

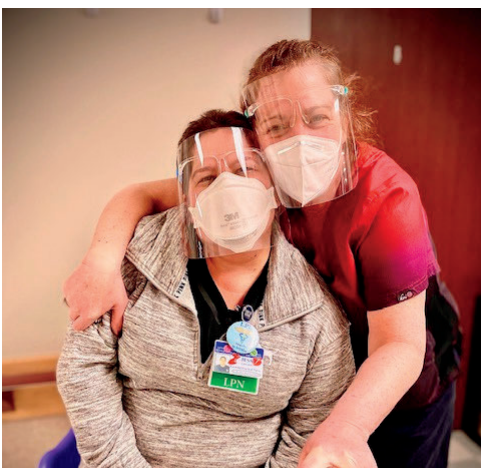


**STRENGTH
HOPE
COMMUNITY**



**2020 & 2021
Annual Report**

**Lewis County Health System
Your Health Partner
Lewis County, New York**



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Thank you TO OUR *Extraordinary* TEAM

VISION STATEMENT

The communities of Lewis County are the healthiest in New York State and America.

MISSION STATEMENT

Lewis County Health System is committed to working cooperatively with interested individuals and organizations in helping the people of Lewis County and surrounding communities in achieving their highest level of health and wellness.

VALUES

The Lewis County Health System updated its values in 2021 to support our culture and strengthen our mission. The health system is 'all in' when it comes to accomplishing our mission and living by our values.



INTEGRITY

Do the right thing when no one is watching.

COMPASSION

Show kindness, caring, and a willingness to help others.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Be accountable for actions, performance, and behavior.

RESPECT

Appreciate the feelings, rights, wishes, and traditions of others.

EXCELLENCE

Approach every challenge with the determination to exceed expectations.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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Frank Pace, Director of Facilities Management



Northern Credit Union donated pizza and salad as a staff thank you during COVID-19.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Gerald R. Cayer, MPH

The last two years were unlike any others for Lewis County Health System. Amid a public health crisis that has not been experienced in over 100 years, the health system has been a symbol of compassion, strength, hope, and leadership for our community.

The arrival of COVID-19 tested our system, processes, and ability to quickly change policies and workflow as we learned more about COVID. With the support of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, the health system board of managers, medical staff, nursing service, ancillary and support staff, our local health care team devoted an extraordinary amount of time developing plans and implementing operational changes to ensure our patients, residents, staff, and community members had access to quality care in a safe environment.

Our strong partnerships with community agencies like Lewis County Public Health, Lewis County Search and Rescue, Lewis County School District Superintendents, and the County of Lewis positioned the health system for success in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. These partnerships ensured that Lewis County residents had access to medical care, no-cost COVID-19 testing, and vaccines proving that, "We are all in this together."

While the response to the pandemic remained a priority, we have also achieved significant milestones in access to patient care, continued advancements in technology, and celebrated our 90th birthday. We must continue to grow, enhance resources, and invest in infrastructure to ensure we meet the health needs of the next generation. Therefore, we continue to move forward with a \$32 million surgical pavilion and medical-surgical and ICU modernization project, breaking ground in spring 2022.

I am confident that with the continued support of our health care team and the community, Lewis County Health System will remain strong and continue to positively impact the health and wellness of the people we serve in Lewis County and throughout the North Country region.



LCPH staff present LCHS team members with a PIVOT Award to recognize the facility for their continued strength and dedication during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

CAREGIVERS OF THE YEAR

2020



Yazmin Rice
CNA



Angela Schwendy
CNA



Sierra Nuffer
Activities Aide



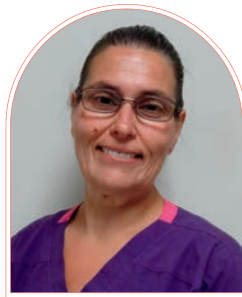
Kyra Luther
PTA

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Daniel Virkler
Environmental Services

NYSHFA EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD



Brenda Alfano, CNA
Nursing Home

Brenda was awarded the New York State Health Care Facilities Association (NYSHFA) Employee Recognition Award for her outstanding work and contributions to the Residential Health Care Facility.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

