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## Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit Campaign Gains Momentum

### See the first contributor list of 2026

The Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit 2026 campaign gained momentum following the February 25 kickoff prior to WHA's Advocacy Day. As of April 16, \$124,648 has been raised from 107 individuals. That is 35% of the 2026 fundraising goal of \$353,500.

See the full 2026 contributor list below.

"Thank you to the 107 individuals from across the state who have made a personal commitment to the Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit so far in 2026! Your contribution strengthens our collective political voice in supporting candidates for state office who value our state's hospitals and health systems," said WHA's 2026 Advocacy Committee Chair Bob Van Meeteren, President and CEO of Reedsburg Area Medical Center.



Take a look at the first 2026 contributor list to see who helped the campaign raise more than \$124,000 already this year!

To ensure your name is on future contributor listings, make your personal contribution today at [www.whconduit.com](http://www.whconduit.com) or by contacting Kari Hofer at 608-268-1816 or Nora Statsick at 608-239-4535.

<b>Leaders Circle (\$7,500 +)</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
O'Brien, Kyle	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Rathgaber, Scott	Emplify Health
<b>Leaders Circle (\$5,000 - \$7,499)</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Anderson, Sue	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Rohrbach, Dan	Southwest Health
Russell, John	Prairie Ridge Health
Schafer, Michael	Spooner Health System
Schomburg, Jennifer	Aurora Health Care
Stanford, Matthew	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Woods, Eugene	Aurora Health Care
<b>Platinum Club (\$3,000 - \$4,999)</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Baenen, Sharla	Bellin Health
Chopra, Praveen	Emplify Health
Crittenden, Shana	Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital - St. Joseph
Franklin, Nathan	Gundersen Health System
Hanus, Andrew	AJH Consulting
Natzke, Ryan	Marshfield Clinic
Schimmers, Heather	Emplify Health
Timberlake, Karen	Children's Wisconsin
Van Meeteren, Robert	Reedsburg Area Medical Center
Wiegel, Molly	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Zenk, Ann	Wisconsin Hospital Association

**Gold Club (\$2,000 - \$2,999)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Bird, James	Beloit Health System
Farrell, William	Emplify Health
Hoelter, Jon	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Hofer, Karoline	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Massey, Steven	Westfields Hospital
McCawley, Tom	Beloit Health System
McNally, Maureen	Froedtert & MCW - Froedtert Hospital
Moran, Christian	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Rude, Abbey	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Storey, Andre	Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee
Van Pelt, Ben	Aurora Health Care

**Gold Club (\$1,500 - \$1,999)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Augsburger, Marc & Melissa	Edgerton Hospital and Health Services
Bauer, Jessica	Aurora Medical Center in Washington County
Beirl, Luke	Tamarack Health Hayward Medical Center
Brabant, Chris and Kathy	Stoughton Health
Braudt, Theresa	Emplify Health by Gundersen Boscobel
Crouch, Amy	Hospital Sisters Health System
Hartberg, David	Vernon Health
Ignatowski, Alex	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Kinney, Aaron	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Knutson, Alec	Ascension Wisconsin
LaFever, Carla	Aurora Medical Center in Grafton
Levin, Jeremy	Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
Mattson, Krister	Emplify Health
Miller, Thomas	Aurora BayCare Medical Center
Peterson, Douglas	AdventHealth
Roesler, Bruce	Richland Hospital, Inc.
Shilling, Jennifer	Mayo Clinic Health System - La Crosse
Stephens, Brian	Door County Medical Center
Tesfasilassie, Dawit	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Werner, Andrea	Bellin Hospital

**Contributors ranging from \$1,000 - \$1,499**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Allen, Nadine	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Borge, Robin	Emplify Health
Byrne, Frank	Forward Health Group
Campbell, Jaime	Aurora Health Care
Daly, Derek	Tomah Health
Fischer, Deborah	Bellin Health
Harding, Edward	Aurora Medical Center - Bay Area
Jackson, Daniel	Ascension Wisconsin
Russo, John	SSM - St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
Statsick, Nora	Wisconsin Hospital Association

**Contributors ranging from \$500 - \$999**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Albrecht, Rachel	Emplify Health
Andrabi, Imran	Froedtert ThedaCare
Bloch, Jodi	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Bulin, Julie	Bellin Health Oconto Hospital
Competente, Brian	WHA Information Center
Dilley, Emily	Cumberland Healthcare
Finley, Michael	Emplify Health
Larson, Margaret	Ascension NE Wisconsin - Mercy Campus
Micka, Michelle	Emplify Health
Peterson, Kent	Sanford Health
Porter, Kay	SSM Health, Dean Medical Group
Punzenberger, Lindsay	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Schattschneider, Tami	SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital
Schulze, Connie	UW Health

**Contributors up to \$499**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Abey, Michelle	Stoughton Health
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Anderson, Sandra	Retired
Diedrick, Kellie	ThedaCare Medical Center - New London
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Groseth, Bradley	Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake
Horvath, Paul	Mayo Clinic Health System Red Cedar in Menomonie
Joyce, John	Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Ozaukee
Kleven, Jennie	Emplify of Gundersen
Leinenkugel, Richard	Marshfield Clinic Health System
Lindwall, Jill	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Nelson, Chuck	Marshfield Clinic Health System
Preston, Lindsey	Gundersen Medical Foundation
Rudquist, Debra	Amery Hospital & Clinic
Sautebin, Michael	Marshfield Clinic Health System
Schweiger, Paul	Richland Hospital, Inc.
Selvick, Carl	Black River Health
Shapiro, Steve	Emplify Health
Shaw, Dawn	Edgerton Hospital and Health Services
Stauber, Jessica	Aspirus, Inc.
Vandervest, Molly	Emplify Health
Walker, Troy	SSM St. Clare Hospital - Baraboo
Williams, Janice	WHA Information Center
Young, Hannah	Prairie Ridge Health

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WHA 2026 Wisconsin Health Care Workforce Webinar Series - Part 2: Relieve Workforce Burden