



# Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services

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*#2 Hospital for Orthopedic Surgery*

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2024



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FIVE-STAR  
RECIPIENT

2024



*Community*

**BENEFIT  
REPORT**

**2023**





# A LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY



Robert C. Schmitt II  
Chief Executive Officer

Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services is pleased to share with you our fifteenth "Annual Community Benefit Report". Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services (GAHHS) continues to be a leader in the healthcare industry, both locally, and nationally. GAHHS is among the largest Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the Nation.

GAHHS is nationally recognized for excellent patient care by organizations like DNV-GL, ICAHN, Healthgrades, CMS, and Women's Choice. GAHHS is once again a FIVE-STAR Hospital for Patient Experience. This report is a reflection of the amazing people and the great things that go on at GAHHS. The hard work and dedication of our employees, medical staff, volunteers, and Board members is documented throughout this report.

FY 2023 started off rough for the Hospital. We were losing money through the first six months. Operational changes were made and we ended the year with an Operating Profit. We continue to come together, we support each other, we work through adversity, and we continue to make the best of the situation the world is in. Today GAHHS is stronger than ever. Our future continues to be brighter than ever. It is an honor and privilege to be your CEO. I am Proud to Lead such an outstanding organization into the future.

I would like to say "THANK YOU" to the patients, volunteers, and the communities that we serve for supporting GAH. Our highly skilled and caring staff is passionate about patient care and dedicated to making GAH the model of excellence in rural health care. Our patients and communities deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

*Robert C. Schmitt II*

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Chief Executive Officer



# CONTINUING STRONG

A Message from Board of Directors  
President Martin Nuss



Events in recent years have brought about some of the biggest healthcare challenges ever encountered. While many other healthcare facilities around us have suffered, Gibson Area Hospital has endured and overcome those challenges. The first half of fiscal year 2023 proved to be quite a challenge financially, as most hospitals also experienced. Despite those challenges, and through our astute leadership team making some key operational changes and improvements, we ended the year profitable and stronger than ever.

GAHHS celebrated our 71st year of providing healthcare to the communities we serve. As I have mentioned before, one of our top priorities has always been to provide as many healthcare services as possible to the communities we serve. Our list of specialty providers continues to grow. Access to expanded specialty care, close to home, is what makes us a leader in rural healthcare. We are so fortunate to have our new Medical Office Building space available to accommodate our growing service lines. Of course, our family physicians continue to be the heart of your hometown health and we are so lucky to have their dedication to GAHHS.

GAHHS was again recognized nationally for outstanding care by organizations such as Women's Choice, CMS, and Healthgrades. These recognitions are a true testament to the dedicated staff and doctors who work daily to provide our patients with quality care and excellent service.

We listen to your ideas, wants, and needs, and we make an effort to incorporate these into our strategic plans. We strive to stay on the cutting edge of technology to assist our entire team in providing excellent health services. The Gibson Area Hospital Foundation continues to fundraise for projects that allow us to provide 5-star healthcare services. We are now embarking on a new project to add a second CT machine to our Radiology Services. Please consider contacting our Foundation to help support the future of this great organization. Our administrative team, physicians, and employees will keep leading the way for a healthy future for the communities we serve.

In 1952 a vision became a reality and we are honored to continue carrying out that vision. For your past, present, and future support, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services and the Board of Directors say Thank You!

*Martin Nuss*

Martin Nuss, Board President





# EXPANDING OUR SERVICES



**A Message from Medical Staff President,  
Katherine Austman, MD, FASAM**

Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services continues to meet the needs of our patients and communities by expanding our service lines such as orthopedics, urology, neurology, addiction medicine, podiatry, hematology, oncology, pulmonology, rheumatology, interventional radiology, cardiology, psychiatry, dentistry, and ENT. As the primary physician appointed to work with our grant committee, GAHHS has received approximately 1.7 million dollars in grant funding in 2023 and we continue to search for new grants. These additional funds allow our organization continual growth and the ability to provide state-of-the-art services and support to the communities we serve.

We have maintained our 5-star patient experience as designated by CMS, being recognized by Women's Choice as a top 100 Hospital for Orthopedics and Obstetrics. Most recently GAHHS received the distinguished honor of being selected as one of only three hospitals in both the rural and urban settings in the state of Illinois. Dr. Bowman, Chief Medical Officer of Healthgrades data science department stated "Gibson Area Hospital ranked second in the state delivering consistent superior outcomes that consumers should be confident they are receiving top-ranked care."

Illinois is not immune to the national trend of "healthcare deserts." With the closure of services within Central Illinois our Emergency Department has increased volumes an average of 16% and Family Medicine Obstetrics services had a 3% increase with a projected 10% increase in deliveries throughout our eight-county service area. With last year's addition of the Medical Office Building, GAHHS remains committed to offering accessible quality healthcare and is dedicated to our mission of being "the model of excellence in community-based setting."

Of course, none of this would be possible without the continued dedication of our Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, and exceptional staff. 2023 has been a busy year for the physicians at GAHHS. GAHHS continues to be unique in the area of provider involvement. We are fortunate to have an administration that recognizes that provider input at all levels of the organization is not only beneficial but essential to our growth and success.

On behalf of the GAHHS medical staff, we are honored to continue providing care to the communities we serve and look forward to meeting and exceeding your healthcare expectations.

*Katherine Austman, M.D. FASAM*

Katherine Austman, MD, FASAM, Medical Staff President



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# Welcome!

New providers to care for you



## PHYSICIANS



**Donna Hakky, DMD\***  
General Dentistry



**Troy T. Hoang, MD\***  
Neurology



**Manny Montes de Oca, MD**  
Internal Medicine  
Hoopeston

## ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS



**Julian Balikian, PA-C**  
ED/Hospitalist Services



**Stephanie Coffey, APRN, FNP-C**  
Interventional Radiology



**Anita Johnson, MS-CCC-A**  
Audiology



**Marianne Kopmann, DNP, FNP-BC, APRN**  
Onarga



**Emily Kosen, APRN-BC**  
General Surgery



**Aaron McCray, APRN**  
Cissna Park



**Cara Niebur, MS, LPC**  
Caring Connections



**Sarah Schneider, PA-C**  
Orthopaedics



**Andrea Stark, APRN, FNP-C**  
Paxton



**Carly Tock, MS, RDN, LDN**  
Nutrition/Dietetics



**Olivia Walder, MSN, APRN, FNP-C**  
Onarga



**Lauren Wright, FNP**  
ED/Hospitalist Services



# Vascular & Interventional Radiology



Dr. Dritan Dragu  
Vascular & Interventional Radiology

Enhancing and expanding access to state-of-the-art healthcare at GAHHS with minimally invasive procedures.