January



Lynne Oakes, RN
Surgical Services

February



Tina Dicob, RN
Surgical Services

March



Joanne Dickinson
Laboratory

April



Mackenzie Bellinger, RN
Nursing Home

May



Jacquelyn Gamache, RT
Respiratory Care

June



Corrie Schell, FNP-C
Lewis Co. Family Practice

July



Bettina Bates, RN
Intensive Care Unit

August



Stephanie Kirkbride
Nursing Home

September



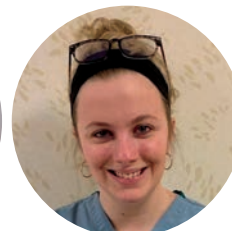
Lori Peters
Quality Assurance

October



Teresa Allen, PT
Nursing Home Rehab

November



Whitney Waugh, RN
Med-Surge Unit

December



Daniel Virkler
Environmental Services

CAREGIVERS OF THE YEAR



Wesley Brown
CNA



Holly Farney
Activities Aide



Dana Kaler
CNA



Caitlin Lee
Occupational Therapist

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Elsie Herzig
Laboratory

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

January



Michelle Miller, RN
Nursing Home

February



Allie Carpenter
Radiology

March



Trista Mullin
Finance

April



Elsie Herzig
Laboratory

May



Keith Kelly
Food Services

June



Rochelle Sullivan, RN
Surgical Services

July



Duane Carpenter, PT
Physical Therapy

August



Cierra Halladay, RN
Med-Surg Unit

September



Melinda Andre
Nursing Home Rehab

October



Brenda Alfano, CNA
Nursing Home

November



Jennifer Planck, RN
Home Health

December



Julie Emery, FNP-C
Copenhagen Health Center

NEW MEDICAL STAFF

LCHS welcomed several new physicians during the pandemic.



F. LEE DUTTON, M.D.
Women’s Health Services – 315-376-5475
Medical School: George Washington University, Washington, DC
Residency: Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA
Board Certified: American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology



F. ADAM SEIGERS, M.D.
South Lewis Health Center - 315-348-8407
Medical School: SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY
Residency: Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY
Board Certified: American Board of Internal Medicine



DAVID VIVAS, M.D.
Lewis County Surgical Associates - 315-376-5163
Medical School: Universidad de Los Andes, Merida, Merida Venezuela
Fellowships: Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook, NY, Colorectal Surgery at Cleveland Clinic Florida, Weston, FL
Board Eligible: American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery



JAMES MASON, D.O.
Lewis County Orthopedics - 315-376-4505
Medical School: New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Biddeford, ME
Board Certified: American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery



JEFFREY WAY, M.D.
Radiology - 315-376-5213
Medical School: Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, PA
Board Certified: American Board of Radiology and the American Board of Medical Examiners

NEW MEDICAL STAFF

LCHS welcomed several new family nurse practitioners during the pandemic.



CHRISTIE KOPIDLANSKY, FNP-C

Beaver River Health Center - 315-346-6824

Education: Graceland University, Independence, MO

Board Certified: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners



ELIZABETH BASSITY, FNP-C

Lewis County Family Practice - 315-376-5287

Education: University of Miami, Miami, FL

Board Certified: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners



JULIE EMERY, FNP-C

Copenhagen Health Center - 315-688-2305

Education: University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Board Certified: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners



STACEY WALTON, FNP-C

Lewis County Family Practice - 315-376-5287

Education: Utica University, Utica, NY

Board Certified: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

LEWIS COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM

MEDICAL STAFF

Anesthesia

Abdelrahman Elgallad, M.D.
Miriam Beniamin, M.D.
Mikhail Choubmesser, M.D.
Alice Loving, M.D.
Lynn Widrick, CRNA

Cardiology

Jason Costa, M.D.
Andrew Ho, M.D.
Peter Hotvedt, M.D.
Brian Gaffney, M.D.
Michael Kelberman, M.D.
John O'Laughlin, M.D.
Gerry Love, M.D.
Hugh MacIssac, M.D.
Darius Marhamati, M.D.
Faisal Saiful, M.D.
Michael Sassower, M.D.
Prabhat Varma, M.D.
Colin Wright, M.D.

Dentistry

Robert Range, DDS (RHCF)

Emergency Medicine

Timothy Mathis, M.D.
Isaac Mills, D.O.
Kenneth Berry, M.D.
Michael DiBella, M.D.
Piret Paas-Holland, M.D.
Michael Skelly, M.D.

Family Medicine

Monica Kwicklis, M.D.
John Leuenberger, D.O.
Kathryn McHugh, M.D.
M. Lynn Pisaniello, M.D.
R. Brian Shambo, M.D.
Shirley Tuttle-Malone, D.O.
John Wat, D.O.

