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Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit Campaign Continues Strong Momentum

Year-to-date contributor list included below

The Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit 2026 campaign continues to build strong momentum, with nearly \$274,000 raised from 188 contributors toward this year's goal of \$353,500.

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

"Thank you to the 188 individuals who have already made a personal commitment to the Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit this year," said WHA President & CEO Kyle O'Brien. "Your participation helps ensure Wisconsin hospitals and health systems have a strong, unified voice in the political process and supports candidates who understand the important role hospitals play in their communities."



The Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit helps support candidates for state office who value high-quality, high-value health care and understand the 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.

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

Leaders Circle (\$7,500 +)

Name	Organization
Erickson, Robert	Hospital Sisters Health System
O'Brien, Kyle	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Rathgaber, Scott	Emplify Health
Size, Tim	Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

Leaders Circle (\$5,000 - \$7,499)

Name	Organization
Anderson, Sue	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Boatwright, Damond	Hospital Sisters Health System
Burns, Nicole & Danny	Schreiber GR Group
Heywood, Matthew	Aspirus Health
Hoerneman, Dr. Brian	Sanford Health Marshfield Clinic
Kaplan, Alan	UW Health
Rohrbach, Dan	Southwest Health
Russell, John	Prairie Ridge Health
Peri, Gil	Children's Wisconsin
Robaidek, Jay	UW Health
Schafer, Michael	Spooner Health System
Schimmers, Heather	Emplify Health
Schomburg, Jennifer	Aurora Health Care
Stanford, Matthew	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Woods, Eugene	Aurora Health Care

Platinum Club (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

Name	Organization
Andersen, LeAnne	Emplify Health
Baenen, Sharla	Emplify Health
Becker, Michael & Aimee	UW Health

Chopra, Praveen	Emplify Health
Cihak, Scott	Ascension Wisconsin
Cliffe, Elizabeth	Ascension Wisconsin
Crittenden, Shana	Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital - St. Joseph
Franklin, Nathan	Emplify Health
Hanus, Andrew	AJH Consulting
Harding, Ed	Aurora Health Care
Moran, Christian	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Natzke, Ryan	Marshfield Clinic Health System
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)

Name	Organization
Bird, James	Beloit Health System
Bloch, Jodi	Childrens Wisconsin
Braudt, Theresa	Emplify Health by Gundersen Boscobel
Brouk, Jonathan	Children's Wisconsin
Casey, Kevin & Lisa	Ascension Wisconsin
Farrell, William	Emplify Health
Hoelter, Jon	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Hofer, Kari	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Levin, Jeremy	Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
Massey, Steven	Westfields Hospital
McCawley, Tom	Beloit Health System
McManmon, Kristin	Ascension Wisconsin
McNally, Maureen	Froedtert & MCW - Froedtert Hospital
Poppen, Jeffrey	Sanford Health - Marshfield Clinic
Rude, Abbey	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Russell, Thomas	UW Health
Schley, Kurt	Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital - Elmbrook Campus
Schmidtke, Holly	Aurora Health Care
Small, Jessica	Aurora Health Care
Storey, Andre	Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee
Van Pelt, Ben	Aurora Health Care

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

Name	Organization
Anderson, Michael	Fort Healthcare
Andrabi, Imran	Froedtert ThedaCare
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 & Kathy	Stoughton Health
Bulin, Julie	Bellin Oconto Hospital
Capp, Alyson	Children's Wisconsin-Fox Valley Hospital
Collison, Ted	HSBS - St. Vincent Hospital
Crittenden, Shana	Ascension Wisconsin
Crouch, Amy	Hospital Sisters Health System
Dwyer, Susan	Ascension Wisconsin
Gisi, Dale	Froedtert ThedaCare
Hartberg, David	Vernon Health
Horner, Ania	Aurora Health Care
Iroegbu, Nkem	Aurora Sinai Medical Center
Kowalski, Todd	Emplify Health
LaFever, Carla	Aurora Health Care

Lerch, Shawn	Sauk Prairie Healthcare
Mattson, Krister	Emplify Health
Micka, Michelle	Emplify Health
Miller, Thomas	Aurora BayCare Medical Center
Peterson, Douglas	AdventHealth
Pothof, Jeffrey	UW Health
Roesler, Bruce	The Richland Hospital, Inc.
Stephens, Brian	Door County Medical Center
Tesfasilassie, Dawit	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Thornton, Eric	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Wagner, John	HSHS - St. Joseph's Hospital
Werner, Andrea	Emplify Health
Woltman, Meghan	Aurora Health Care