## CONTINUING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE

ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION GRANT

**\$42,250**

The GAH Dental Clinic continues to reach children by having a presence in schools within our service area and providing education to students/families on dental care; as well as services offered by GAH Dental Health for students/families on Medicaid. These services and education are made possible due to a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Oral Health Program (OHPP) to provide support to Illinois communities to develop programming for populations who are most at risk for dental diseases.

## Dental care by the numbers

Gibson Cares adjustments \$59,000+

Medicaid adjustments \$1,734,000+

Medicaid (payor mix) 93%

Uninsured 303 patients

### Demographics

**5,975** patients

Male- 2,025

Female- 3,014

Children- 936

Adults- 5,039

New Patients- 1,256

### Lead Times



**30** days for existing patients

**7** days for new patients



Omar Ali, DMD\*



Ahmad Ahmad, DMD\*



Donna Hakky, DMD\*



Areeb Yasin, DMD\*

### Zip Codes Served



**160**





# Award Winning Care...

## Awards & Honors

### HEALTHGRADES #2 ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY HOSPITAL IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS!

GAHHS was honored to receive recognition from Healthgrades, the leading resource consumers use to find a hospital or doctor, as the #2 Orthopedic Surgery Hospital in the State of Illinois! Making us the top Orthopedic Hospital in Central Illinois.

Healthgrades also designated GAHHS with the Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award, named us one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Orthopedic Surgery and designated GAHHS a five-star Hip Fracture Treatment and Spinal Fusion Surgery recipient.

These distinctions reflect GAHHS's outstanding clinical performance and distinguish our organization as one of the country's leading hospitals.

Hospitals with these rankings deliver consistently superior outcomes for their patients. Consumers should feel confident knowing that they have access to top-ranked care at Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services.



## CMS 5-STAR RATING FOR PATIENT EXPERIENCE



Gibson Area Hospital is proud to receive this five-star rating and to have obtained this level of excellence and patient satisfaction. We are the only five-star patient experience hospital in Central Illinois.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released their annual patient experience ratings for hospitals nationwide. The federal administrator of the Nation's major healthcare programs assigned a patient experience star rating to hospitals based on the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) scores collected. Of the hospitals rated, Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services, Gibson City, Illinois achieved a five-star rating for patient satisfaction.

# Close to

# Home!





## GAHHS EARNS THREE 2023 WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARDS



Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) was once again named one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience, Orthopedics, and Obstetrics in 2023!

The Women's Choice Award®, America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare, has named Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience. The award signifies that Gibson Area Hospital has been ranked within the top 100 hospitals of similar size based on the number of beds, of which there were four categories. Gibson Area Hospital is one of a total of 400 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for patient experience in the U.S. by the Women's Choice Award.

Gibson Area Hospital has been named one of America's Best Hospitals for Orthopedics by the Women's Choice Award®. This award signifies that Gibson Area Hospital is in the top 7% of 4,729 U.S. hospitals offering orthopedics services. Gibson Area Hospital is one of 341 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for orthopedics care in the U.S. by the Women's Choice Award.

In addition, the Women's Choice Award® has named Gibson Area Hospital as one of America's Best Hospitals for Obstetrics. The award signifies that Gibson Area Hospital is in the top 10% of 4,729 U.S. hospitals offering obstetrics. Gibson Area Hospital is one of 494 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for obstetrics across the U.S.

The best hospitals demonstrate exceptional ratings, providing the highest level of care and commitment to their patient's health and well-being. The Women's Choice Award is the only designation that takes into consideration the preferences of women when selecting a hospital.

## AORN GO CLEAR!

GAHHS is proud to announce that it has earned the Go Clear Award™ for its achievement in eliminating hazardous smoke from its surgical procedures. The Go Clear Award is presented by the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) to recognize health care facilities that have committed to providing increased surgical patient and health care worker safety by implementing practices that eliminate smoke caused by the use of lasers and electrosurgery devices during surgery. GAHHS earned its award by undergoing comprehensive surgical smoke education and testing and for providing the medical devices and resources necessary to evacuate surgical smoke during all smoke-generating procedures.



## ACCREDITATION

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) announces the successful completion of its accreditation process and ISO certification from DNV-GL - Healthcare. By earning accreditation, GAHHS has demonstrated that it meets or exceeds patient safety standards (Conditions of Participation) set forth by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. DNV-GL's accreditation program is the only one to integrate the ISO 9001 Quality Management System with the Medicare Conditions of Participation. The DNV-GL program is consistent with our long-term commitment to quality and patient safety. The ability to integrate ISO 9001 quality standards with our clinical and financial processes is a major step forward. GAHHS is proud to be ISO 9001 certified through accreditation with DNV-GL to achieve compliance with ISO 9001, the world's most trusted quality management system used by performance-driven organizations around the world to advance their quality and sustainability objectives. DNV-GL's accreditation program, called NIAHO® (National Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), involves annual hospital surveys – instead of every three years – and encourages hospitals to openly share information across departments and to discover improvements in clinical workflows and safety protocols.





# Enhancing YOUR CARE

In 2023, Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services continued to enhance several exciting new programs and services to continue meeting our community's needs. Find the state-of-the-art care you need, close to home, making GAHHS the heart of your hometown health. Gibson Gets It!

## RHEUMATOLOGY HEALTH



**GIBSON**  
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RHEUMATOLOGY  
CLINIC

**Sohail Farshad, DO**

**NOW SCHEDULING NEW PATIENTS!**

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Dr. Sohail Farshad and GAH Rheumatology Clinic are located at #4 Doctors Park, Gibson City. Dr. Farshad specializes in Rheumatology Health conditions such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Lupus, Sjogren's Disease, Myositis, Gout, Vasculitis, Sarcoidosis, and many more. In addition to seeing patients in Gibson City, Dr. Farshad will provide outreach services in Clinton and Watseka. Schedule your appointment with Dr. Farshad at the GAH Rheumatology Clinic today!

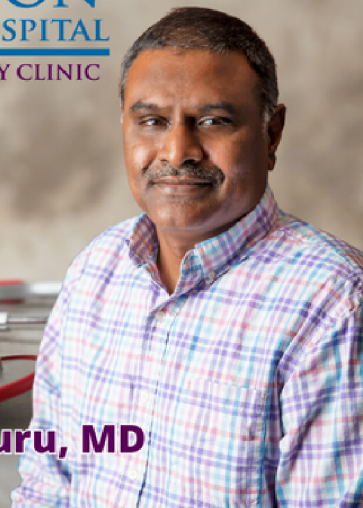
Learn more about  
Rheumatology Health and  
Dr. Farshad on our website  
or call 217-784-2806 to  
make an appointment.



**GIBSON**  
AREA HOSPITAL  
CARDIOLOGY CLINIC



**Subbiah Rajaguru, MD**  
**217-784-2273**



## HEART HEALTH


Dr. Rajaguru provides specialty care that is at the heart of your optimal health! Available for appointments in Gibson City, Mahomet, and Paxton. Know your risk factors. Take control of your heart health. Consult with your primary care provider and find out how Dr. Rajaguru can provide the specialized care you need.