Family Medicine Continued

Elizabeth Bassity, NP
Kathy Der, NP
Julie Emery, NP
Christie Kopidlansky, NP
Stacey Walton, NP
Kimberly Leibelsperger, PA

General Surgery

Jon Baker, M.D.
Steve Kwon, M.D.
Felipe Orellana, D.O.
David Vivas, M.D.

Hospitalists

Ahmad Bareeqah, M.D.
Vikram Arya, M.D.
Aaron Campbell, D.O.
C. Jay Ellie, M.D.
Dean Hanna, M.D.
Bruce Portner, M.D.
Alex Strassburg, M.D.
Jennifer Eldridge, NP
Matt George, NP
Alison Kiser, NP
Rebecca Matteson, NP
Jonathan Mizgala, NP
Ibrahim Al-Bassiony, PA
Jeffrey Smith, PA
Ryan Smith, PA

Infection Disease

Avrille George, M.D.

Internal Medicine

Steven Lyndaker, M.D.
F. Adam Seigers, M.D.
Manoj R. Vora, M.D.

Nephrology

Khalid Sindhu, M.D.

Neurosurgical Services

Nicholas Qandah, D.O.

OB/GYN

Gerard Crawford, II, M.D.
F. Lee Dutton, M.D.

Ophthalmology

Debra Koloms, M.D.
Noaman Sanni, M.D.

Orthopedics

Steven J. Kaplan, M.D.
James Mason, D.O.
Amish Naik, M.D.
Evan Leibelsperger, RPA-C

Pain Management

Michelle Johnston, M.D.

Pathology

Robert Coffin, M.D.

Pediatrics

Mary Lou Feilmeier, M.D.
Shereen Palmer, M.D.
Nathaniel Meuser-Herr, M.D.

Podiatry

Mark Schug, D.P.M. (RHCF)

Pulmonology

David Rechlin, D.O.

Psychiatry

Toby Davis, Ph.D.
Samuel Rubenzahl, Ph.D.
Thomas Knudsen, Ph.D.
Steven Fogelman, M.D.

Radiology

Jeffrey Way, M.D.

PURSUING EXCELLENCE

STROKE CENTER DESIGNATION

LCCHS has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Primary Stroke Center Certification. This certification reflects our commitment to providing the highest quality of care for stroke patients. The hospital had a thorough onsite review with a Joint Commission reviewer to achieve this recognition.

The hospital must demonstrate that it has the right equipment, personnel, and training to assess and treat strokes quickly. This includes efficiently transferring patients in the rare instances they require treatment beyond our capabilities. Achieving certification validates all the effort we have put into earning the designation and ensuring the health and safety of our patients.



The Joint Commission



American Heart Association
American Stroke Association

CERTIFICATION

Meets standards for
Primary Stroke Center

LABORATORY

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the Joint Commission survey the Laboratory every two years. The Federal Regulatory Agency and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services require surveys to ensure that the lab testing performed meets the very stringent standards set forth by these agencies. The 2021 Joint Commission and NYSDOH surveys were very complimentary of the quality and scope of services that Lewis County Health System lab provides.

HOME HEALTH CARE

The Home Health service line has experienced significant growth over the past few years. Despite the continued growth through the pandemic, the quality of care and services provided by the home health team has not wavered. The service line earned a five-star Medicare rating for patient satisfaction and in 2021 successfully completed a NYSDOH quality survey which is completed every three years.

SLEEP LAB

The Sleep Lab was re-accredited for five years through the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). As the national accrediting body for sleep disorders centers, the AASM is dedicated to setting standards and promoting excellence in sleep medicine care and education. To receive re-accreditation for a five-year period, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards as designated by AASM.



L to R: Director of Cardiopulmonary Services Samantha Woodhouse, RRT, Sleep Lab staff, Coordinator Corrine Earl, and Respiratory Therapist Raymond Hastwell, RRT.

COPENHAGEN HEALTH CENTER

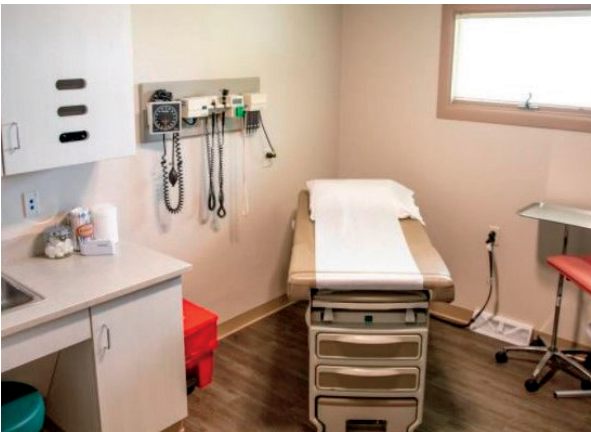
Providing Access to Quality Care

After two years of renovations and a pandemic, Copenhagen Health Center reopened in May 2021, providing access to a full range of primary health care and wellness services.

