

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

by Allis Gilbert, McKee Medical Center Foundation Executive Director

Over the past three months, we have completed our 29th annual bike tour, said farewell to a teammate and welcomed a new team member, all while planning for the 36th Annual McKee Presents Gala.

We are working hard to execute our annual events and have been working to organize our funds and fund agreements with stakeholders. Our goal is to define each of our 40 funds and ensure we have written intent for the uses of these funds. At any point, a donor or stakeholder should be able to see these agreements and help guide distribution of their donations to ensure we meet the intent of their gift.

The bike tour was a great success raising more than \$70,000 for the Heart Health Program. This year brought a wild spring storm dumping inches of wet snow above 5,600 feet where three of our hardest descents are located. This storm and the spreading of sand on the

roads for traction lead me to cancel two routes to ensure the safety of all riders. Although some were disappointed, the majority of people understood the safety concern; some even mentioning they appreciated our thoughtfulness to ensure the safety of all riders. In total, more than 1,200 riders registered for the tour and many of the riders opted to ride the 30 mile route twice and some added the 10 mile route for a few extra miles. We doubled our sponsorships this year, cresting \$20,000. We appreciate the support of those who help to make the event possible. A list of all Bike Tour Sponsors can be found inside. Additionally, the expo at the finish line added vendors and the pancake breakfast was a hit!

May saw many local graduations and scholarship awards nights. With this year's awards, the Foundation has given over half a million dollars in scholarships to adult learners, and high school graduates who are seeking careers in the healthcare field. This year, the Foundation awarded \$44,000, of which \$7,000 was



awarded in collaboration with the Volunteer Service League. The scholarships ranged from \$1,000 - \$3,000 and supported 29 students for the 2017-2018 school year. Awards were given to students of Loveland High School, Thompson Valley High School, Berthoud High School, children of McKee employees and various adult learners, including nurses at McKee, all of whom are currently seeking degrees associated with healthcare.

We were sad to see Ashley Kasprzak go as she takes on her next career adventure, but are excited to see her take the next step toward her passions and goals. We will be welcoming a new team member soon to help fill Foundation needs and look forward to introducing you to them soon.

DR. BRIDGET BROWN

BUILDING A BRIGHTER YEAR (BABY) FOUNDATION

Dr. Bridget Brown is a pediatrician in Northern Colorado and has been with Banner Health for eight years.

One of Dr. Brown's many passions is access to health care for children. Often families are faced with difficult decisions based on their healthcare needs. Bridget has been an advocate for these families and has focused her energy into the Build a Brighter Year (BABY) Foundation. The BABY Foundation is one of the 40 funds under the umbrella of the McKee Foundation which focuses on supporting families who are managing the illness, disease, or injury of a child.

The mission of BABY is to assist families with medical costs that are approved by the advisory board to support a family in need. Often families are referred to the BABY Foundation by their child's primary care physician, as the physicians often get a good sense of the families' situation



and can provide a connection to resources.

As Dr. Brown learned of the impact of the BABY Foundation, she began to also invest in the sustainability of the organization. She began by sitting on their advisory board in (2010) and eventually became the board chair from 2012 - 2016. Immediately, due to Bridget's efforts donations began to arrive for the organization. Growing from \$6,000 annually to over \$60,000 annually in a few years. Dr. Brown focused on bringing in sponsors and engaging with the surrounding communities

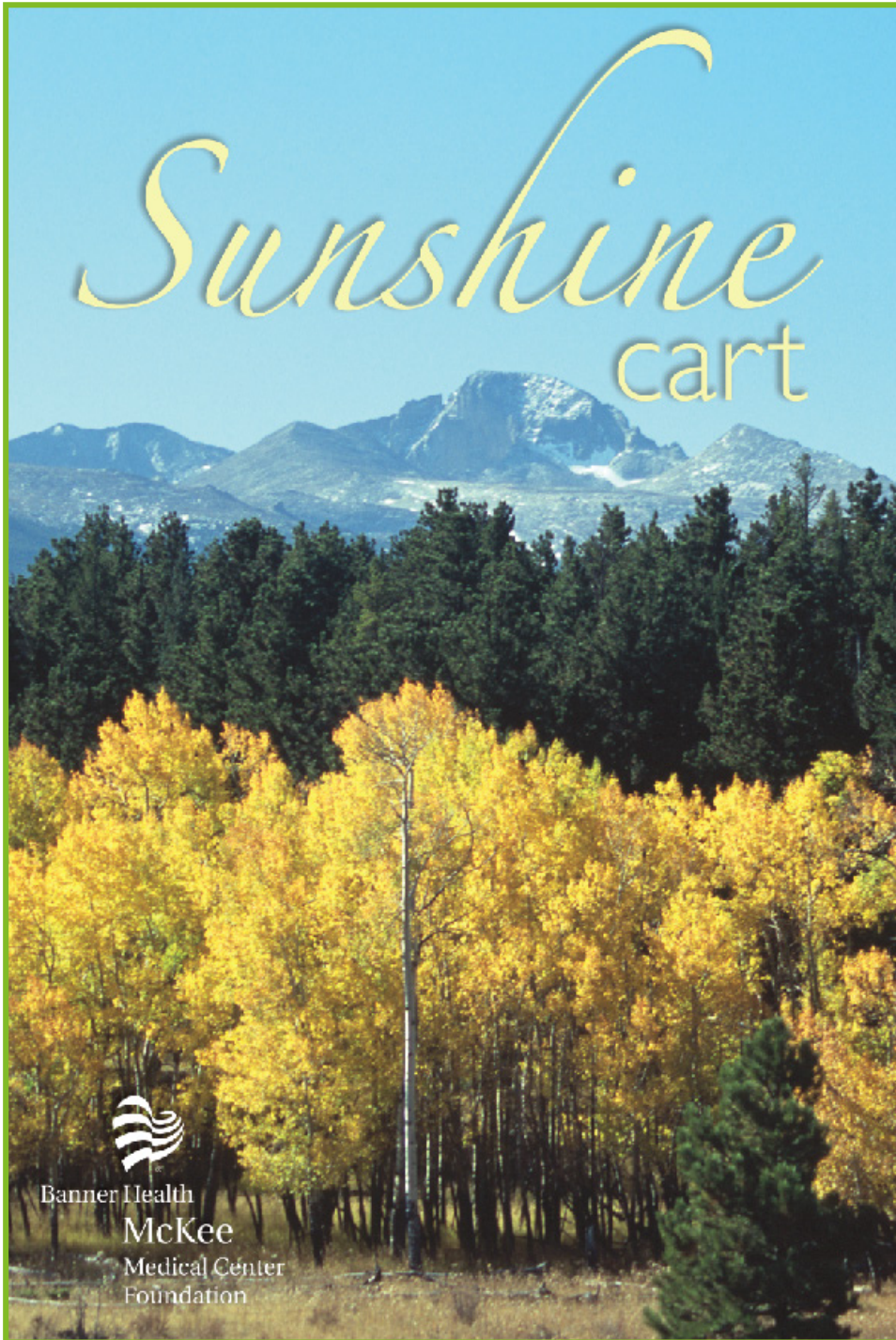
to support BABY through donations, helping over 60 families since 2010. Since its inception in 2003, BABY Foundation has distributed over \$100,000 to 200 families. All of whom had a child they were supporting dealing with complex medical issues.