Learn more about GAH  
Cardiology Clinic and  
Dr. Rajaguru on our  
website or call  
217-784-2273 to make  
an appointment.





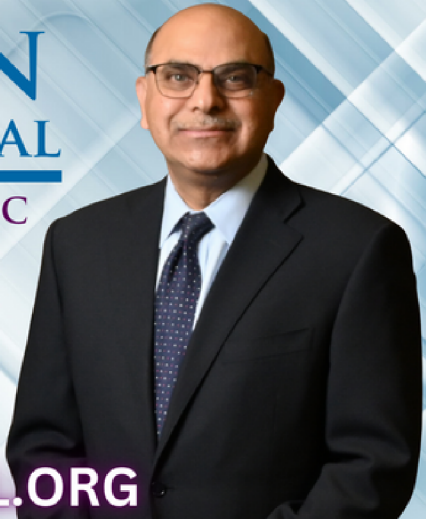
## HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY



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ONCOLOGY CLINIC

**Sohail Chaudhry, MD**  
Hematology & Oncology

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Access to expanded Hematology and Oncology services remains a priority for GAHHS. Thanks to the new, state-of-the-art GAH Oncology Clinic and Infusion Center, located in the Medical Office Building, we are able to provide the best care! Dr. Sohail Chaudhry is a board-certified Medical Oncologist, specializing in Hematology, Oncology, and the treatment and management of cancer and diseases of the blood. Treating all types of solid cancers as well as benign and malignant hematological and blood coagulation diseases in both outpatient and inpatient settings, and our Infusion Center, which features private infusion suites for total comfort and private patient care.

Learn more about GAH Oncology Clinic & Infusion Center on our website or call 217-784-2332 to make an appointment.

## WOUND CARE EXPANSION

The Gibson Area Hospital Advanced Wound Healing Clinic will be expanding and relocating in the spring of 2024! Their new location will be on the lower level of #10 Doctors Park, Gibson City.

The newly renovated and expanded space will be ready in early 2024. The Advanced Wound Healing Clinic strives to provide individualized care for patients based on evidence-based practices. In addition to healing wounds, our focus is to help our patients prevent new wounds from occurring.

The Advanced Wound Healing Clinic is an outpatient hospital-based clinic that treats non-healing chronic wounds such as:

- Pressure ulcers/Bedsore
- Venous Stasis Ulcers
- Diabetic Foot Ulcers
- Other hard-to-heal ulcers and wounds

The Clinic, led by Medical Director Dr. Joseph Chung, provides advanced wound care treatments including:

- Negative pressure wound therapy
- Multilayer compression therapy
- Cellular and/or Tissue-based products
- Total contact casting
- Epidermal Autografting
- Advanced wound dressings
- MIST Ultrasound Therapy







## ADDICTION MEDICINE



**Katherine Austman, MD, FASAM**



Advancing the mission of educating and treating addiction medicine, Gibson Recovery Optimizing Wellness (GROW) strives to meet patients where they are and work toward the goals they set for themselves.

GROW is a physician-based clinic that includes a multi-disciplinary approach to optimizing wellness for those with substance use disorder, while still offering comprehensive family medicine.

Addiction services provided include but are not limited to, alcohol use disorder, opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder (methamphetamine, cocaine), cannabis use disorder, nicotine use disorder, and medication for addiction treatment (MAT). We also have a substance abuse social worker available to offer a more universal approach to treatment in recovery from substance use. Another addition to the services provided is a Peer Recovery Specialist. This is a person with lived experience of substance use who is in recovery and can help others with motivation and support through their journey toward recovery.

SMART Recovery (Self-Management and Recovery Training) is offered in Gibson City, Watseka, Paxton, and Mahomet. SMART Recovery is a group that fosters self-empowering ways to overcome negative behaviors. Many team members have completed training to facilitate these meetings.

Beyond the individual seeking assistance, in 2023 meetings began in Gibson City to offer support to "Friends and Family"; all too often, these loved ones are overlooked.

**SMART Recovery®**  
Self-Management and Recovery Training

**There's Life Beyond Addiction**

**Free Local Meetings**  
**217-784-5500**

Find us online:

[www.smartrecovery.org](http://www.smartrecovery.org)

### SMART Recovery

Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART) is a "community of mutual support groups" to help all those with an addiction. Sue Emberson, LPN works with Dr. Austman daily at her clinic and with addiction medicine and is a certified SMART Recovery facilitator. Sue has been instrumental in training other team members to be facilitators as well.

### Opioid Coalitions

Each of the 3 coalitions is still going strong: Ford, Iroquois, and Livingston Counties. Coalitions continue to grow and work with local law enforcement, government, educators, and healthcare providers to provide information and options to serve and educate communities.

**GROW**  
GIBSON RECOVERY OPTIMIZING WELLNESS

**Free Local Meetings**  
**First Monday of every month**  
**6:00-7:00 pm**  
**GAH Education Center**  
**209 E. 8th St., Gibson City, IL**

Find us online:

[www.smartrecovery.org/family](http://www.smartrecovery.org/family)

**217-784-2807**

**SMART Recovery®**  
**Family & Friends**

For people affected by the addictive behavior of a loved one.

### Rural Communities Opioid Response Grant

Grant funds in the amount of \$1 million have been received by GAHHS for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Psychostimulant Support. These HRSA 19-082 grants will improve access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services; strengthen data collection and reporting to inform the real-time response to epidemic; advance the practice of pain management; increase the availability, distribution, and training for use of overdose reducing drugs; and provide support for better research to reduce opioid-related health harms.



# Community

SERVICE



## FOOD PANTRY BY THE NUMBERS



TOTAL Meals Served

**596,624** meal equivalent  
since 2014



2023 Meals Served

**91,296** meal equivalent



Lbs. of Food

**200,000** distributed



Total Donations

**\$86,891+**

Includes \$20,000 in  
Grants from Cargill &  
Earthrise Energy



Cities Served

**49**



Zip Codes Served

**61**



Counties Served

**15**



Gibson Area Food Pantry

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<https://www.gibsonhospital.org/supporting-gibson/gibson-area-food-pantry>

## OTHER GRANTS RECEIVED

**HRSA Rural Health Outreach and Rural Network Development Program- \$100,000** -for the development of an integrated health care network and support of our Consortium to purchase equipment and provide community education.

**ICAHN Operational Improvement-\$6,000** -used for IT infrastructure and cybersecurity.

**Care Coordination IRCCO Grant-\$300**-used to support Accountable Care Organization(ACO) efforts.

**Flex Grant Fellowship-\$1950**-used to support ACO efforts.

**ICAHN Outpatient Clinic-\$5,000**-used to purchase new equipment for Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation!







# Community **STRONG**

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLE INITIATIVES

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) continues our investment in helping our communities achieve the healthiest possible lifestyle and continues efforts to expand and keep resources accessible to our patients and communities.