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

Name	Organization
Allen, Nadine	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Borge, Robin	Emplify Health
Borgerding, Eric	Retired
Byrne, Frank	Forward Health Group
Daly, Derek	Tomah Health
Fischer, Deborah	Bellin Health
Hubbard, Greg	Hubbard, Wilson & Zelenkova
Ignatowski, Alex	SSM Health Wisconsin
Jackson, Rudy	UW Health
Kleven, Jennie	Emplify Health
Murphy, Maureen	SSM Health, St. Clare Hospital - Baraboo
Russo, John	SSM - St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
Statsick, Nora	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Swiderski, Julie	Children's Wisconsin
Troyer, Kendall	Ascension Wisconsin Hospital - Menomonee Falls
Thota, Venkata	Advocate Health Care
Waller, Christine	Emplify Health

Contributors ranging from \$500 - \$999

Name	Organization
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Competente, Brian	WHA Information Center
Dilley, Emily	Cumberland Healthcare
Finley, Michael	Emplify Health
Gille, Larry	HSHS - St. Vincent Hospital
Hafeman, Paula	HSHS Wisconsin
Herbst, Amy	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Horvath, Paul	Mayo Clinic Health System
Jackson, Daniel	Ascension Wisconsin
Kinney, Aaron	Children's Wisconsin
Kurpad, Dr. Shekar	Medical College of Wisconsin
Larson, Margaret	Ascension NE Wisconsin - Mercy Campus
Pearson, Kim	Essentia Health, St. Mary's Hospital - Superior
Pepper, Robert	Emplify Health
Peterson, Kent	Sanford Health
Porter, Kay	SSM Health, Dean Medical Group
Prise, Eric	Tomah Health
Punzenberger, Lindsay	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Rakowski, Mark	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Santos, Andrew	Ascension Wisconsin
Scialdone, Michael	Hospital Sisters Health System
Schattschneider, Tami	SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital
Sheean, Andrew	UW Health

Sprecher, Lon	Retired
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Vandervest, Molly	Emplify Health
Vlies, Paul	Emplify Health
Wymelenberg, Tracy	Aurora Health Care

Contributors up to \$499

Name	Organization
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Anderson, Sandra	Retired
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Brice, Kaitlin	HSBS - Eastern Wisconsin Division
Brophy, Chris	Crossing Rivers Health Medical Center
Conti, Morgan	Children's Wisconsin
Cypher, Sarah	Froedtert ThedaCare
Dermer, Nicole	Ascension Wisconsin
Diedrick, Kellie	ThedaCare Medical Center - New London
Donovan, Patricia	Hospital Board Member
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Eder, Sabrina	Salesforce
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Erickson, Ty	Marshfield Medical Center - Minocqua
Franta, Amy	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Groseth, Bradley	Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake
Hoiium, Carissa	Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
Horvath, Paul	Mayo Clinic Health System Red Cedar in Menomonie
Joyce, John	Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Ozaukee
Kleven, Jennie	Emplify of Gundersen
Klick, Connie	Children's Wisconsin
Krause, Christa	Door County Medical Center
Leinenkugel, Richard	Marshfield Clinic Health System
Liljestrom, Rebecca	Spooner Health
Lindwall, Jill	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Mance, Jennifer	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Marnocha, Randy	Retired
Melton, Mavis	Spooner Health
Nelson, Chuck	Marshfield Clinic Health System
Pearson, Kim	Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital - Superior
Preston, Lindsey	Gundersen Medical Foundation
Pritchett, Jenny	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Reedy, Timothy	State Farm
Rudquist, Debra	Amery Hospital & Clinic
Rupcich, John	Life Style Staffing
Sautebin, Michael	Marshfield Clinic Health System
Schulze, Connie	UW Health
Schweiger, Paul	Richland Hospital, Inc.
Selvick, Carl	Black River Health
Shapiro, Steve	Emplify Health
Shaw, Dawn	Edgerton Hospital and Health Services
Shilling, Jennifer	Mayo Clinic Health System
Shinners, Nicholas	Crawling Stone Consulting, LLC
Stauber, Jessica	Aspirus, Inc.
Thompson, Jennifer	Mayo Clinic Health System
Walker, Troy	SSM St. Clare Hospital - Baraboo
Williams, Janice	WHA Information Center
Woolever, Robyn	Children's Wisconsin
Young, Hannah	Prairie Ridge Health

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