointed to the position of overseeing our quality program," said Ed Andersen, chief executive officer at the time and now retired. "It was through his leadership that this was established. Quality and safety are now so critical to the success of the hospital. He was an indefatigable champion for quality patient care."

Dr. Neiweem remembers working to assist patients and their families in overcoming obstacles to their care. This practice is still very much alive through the Community Health Network, Ways to Wellness, Medication Assistance and Transportation Assistance programs, now funded by the Foundation. "It's nice to hear that what we started back then has evolved into these wonderful programs," he said. "Staff came to us to solve problems that were outside of typical patient care, like providing chemotherapy for patients who couldn't afford to pay or even finding hotel rooms for those who didn't have a place to stay."

CGH Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Bill Bird said Dr. Neiweem was involved in recruiting him to SRFC. He remembers what a strong advocate Dr. Neiweem was for the best interest of patients. "I found his friendship and mentoring invaluable during the time Joe was here. I continue to have the utmost admiration and respect for his impact on the medical community and community at large during his time here," said Dr. Bird.



## **A closer look at charitable trusts**

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