## NUTRITION/DIETETICS

Registered Dietitians (RD) are considered nutrition experts and play a pivotal role in the health of individuals and the community. RD's use nutrition education to aid in the management of certain diseases, promote overall health and well-being and help make sustainable changes in regards to diet and lifestyle.

In 2023, the GAHHS Dietetics department welcomed a second full-time dietitian, allowing for increased communication and education for our inpatient and long-term care, while continuing to expand outpatient services. Outpatient dietitian visits more than tripled over the course of the past year. Dietitian services have also become available at the Elite Sport and Fitness in Gibson, bridging the gap between diet and exercise.

GAHHS dietitians have also moved offices to a larger location within the main hospital. The new location provides a more welcoming and personable space, conducive to learning.

Interested in seeing and speaking with a dietitian? Contact our Dietetics department at 217-781-2236 for more information.



Holly Retherford, MS, RD, LDN  
Director of Dietetics



Carly Tock, MS, RD, LDN  
Nutrition and Dietetics



Four  
Convenient  
Locations!

Gibson City, Paxton, Cissna Park and Fairbury!

## DIABETES HEALTH

GAHHS Diabetes Support Services announced its official accreditation from the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES) in June 2023.

This program plays a vital role in providing comprehensive diabetes care and education to members of our community. As a trusted resource for individuals living with diabetes, the program offers a variety of services designed to empower patients to manage their condition effectively.

Receiving accreditation from ADCES is a significant milestone for GAHHS Diabetes Support Services. This recognition validates the program's commitment to excellence and adherence to the highest standards in diabetes care and education.

Diabetes is a disease that changes over time, and with each change comes the need for new knowledge, skills, and adjustments in a person's care. Being proactive when changes occur helps keep them on track to maintaining their overall health.

GAHHS has a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) with the experience, special knowledge, and skills to help people with diabetes successfully manage all aspects of their diabetes health. It is recommended that they see a CDCES at these key times:

- When initially diagnosed with diabetes
- At least once per year
- When struggling to meet care goals
- When new complicating factors arise
- During changes in one's life and care

Those wanting to feel empowered to better manage their diabetes can contact Diabetes Support Services at 217-784-2236 or [Eileen\\_woolums@gibsonhospital.org](mailto:Eileen_woolums@gibsonhospital.org).



Eileen Woolums, BSN, RN, CDCES  
Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist

## Diabetes Support Group

If you have diabetes and would like to meet with others who understand firsthand what you are going through, consider attending the GAHHS Diabetes Support Group. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month (except December and January) from 4 pm to 5 pm at the GAHHS Education Center (209 E 8th Street, GC). We provide an open environment for learning and sharing ideas, concerns, and feelings about living with diabetes. No registration is required – feel free to show up and get the support you need!



# Collaboration

FOR BETTER HEALTH



## THERAPY SERVICES COLLABORATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

This year our Therapy Services department has grown by collaborating with multiple departments within our organization to meet the increasing and changing needs of our communities. While it is natural for therapy services to work alongside the orthopedics and sports medicine departments, as well as providing acute therapies for our inpatient needs. Many patients have had to travel outside of our service range for therapy treatments that were not previously offered. As a response to this rising need, we have diversified and innovatively brought these specialties to our community in collaboration with multiple GAH departments.



**Pediatric Therapy Services:** We have had the opportunity to collaborate with Dr. Weger, Behavioral Wellness, as well as our referring Family Medicine providers to treat our pediatric patients in both speech and occupational therapy. This is a service line that is known for its long waitlist for these kids to get the appropriate skilled therapies. Our therapists, Emily Seneca, SPT, and Holly Roberts, OT have worked hard to get these kids the proper resources and treatments they need.

## AQUA THERAPY



Gibson City



Paxton



Cissna Park

AVAILABLE IN 3 LOCATIONS!

**Speech Therapy** co-treating with ENT: Kim Nelson-Rusch, SPT has been helping meet the needs of our speech patients by co-treating alongside Dr. Glickstein and Laura Browning, PA-C in the ENT clinic. This collaboration has allowed for quick identification of patients who would benefit from speech therapy for swallowing and voice impairments as well as a collaborative evaluation for these patients. Kim also continues to provide a free, weekly speech therapy group for patients with Parkinson's disease to help maintain their ability to communicate as their disease progresses.



**Lymphedema Therapy:** We have expanded our Lymphedema Therapy offerings to both Cissna Park and now in Gibson City! Rachel Miguel, PT, and Dwayne Skidmore, PTA are our new additions to Lymphedema therapy (Shane Stachura, DPT, and Andrew Cooke, PTA located at our Cissna Park location). A female CLT is important in treating with modesty our Breast Cancer patients and other female patients with lymphatic impairment. Lymphedema therapy provides collaborating management of patients from multiple areas of medicine including our Wound clinic and Oncology.



**Pelvic Floor Therapy:** Brianna Stryczek, DPT, and Erin Clark, PTA have been working alongside Lauren Mansell, DPT to successfully build our Pelvic Floor therapy services. Collaborating with Family Medicine, the Dietetics department, and the OB department to treat these patient's concerns regarding bowel, bladder, and sexual health. They have started a free "Push Clinic" screen for our soon-to-be new moms, built in collaboration with the childbirth and breastfeeding classes offered at GAH.

### Outpatient Therapy Services Locations:

- **Gibson City/Medical Office Building:** Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy
- **Paxton:** Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy
- **Cissna Park:** Physical Therapy





# Caring

## ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



**Benjamin Weger, MD**



**GIBSON GETS IT**

## BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS

GAHHS welcomed Dr. Benjamin Weger to the Behavioral Wellness team in 2022. Dr. Weger completed subspecialty training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center to treat the full spectrum of psychiatric conditions (e.g. anxiety, mood, ADHD, etc.) in children, adolescents, and adults.

Dr. Weger has additional training and experience in patients with PTSD/complex trauma, dual diagnosis (substance use + another mental health diagnosis) first episode psychosis, psychiatric comorbidities with autoimmune disorders and infections (e.g. HIV), traumatic brain injuries, psychiatric conditions within LGBTQ+ populations, and behavioral concerns in autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. His expertise lies in medication management, but also incorporates psychotherapeutic and wellness strategies into treatment plans.

During his medical education, he completed a separate program specifically focused on how to help patients at the intersection of their health and rural settings. Dr. Weger is excited to return to practice in the Gibson City area after previously rotating through GAHHS during his training. Dr. Weger sees patients at the Behavioral Wellness Center, located at #10 Doctors Park, Gibson City. In addition, Dr. Weger also sees patients at Gibson Health of Hoopeston, Gibson Health of Watseka, and Prairie Family Medicine & Obstetrics, in Forrest. For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Weger, call 217-784-4540.