In addition to the funds she helped to raise for BABY, Dr. Brown brings a strong leadership style that focuses on a collective goal and working alongside one another to embrace the task at hand. She thrives on interactions with volunteers of all age levels, and has worked with volunteers from high school students to senior citizens, including her children (11 and 13 years old) in the service of BABY Foundation.

Bridget is known for her smile and joy that she brings to BABY and those who she encounters. She is a motivator and inspires others to give of themselves.

Learn more on how the BABY Foundation supports the local community or get involved with the BABY Foundation by contacting the McKee Foundation at mmcfoundation@bannerhealth.com or 970-820-4001.

SUNSHINE CART BRINGS JOY AND COMFORT TO MCKEE PATIENTS FOR 26 YEARS AND COUNTING



The Sunshine Cart has been brightening stays and bringing a little joy to patients at McKee Medical Center for more than 26 years. The Sunshine Cart began in 1991 after a local resident wanted to do something to brighten the lives of patients during their stay at McKee. When the Sunshine Cart was born, initially volunteers would wear

decorated hats and visit those admitted to McKee offering comfort items to help ease the experience of a hospital stay. And now, all these years later, the Sunshine cart continues to touch the lives of patients every day. Over the years, volunteers and staff members have been able to utilize the Sunshine Carts located on numerous floors of McKee to serve more than 28,000 people!

The Sunshine Cart is stocked with everyday items such as toothbrushes, hair brushes, quilts and socks, in addition to entertainment in the form of books, movies, word games, puzzles, and hand games. There is a wide variety of items, a little something for everyone.

McKee Volunteers have also said that family members are often able to utilize items as well, while they stay with their loved ones.

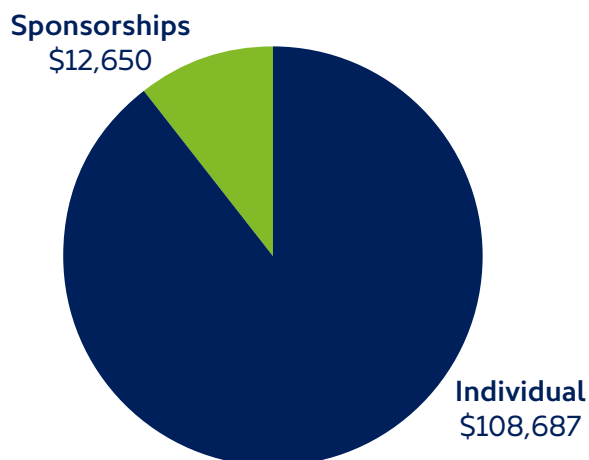
Often a quick admittance to the hospital leaves patients without the everyday items that make them feel most comfortable. The Sunshine Cart strives to provide those items and bring a little ray of joy to many during their stay.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND QUARTER 2017

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$121,337



DISTRIBUTION OF FIRST QUARTER CONTRIBUTIONS: \$116,409

Some of the McKee programs and initiatives the Foundation has supported this quarter include:

- Emergency support for cancer patients in need: \$70,000 YTD

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MCKEE FOUNDATION EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES:

**McKee Wellness:
Guys and Grills**
August 24
The Ranch

**McKee Presents Gala
Hearts of Paradise**
November 4
Embassy Suites

Turkey Trot
November 23
McKee Medical Center

Colorado Gives Day
November 28

**Angel Event
Worldwide Candle
Lighting Vigil**
December 10
McKee Medical Center

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