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Please make a difference today by supporting the Jefferson Cary Foundation Annual Appeal 2016.

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Jefferson Cary Foundation

A Gift from the Heart

Annual Appeal 2016



What is that special quality, the unique connection, or the appeal that motivates someone to make a contribution to a particular cause? Giving of one's treasure is a very personal act. We all know of so many worthy organizations, and there are so many needs. Still there is something that touches us, that moves us to choose amongst many opportunities to give. It is a gift that comes from the heart.

Sometimes a personal tragedy can inspire generosity. April Caron, who delivers communion to our patients at Cary Medical Center and has done so for years, suffered an unthinkable loss when her husband was accidentally and suddenly killed. With the passing of time April reflected upon the availability of her community hospital and made a generous gift to the foundation.

“My family feels so fortunate to have Cary Medical Center so close to home. The emergency care that my husband received was greatly appreciated.” April also remarked that in this past year her aging father needed to access the hospital a number of times. *“The compassionate care received by my father was extraordinary. We are so very fortunate to have this resource so close to home”.*

The Jefferson Cary Foundation also provides for an opportunity to honor an individual who passes and leaves behind a legacy. Joe Sleeper lived a remarkable life in Caribou helping to establish one of the community's cultural treasures in Sleepers General Store. He touched many lives, was part of an extraordinary family and at the time of his death his wife Doris chose to make the foundation the beneficiary of gifts in his memory.

“The Jefferson Cary Cancer Center provided such professional, loving care to Joe during his illness. We were always greeted with a smile, and everyone was so kind.” Doris was also touched by the many patients cared for at the center. *“Until Joe was a patient there I never realized how many people used the center and we recognized that we were supporting a very worthy cause.”*

It is remarkable to consider that Cary Medical Center is one of the nation's leading rural hospitals. Ranked among the top 24 rural hospitals in America. Located in a small rural community with limited resources and so many challenges, the hospital has been able to maintain an exceptional level of technology and clinical expertise. This has been possible thanks to the generosity of so many individuals and organizations. When the hospital is called upon to care for a loved one, in a time of crisis, and responds with a true sense of compassion that comes from deep within its culture, it often moves people to do whatever they can to help. Dean and Donna Staples have been consistent and generous donors to the Jefferson Cary Foundation. When Dean's mom had breast cancer the experience touched the family and they continue to give.

“We recognize that from time to time we will all need medical care and this is our hospital”. After first contributing to the new ‘Women's Imaging Center’, the Staples continued their giving through the Annual Appeal. *“If every person did a little something there would be no need for fundraising. We want to make sure that the hospital is here for our community.”*

These examples of kindness and generosity reflect the stories of hundreds of individuals and organizations that, over the years, have given to the Jefferson Cary Foundation. We are grateful to these donors for their willingness to share their personal stories. We hope that they will inspire you to continue your support or make a gift for the first time. Every gift in whatever amount helps to build our endowment and will help to make sure that Cary Medical Center, your community hospital, is here when you need us.

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Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the Jefferson Cary Foundation is to support and enhance the programs and services at Cary Medical Center and improve the health and well-being of the communities it serves.



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A nonprofit 501(c)3 fund raising organization created for the purpose of improving health care in Aroostook County.