Alongside Dr. Weger, Ashlee Abitz is here to address your mental health needs as well. Ashlee completed her PMHNP degree at Lakeland College in Mattoon, IL, and has been a part of Gibson Area Hospital since 2022. Her life's passion is to destigmatize mental illnesses while making it a priority to provide easier access to mental healthcare. She has experience with inpatient youth, adolescents, and adults. Additionally, she has worked with substance abuse rehabilitation patients and has experience caring for those who undergo ECT (electroconvulsive therapy). Her main expertise is medication management, but Ashlee feels very comfortable incorporating therapy into her medication management appointments if needed. Ashlee sees patients out of the Gibson City Behavioral Wellness Center, located at #10 Doctor's Park.

## CARING CONNECTIONS

Caring Connections is Gibson Area Hospital's mental health treatment program for older adults (65+). We are an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), which focuses mainly on group therapy services. Our dedicated team is committed to providing comprehensive and compassionate care to older adults on their journey to mental wellness.

Our program has been an important part of GAH for over 10 years, and during that time we have seen many great changes! Most recently, a new therapist joined our program – Cara Niebur, MS, LPC. Additionally, we relocated in November 2023 to 417 Hager Drive. Our team has worked hard to make this space our own, and our patients have really enjoyed the homey atmosphere!

In addition to psychiatric and therapeutic services, we work to connect our patients with appropriate services, such as nutrition and dietetics, diabetic care, and Meals on Wheels.

A challenge we see in nearly every patient that comes through our door is loneliness and isolation. Research indicates that social isolation significantly increases the risk of many mental and physical health issues, including depression, anxiety, suicidality, dementia, and obesity. To mitigate these risks, we host monthly community events for seniors! Recent activities have included a paint-like-me party, creating Halloween doormats, painting holiday signs, and Jeopardy! Trivia. We are thankful for the opportunity to offer these free events to seniors! (Check out our Caring Connections Facebook page to stay up-to-date with our events!)

If you or a loved one may benefit from our services, please do not hesitate to reach out! We are always accepting referrals, and patients who fit the criteria for our program are generally admitted within 2 weeks of the referral.







## CARING CONNECTIONS CONTINUED

What has not changed is the compassionate therapy and care our patients receive. Patients have described their journey with us as “life-changing.” One alumnus states, “The staff are amazing people who truly want to help and I recommend Caring Connections to anybody who is having mental health problems.” We’re proud to say that our patients experience incredible success with developing coping skills, managing grief, gaining self-esteem, and finding the strength to thrive in their golden years! Patients who complete our program boast a 65% reduction in depressive symptoms and a 21% decrease in anxiety symptoms. Additionally, 48% of our patients experience an increase in cognitive functioning.

Our program offers a range of services designed to address the diverse needs of older adults:

- Confidential treatment by a board-certified psychiatrist (Dr. Martin J. Repetto, Ph.D., MD, who is incredibly well-versed in the treatment of older adults), a licensed therapist (Cara Niebur, MS, LPC), and a psychiatric nurse (Amanda Justice, RN)
- Treatment coordination with the patient’s primary care physician
- Lunch that is provided by the hospital
- Personalized treatment plans with goals tailored to each patient’s needs
- Transportation assistance
- Coverage by Medicare Part B



### New Location!



417 Hager Dr.  
Gibson City

## PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

*Based on patient rating scales, our patients experience...*

**65%**

reduction in depressive symptoms\*

Assessment used:  
Geriatric Depression Scale  
(Long Form)

**21%**

decrease in anxiety symptoms\*

Assessment used:  
Zung Self-Rating Anxiety Scale

**48%**

of patients experience an increase in cognitive functioning\*

Assessment used:  
Saint Louis University Mental  
Status (SLUMS) Examination

\*Figures based on a review of 63 patients' rating scale scores before and after treatment at Caring Connections' Geriatric Psych IOP. Scores tabulated were those of patients who effectively completed the program.

## DELIVERING FOR 71 YEARS

**Delivering Joy**  
to you & your baby

**BEST HOSPITALS**  
WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD  
OBSTETRICS  
2023

**TOP 9%**

We met the highest standards for Obstetrics

Ranked in the top 9% of hospitals nationwide

Feel confident in choosing the best care available

Gibson Area Hospital  
**Baby Central**

**We Deliver...**

**BEST HOSPITALS**  
WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD  
OBSTETRICS  
2023

Recognized as a Women’s Choice Top 100 Hospital for Obstetrics, GAHHS has been delivering babies in East Central Illinois for over 71 years. GAHHS has a state-of-the-art Obstetrics unit with private birthing suites and a dedicated surgical suite. Our six board-certified Family Practice/Obstetric Physicians provide maternal healthcare to patients from eight surrounding counties. Whether you are an expectant mother, a new baby, an adult, or an aging parent, GAHHS Primary Care Providers remain dedicated to caring for you and your entire family. In addition, GAHHS provides the Women, Infants, Children (WIC Program) in Ford and Iroquois Counties.





# Technology

**BENEFITS  
HEALTHCARE**

Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services is proud to provide our communities with state-of-the-art healthcare and technology that is light years ahead, but close to home. Convenient, accessible, compassionate care keeps us at the heart of your hometown's health. Our Nationally recognized, award-winning Orthopedics team will get you moving again!



**GIBSON**  
**AREA HOSPITAL**  
**ORTHOPAEDICS CLINIC**

# Mako

**SMART ROBOTIC-ASSISTED  
JOINT REPLACEMENT**



Gibson Area Hospital is proud to have MAKO smart robotic-assisted joint replacement available. Dr.'s Brett Keller and Jeffrey Lowe provide specialized, leading-edge, Orthopedic care to get you back in motion and enjoying life sooner. The decision to have a joint replacement comes with many concerns, but choosing the right hospital and surgeon can help give you the confidence you need. At Gibson Area Hospital, our Board Certified Orthopedic Physicians use the most advanced techniques, including digital diagnostic imaging, minimally invasive surgeries, and Robotic-Arm Assisted Joint Replacement with Mako Smart Robotics...innovative robotic technology that allows for personalized joint replacement procedures helping our surgeons know more and cut less. With Orthopedic expertise and surgical skills, our physicians are committed to your Orthopedic health from your first consultation through your last physical therapy session! Technology that is miles ahead...and close to home!





A TRUE

# Community

BENEFIT



**85%**

of those who responded to our hospital experience survey would recommend Gibson Area Hospital. The state average for hospitals is 66%, and the national average is 69%

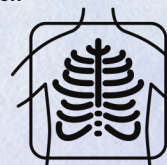


A potential of **522**

Lives were saved with 176 units of blood donated at blood drives hosted by Gibson Area Hospital and Gibson Area Hospital Auxiliary.



