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Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit Campaign Update

See who is on the 2026 contributor list

The Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit 2026 campaign continues to gain support from hospital and health system leaders across the state. To date, \$161,817 has been raised from 121 contributors toward this year's fundraising goal of \$353,500.

See the updated 2026 contributor list below.

"Thank you to the individuals who have already made a personal commitment to the Wisconsin Hospitals State PAC & Conduit this year," said Bob Van Meeteren, President & CEO of Reedsburg Area Medical Center and WHA 2026 Advocacy Committee Chair. "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 is a key part of WHA's advocacy strategy, helping support candidates for state office who value high-quality, high-value 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. Individuals who have not yet contributed are encouraged 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
O'Brien, Kyle	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Rathgaber, Scott	Emplify Health

Leaders Circle (\$5,000 - \$7,499)	
Name	Organization
Anderson, Sue	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Boatwright, Damond	Hospital Sisters Health System
Heywood, Matthew	Aspirus Health
Rohrbach, Dan	Southwest Health
Russell, John	Prairie Ridge 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
Chopra, Praveen	Emplify Health
Cihak, Scott	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
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
Farrell, William	Emplify Health
Hoelter, Jon	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Hofer, Kari	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Massey, Steven	Westfields Hospital
McCawley, Tom	Beloit Health System
McNally, Maureen	Froedtert & MCW - Froedtert Hospital
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)

Name	Organization
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
Braudt, Theresa	Emplify Health by Gundersen Boscobel
Bulin, Julie	Bellin Oconto Hospital
Crouch, Amy	Hospital Sisters Health System
Gisi, Dale	Froedtert ThedaCare
Hartberg, David	Vernon Health
Kowalski, Todd	Emplify Health
LaFever, Carla	Aurora Health Care
Levin, Jeremy	Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
Mattson, Krister	Emplify Health
Miller, Thomas	Aurora BayCare Medical Center
Peterson, Douglas	AdventHealth
Roesler, Bruce	The Richland Hospital, Inc.
Stephens, Brian	Door County Medical Center
Tesfasilassie, Dawit	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
Werner, Andrea	Emplify Health

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

Name	Organization
Allen, Nadine	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Borge, Robin	Emplify Health
Byrne, Frank	Forward Health Group
Daly, Derek	Tomah Health
Fischer, Deborah	Bellin Health
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

Waller, Christine

Emplify Health

Contributors ranging from \$500 - \$999

Name	Organization
Albrecht, Rachel	Emplify Health
Bloch, Jodi	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Competente, Brian	WHA Information Center
Dilley, Emily	Cumberland Healthcare
Finley, Michael	Emplify Health
Jackson, Daniel	Ascension Wisconsin
Kinney, Aaron	Children's Wisconsin
Larson, Margaret	Ascension NE Wisconsin - Mercy Campus
Pearson, Kim	Essentia Health, St. Mary's Hospital - Superior
Peterson, Kent	Sanford Health
Porter, Kay	SSM Health, Dean Medical Group
Prise, Eric	Tomah Health
Punzenberger, Lindsay	Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital
Schattschneider, Tami	SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital
Statsick, Nora	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Vandervest, Molly	Emplify Health

Contributors up to \$499

Name	Organization
Abey, Michelle	Stoughton Health
Ambord, Hannet	Reedsburg Area Medical Center
Anderson, Sandra	Retired
Cypher, Sarah	Froedtert ThedaCare
Diedrick, Kellie	ThedaCare Medical Center - New London
Drone, Kim	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Eder, Sabrina	Salesforce
Erdmann, Bryan	Emplify Health
Erickson, Ty	Marshfield Medical Center - Minocqua
Franta, Amy	SSM Health - Wisconsin, Inc.
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
Liljestrom, Rebecca	Spooner Health
Lindwall, Jill	Wisconsin Hospital Association
Nelson, Chuck	Marshfield Clinic Health System
Preston, Lindsey	Gundersen Medical Foundation
Reedy, Timothy	State Farm
Rudquist, Debra	Amery Hospital & Clinic
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
Stauber, Jessica	Aspirus, Inc.
Thompson, Jennifer	Mayo Clinic Health System
Walker, Troy	SSM St. Clare Hospital - Baraboo
Williams, Janice	WHA Information Center
Young, Hannah	Prairie Ridge Health

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Jun. 8, 2026

2026 Wisconsin Rural Health Conference

Jun. 23, 2026

Rising Claims, Real Impacts: Wisconsin Hospital Risk Trends and What Leaders Can Do Now

Aug. 4, 2026

Seeing the Real Market: Using Claims Enhanced Intelligence to Make Better Strategy, Access, and Growth Decisions