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Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit Surpasses \$300,000

The 2026 Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit campaign has reached another major milestone, with more than \$309,000 raised from 219 individual contributors toward this year's \$353,500 fundraising goal.

See the full year-to-date 2026 contributor list below.

"Thank you to the 219 individuals who have personally supported the WH PAC & Conduit this year," said WHA President and CEO Kyle O'Brien. "Their participation helps provide the resources to support candidates who understand and value the important role hospitals and health systems play in caring for patients and strengthening communities across Wisconsin."

The Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit supports candidates for state office who value high-quality health care and understand the policy issues impacting hospitals, patients and communities across Wisconsin.

The campaign runs through the calendar year, and every contribution helps build momentum toward the 2026 goal. WHA encourages individuals who have not yet contributed to join their peers in supporting this important effort.

Personal contributions can be made online at www.whconduit.com. One-time and recurring contribution options are available.



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