**241**  
Births



**27,680**

Radiology  
Exams



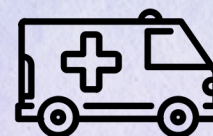
**3,582**

Surgeries



**581**

Zip Codes  
Served



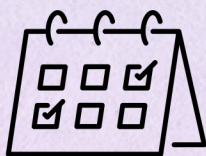
**6,830**

Emergency  
Department  
Visits



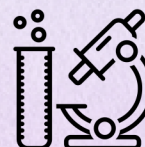
**783**

Full-time Employees



**1,614**

Paxton  
Weekend Clinic  
Visits



**176,996**

Total Lab Tests



**44,382**

Outpatient  
Visits



**132,438**

Total Clinic  
Visits



**180**

Volunteers

**\$94,584,939**

Total employee  
payroll and benefits

**\$8,888,674**

Subsidized clinical services  
provided to the community



**45**

Medical Staff

**\$34,048,294**

Total community  
benefit



**\$958,939**

Free and discounted  
care for those in need

**\$19,697,135**

Unfunded portion of  
government-sponsored  
medical care

**\$461,304**

Community programs  
and services





# Financial HEALTH

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services provide substantial benefits to the communities that we serve through the programs and services listed below: The total community benefit provided has grown substantially over the years and was over \$34 million in 2023.

	2023	2022
Charity care provided at cost		
Gibson cares program—free care	\$958,939	\$1,040,298
Uncollectible accounts		
Amounts otherwise owed by patients but not paid	\$3,830,082	\$5,596,422
Volunteer hours of service		
Equivalent cost to provide full-time staff for volunteer hours	\$212,160	\$116,000
Unreimbursed costs of Medicaid patients		
Cost over and above reimbursement from the program	\$19,697,135	\$15,668,414
Donations and contributions to other community organizations		
Schools, telecare, Relay For Life, Change Someone's Christmas, etc.	\$461,304	\$342,618
Subsidized services provided by GAHHS		
Wound care, ambulance services, dental clinic, wellness, etc.	\$8,888,674	\$7,288,266
Total community benefit provided in 2023, 2022	\$34,048,294	\$30,052,018

## SUMMARY OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Fiscal year Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023)

	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$237,715	\$294,235
Receivables/inventory/prepays	\$30,469,060	\$28,022,568
Investments	\$10,390,657	\$8,842,836
Property and equipment	\$45,386,585	\$45,182,188
Other assets	\$6,434,102	\$1,917,062
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$92,918,119</b>	<b>\$84,258,889</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>		
Current liabilities	\$28,081,040	\$34,982,370
Long-term debt	\$29,142,776	\$15,088,981
Fund balance	\$35,694,303	\$34,187,538
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$92,918,119</b>	<b>\$84,258,889</b>

Gibson Area Hospital's financial success depends on strong operating results. GAH is well prepared to continue operational success in 2024 and beyond.

## GAH STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

All dollars in 1,000's

	FY 2023	FY 2022
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Net patient service revenue	\$145,644	\$124,840
Other operating revenue	\$8,269	\$8,943
Contributions	\$210	\$249
Non-operating revenue	\$1,297	(\$1,143)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$155,420</b>	<b>\$132,889</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	\$94,585	\$82,716
Supply expense	\$22,240	\$17,956
Purchased services	\$11,309	\$9,833
Depreciation	\$5,095	\$4,563
Interest expense	\$2,044	\$1,227
Other expense	\$18,640	\$16,922
Excess(loss) available for facilities improvement	\$1,507	(\$328)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$155,420</b>	<b>\$132,889</b>

## GAH statistical profile

	FY 2023	FY 2022
Staffed beds	55	55
Patient days (Acute, Swing, OBS)	4,337	4,657
Births	241	269
Nursing home patient days	10,103	9,616
Emergency department visits	6,830	6,185
Surgeries	3,582	3,236
Radiology exams	27,680	26,697
Total outpatient visits	72,062	63,603
Total clinic visits	132,438	126,382
Total employees (FTEs)	783	714



**GAHHS**

# Clinic

## LOCATIONS

**GAH Dental Health**

1120 N. Melvin  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2701**

**GAH Rheumatology  
Clinic**

#4 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2806**

**Gibson City Clinic**

222 N. Sangamon Ave.  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-8148**

**Advanced Wound  
Healing Clinic**

#10 Doctors Park  
Lower Level  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2258**

**GAH Elite Sport & Fitness**

Four Locations  
Gibson City, Fairbury,  
Cissna Park, and Paxton  
**217-784-2045**

**GAH Sleep Center**

1120 N. Melvin  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2363**

**Gibson Health of  
Cissna Park**

510 Prairie Lane  
Cissna Park, IL 60924  
**815-457-2000**

**Behavioral Wellness  
Center**

10 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-4540**

**GAH ENT Clinic &  
GAH Audiology**

#1 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2808**

**GAH Therapy Services-  
Cissna Park**

510 Prairie Lane  
Cissna Park, IL 60924  
**815-457-2006**

**Gibson Health of  
Hoopeston**

705 S. Dixie Highway  
Hoopeston, IL 60942  
**217-283-5530**

**Cardiopulmonary  
Rehabilitation**

#10 Doctors Park  
Lower Level  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2667**

**GAH General Surgery  
Clinic**

1120 N. Melvin St.  
2nd Floor  
Medical Office Building  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-4297**

**GAH Therapy Services  
Gibson City**

1120 N. Melvin St.  
1st Floor  
Medical Office Building  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2650**

**Gibson Health of  
Mahomet**

1504 Patton Drive, Suite 2  
Mahomet, IL 61853  
**217-586-2633**

**Caring Connections**

417 Hager Dr.  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2146**

**GAH Neurology Clinic**

#4 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2806**

**GAH Therapy Services-  
Paxton**

227 N. Market St.  
Paxton, IL 60957  
**217-379-2500**

**Gibson Health of  
Onarga**

912 W. Seminary  
Onarga, IL 60955  
**815-268-4840**

**Family Health of Fairbury**

221 Wal-Crest Drive  
Fairbury, IL 61739  
**815-692-1150**

**GAH Oncology Clinic &  
Infusion Center**

1120 N. Melvin St.  
2nd Floor  
Medical Office Building  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2332**

**GAH Urology Clinic**

1120 N. Melvin St.  
2nd Floor  
Medical Office Building  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2212**

**Gibson Health of  
Watseka**

806 E. Walnut St.,  
Watsela, IL 60970  
**815-432-1078**

**Family Health of  
Farmer City**

1230 George Rock Drive  
Farmer City, IL 61842  
**309-928-9192**

**GAH Orthopaedics Clinic**

1120 N. Melvin St.  
1st Floor  
Medical Office Building  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-4340**

**Gibson Area Family  
Medicine**

201 E. 8th St.  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-727-1088**

**Gibson Recovery  
Optimizing Wellness  
Clinic (GROW)**

#10 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2807**

**Family Health of  
Gibson City**

#7 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-5500**

**GAH Outpatient Clinic**

Main Hospital  
1120 N. Melvin  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2340**

**Gibson Area Medical  
Clinic**

#8 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-4086**

**The Paxton Clinic &  
Weekend Clinic**

227 N. Market St.  
Paxton, IL 60957  
**217-379-4864**

**GAH Cardiology Clinic**

1120 N. Melvin St.  
2nd Floor  
Medical Office Building  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2273**

**GAH Pulmonology  
Clinic**

1120 N. Melvin  
2nd Floor  
Medical Office Building  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-2212**

**Gibson Area Primary  
Care**

#3 Doctors Park  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
**217-784-4030**

**Prairie Family Medicine  
& Obstetrics**

112 E. Wabash,  
Forrest, IL 61741  
**815-657-8707**





## SUPPORTING YOUR



Dan Boyce  
Director of Development

2023 was another successful year for the GAH Foundation, and I want to thank each of you for your continued support! Our success would not be possible without our very generous donors and committed supporters.

As our new Medical Office Building continues to see patients, we were able to display our donor wall proudly with all that helped to make the building possible! If you are interested in being on the wall, there is still time! Please reach out to me and we will proudly display your name or business as a thank you for your contribution.

We had a busy year of events! Our annual golf outing saw an increase in teams and a brand new format of one shotgun start and it was great! We held a Fashion Show that featured local boutiques as well as a Nash Bash in the summer with all proceeds from both events going to the GAH Foundation. Again, THANK YOU to all who participated and supported these events. As we wind down our campaign on the Medical Office Building, we are excited to announce a campaign for a brand new CT Scanner! We are taking donations and I would be happy to meet with anyone who would like to discuss contributing to this project.

I have been able to visit many donors and businesses, but want to visit even more this year. Please reach out to me if you are interested and I would be happy to schedule a meeting with you!

*Dan*

The GAH Personnel & Retention Committee hosted 3 successful nights of Glo Bingo fun! This unique fundraiser is hosted to support the GAH Foundation.

We were excited to host a spring Glo Bingo in addition to our back-to-back nights in the fall. Thanks to the support of our amazing community, the committee presented the GAH Foundation \$36,500!

Each player is given a hat and dauber that glow all through the night of Bingo fun. The committee brings in food trucks for all to enjoy delicious food, while competing in 10 rounds of Bingo.

Hospital departments and local businesses generously donated gift cards and prizes for our spring event and prize baskets for our fall event.

**GLO BINGO...  
"NOT YOUR  
GRANDMA'S  
BINGO!"**



**Glo-Bingo  
raised a total of**

**\$36,500**

**for FY 2023**



**Want to Join the Fun?**

Watch for details on upcoming events on the Gibson Area Hospital Facebook page!

# Health

## 34th Annual FORE...the Hospital Golf Outing

**BIG SUCCESS!**

We hosted the 34th Annual Fore...the Hospital Golf Outing on September 7, 2023, at the University of Illinois Orange and Blue Golf Course in Savoy, IL.

This year's event welcomed a new change! Both Orange and Blue courses were used for all golfers with one shotgun start time of 10 am. This allowed for all teams to golf at once and helped spread the number of teams across two courses instead of a morning and afternoon flight. Our most successful golf outing to-date!

Thank you!

Fore...the Hospital Golf  
Outing players

**62 TEAMS  
246 GOLFERS**



**Golf Outing  
raised a total of**

**\$77,000**

**Total donations and  
sponsorships**







Staycation Raffle  
raised a total of

**\$5,328**

for FY 2023



## Staycation Raffle

A backyard makeover for the perfect at-home experience!

**Prize package includes:**  
-7 piece patio fire pit dining set  
-Large Primo Grill  
-Whole Hog from local farmer  
-\$2,500 landscaping package

Winner drawn right before Parmalee concert at Paxton Swine 'N Dine on Sept. 16, 2023



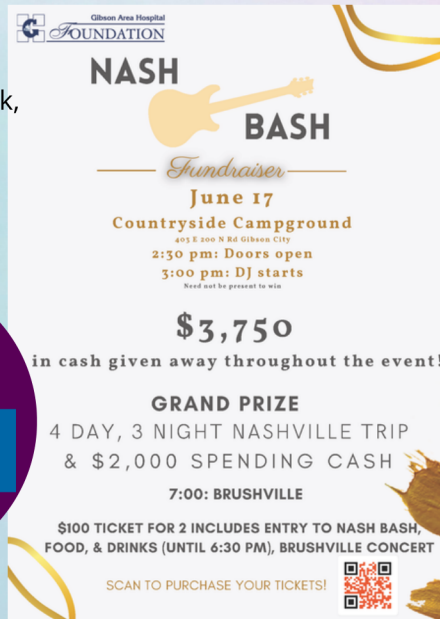
The Foundation held a Staycation Summer Raffle this year for the first time! This fun prize package included a patio fire pit dining set, Primo grill, whole hog, and a landscaping package. Tickets were on sale all summer and the lucky winner was drawn in September! The winner was Lisa Garrels.

Our first annual Nash Bash was a huge hit! This cash bash-style event had some flare with line dancing lessons, a classic cake walk, and of course the cash giveaways. After our winners were announced, the country band, Brushville, took the stage to end a wonderful summer night at the Countryside Camp Grounds, Gibson City!

Nash Bash  
raised a total of

**\$5,751**

for FY 2023



**SAVE THE DATE**  
GAH Foundation presents....  
*A Dose of Fashion*  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023**



Fashion Show  
raised a total of

**\$6,057**

for FY 2023

A brand new GAH Foundation event in 2023 was A Dose of Fashion Show!

Local boutiques took the stage to show off their best styles for the first annual Show! Our event was complete with a full runway, lights, and of course models! Guests were able to see the upcoming trends and get online or visit the stores soon after to make their purchases. After the event, each boutique donated an outfit that was raffled off to support the Foundation.



## RAISED BY THE GAH FOUNDATION IN 2023

**\$ 510,833**

Total donated to the Foundation in Fiscal Year 2023

**\$24,625**

Employee contribution campaign funds raised for general fund

**\$87,206**

Employee donation campaign funds raised for new Medical Office Building

**210**

Number of Employees contributing to MOB donation campaign

**\$53,603**

Scholarships

**27**

Hospital employees receiving scholarships

**\$65,527**

Amount provided for hospital projects and equipment

**\$1.8 MILLION**

Total funds raised for the Medical Office Building in pledges, commitments and payments end of FY '23

The quality care and wellness services Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services provides would not be possible without the support of our Volunteers and Communities! Through the help of our employees, the Foundation, our Auxiliary and generous people like you, we are able to provide access to support and care to those who need it most.



# OUR *Volunteers* ARE AMAZING!



## AUXILIARY SERVICE: BY THE NUMBERS



The Needle Craft Committee expertly creates baby hats, that are either quilted or sewn and lap robes that are knitted or crocheted. These are donated to our patients!



The Auxiliary sponsored blood drives that received 74 pints of blood—which has the potential of helping to save 222 lives.



The Auxiliary sponsored nine scholarships totaling over \$14,000.



Not only are funds raised by the Auxiliary used to purchase specialty equipment for hospital departments, but the Auxiliary has made a five-year commitment of \$50,000 to support the capital campaign for the Medical Office Building.



## LOVE LIGHTS A TREE

The Auxiliary raised over \$22,800 through the 2023 Love Lights a Tree Fundraiser. Each year during the holiday season, community members are invited to give the gift of love and light in honor or memory of a loved one. For each \$1,000 raised, an evergreen tree is illuminated. Donations raised through this program are used annually to provide funding for various hospital projects and donations.

Love Lights a Tree  
raised a total of

**\$22,800**

2023



Love Lights a Tree  
Holiday Fundraiser

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



A dedicated member of the Gibson Area Hospital Auxiliary, Christine Hazen, volunteered 401 hours in 2023. Christine volunteers in various capacities, but you can usually find her as a Smile Greeter at the Main Hospital entrance, needle crafting, or delivering meals on wheels!

**VOLUNTEERS  
GAVE 5,296**

hours of their time to support the Auxiliary programs like Meals on Wheels, Smile Greeters, Gift Shop and other vital services to our hospital and communities.

Gift Shop: 1,250  
Annex & Annex Garden: 504.25  
Bloodmobile: 69  
Needlework: 620.40  
Food Pantry: 697.25  
Info Desk/Smile Greeter: 1,012.5  
Board Meetings: 307.75  
Misc. Committees: 401.9  
Meals on Wheels: 433



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



We are always looking for new Volunteers to join the team! Are you interested? Call **217-784-2600** for more info!

# VOLUNTEER



Our

# Vision

To be the model of excellence in  
community-based healthcare.



To provide personalized, professional  
healthcare services to the residents of the  
communities we serve.

Our

# Mission

Follow Gibson  
Area Hospital on  
Social Media!



# #gibsongetsit





ROCKING &

# Rolling

ALONG



## MEDI-VAN SERVICES

GAHHS has expanded our MediVan fleet to meet the growing transportation needs in our service area.



Miles Driven

257,285



Rides Given

8,622



GAHHS received \$112,000 through an Illinois ARISE grant which directly helped fund the MediVan Services in 2023.



## VALET SERVICES

Our Valet Services have offered over 28,000 rides to patients and visitors in 2023!

## EMS GRANTS



Grants were awarded once again to the GAH Ambulance Service during the 2023 fiscal year. We received a total of \$298,000 in Grants for EMS Training and equipment purchases from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This grant provided funding for training EMS personnel as appropriate to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serving in an EMS agency; conducting courses that qualify graduates to serve in an EMS agency; funding specific training to meet federal or state licensing or certification requirements; ensuring EMS personnel are trained on mental and substance use disorders and care for people with such disorders in emergencies; purchase of the opioid overdose antidote Naloxone and train EMS personnel on the use in emergency opioid overdose situations.

In addition, GAH Ambulance Service was also awarded a Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) EMS Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant in the amount of \$3,000 through the Illinois Critical Access Network (ICAHN).

## SUMMER BASH 2023

What started as a crazy idea in a basement office of Gibson Area Hospital to say Thank You for getting on the other side of the pandemic has turned into a legitimate summer EVENT! Our message still has not changed, THANK YOU! Thank you to all GAH employees and thank you to our community for all the work/support.

Summer Bash 2023 welcomed certified rock legends 38 Special with guest Winger on a gorgeous summer night in August. Winger kicked the night off with hits like "Madeline", "Seventeen", "Can't Get Enough" and so many more. 38 Special took the stage in front of 6000+ fans giving them a show that was 2nd to NONE; starting the night off with "Rockin' Into the Night", "So Caught Up In You", "Hold On Loosely", "Second Chance" and it goes on and on. It was a show to remember!

You can bet another incredible artist is coming to town for Summer Bash 2024! We will see you on August 17th, 2024 in downtown Gibson City.



**SUMMER BASH 2024**

Watch for details on upcoming events on the Gibson Area Hospital Facebook page!







# Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services

*GIBSON GETS IT*

**P.O. Box 429  
1120 N. Melvin St.  
Gibson City, IL 60936  
217-784-4251**

## **GIBSON AREA HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES LEADERSHIP**

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*Chief Executive Officer*

Robin Rose  
*Chief Operating & Chief  
Clinical Officer*

Matthew Ertel  
*Chief Financial Officer*

Jessica Delost  
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Officer*

Mark Spangler, MD  
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David J. Hagan, MD  
*Chief Strategy Officer*

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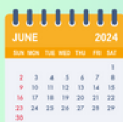
Save these important dates for future GAHHS events!



**March 6, 2024- GAHHS Annual Meeting**  
Kruse Center- Gibson City



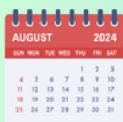
**April 19, 2024-Spring Glo-Bingo!**  
Kruse Center-Gibson City



**June 8, 2024-Nash Bash**  
Countryside Campground-Gibson City



**July 12, 2024- Foundation Fest**  
Countryside Campground-Gibson City



**August 17, 2024-Summer Bash '24**  
Downtown Gibson City



**September 5, 2024-Fore...the Hospital Golf Outing!**  
(rain date September 12, 2024)  
University of Illinois Golf Course, Savoy, IL



**October 25, 2024-Fall Glo-Bingo-Paxton**  
The Cadillac, Paxton, IL



**October 26, 2024-Fall Glo-Bingo-Gibson City**  
The Kruse Center, Gibson City, IL



**November 10, 2024- Dose of Fashion-Fall Fashion Show!**  
The Cadillac, Paxton, IL

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# LOOKING

# Ahead

As we look ahead to the future of our organization, we kick-off the next capital campaign that will add a second CT Scanner to Radiology Services. All proceeds from the new Foundation Fest event will go toward the CT project.

## Foundation Fest

### CT Scanner



### Fundraiser

### \$1,000 Ticket

Only 100  
Tickets  
Available!



SCAN  
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To Purchase  
Tickets!



Countryside Campgrounds, Gibson City, IL  
Friday, July 12, 2024

Cocktail Hour (open bar) 6:00-7:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm (cash bar after 7:00 pm)

Cash Drawing following dinner

Attire-Summer dress-casual

- Ticket Price \$1,000 per ticket.
- 100 tickets to be sold.
- 2 people per ticket are admitted for dinner and cocktails.
- Multiple people can split a ticket, but only 2 may attend the drawing.



### Cash Give-A-Way!

Grand Prize \$30,000

2nd Prize \$10,000

3rd Prize \$5,000

4th Prize \$2,500

5th Prize \$1,500

6th Prize \$1,000



All proceeds go toward the new CT Scanner project.



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