At a cost just over \$350,000, the building was brought up to code and was completely renovated including new doors, lighting, flooring and equipment. Family nurse practitioner Julie Emery, FNP-C, who was born and raised in Lewis County, was recruited to staff the health center.



A ceremonial ribbon cutting was held May 18, 2021. In photo above L to R - Gerald Cayer, CEO, Cindi Brouty, POA, Julie Emery, FNP-C, Janice McConnell, LPN, Joan Bruckman, Office Manager, and Sean Harney, M.D., CMO.



Renovated exam room



New waiting area

TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCEMENTS

IMAGING SERVICES

LCHS purchased a new state of the art MRI in 2021. Preparation for the new equipment was quite a process.

The installation required the wall to be opened so the old equipment could be removed. The space was completely renovated and in January 2021 the new GE Signa Artist 1.5T Wide Bore MRI was installed.

The new machine offers high resolution imaging, more comfort, and space to help patients feel less confined when in the machine.



PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The pedestrian bridge, located off the second floor of the Residential Health Care Facility, was replaced in the Fall of 2021. The bridge provides access to an outside pavilion. The venue is used for resident focused events, resident cook-outs and gatherings.

PREPARED FOR COVID-19

Lewis County Health System continually prepares and plans for health emergencies; however, no one could have imagined how the pandemic would change our world so much in 2020.



LCHS team members along with LCPH staff worked to screen and test individuals for COVID.

COVID-19 spread globally and significantly impacted every aspect of our daily lives, from grocery shopping to attending school and accessing health care. Once the COVID-19 outbreak turned into a pandemic, LCHS activated its incident command and emergency plans. A group comprised of hospital medical staff, leadership, and community stakeholders assumed key leadership roles to navigate the fast-paced changes and assess the resources needed to protect our patients, staff, and community.

LCHS implemented many changes to help our community. From answering questions and screening for symptoms to creating alternate sites for patients to receive daily care. Operations were evolving to meet the needs of our community. A COVID-19 Resource Line was established for community members to call and ask their questions about COVID-19, as well as a Call First Clinic to evaluate and test those who may have the virus. In addition, a lab draw room was set up outside of the facility where patients could access lab services without having to enter the hospital.

LCHS postponed non-emergency surgeries and elective procedures, restricted visitors, implemented screening and social distancing protocols, and altered the flow of how patients and staff enter our facilities. We converted space and added beds in preparation for a sudden influx of patients and created additional negative pressure rooms to prevent cross-contamination.



Lab staff provided blood draws at the draw room so patients didn't need to come into the hospital for routine lab testing.

A core group of staff worked diligently to ensure that the personal protective equipment (PPE), gowns, gloves, masks, and hand hygiene supplies needed to protect our staff, residents, and patients were available. Supplies were in high demand, costly and difficult to acquire. The community and businesses stepped in to help, making hand sanitizer, shields, homemade masks, and much more.

COVID-19 numbers remained steady until Fall 2020 when numbers sky-rocketed across Lewis County. Hospital beds were occupied with patients ill from the virus and stressed the health system with providing care. Despite staffing challenges due to the pandemic, our team members at every level persevered in meeting the health care needs of our community.

From the onset of the pandemic, LCHS worked with state, regional, and local governments, hospitals, and health agencies to collaboratively meet the needs of Lewis County residents. A few highlights included establishing a no-cost NYS drive-through testing site and weekly press briefings to keep the community informed. In December 2020, we held the first COVID-19 vaccination clinics for front-line personnel.

As we move forward, health system operations will continue to change and adapt as we work to keep our residents, patients, and staff safe and continue to meet the health care needs of our community, our families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.



Administrative staff Michelle Kelley and Mary Comet pitch in to help keep staff on their floor safe with a daily wipe down of commonly used surfaces on their floor.



Registered Nurse Deb Susice answers community member questions on the COVID-19 Resource Line.

PREPARED FOR SAFETY

When it comes to quality, Lewis County Health System has prevention and safety efforts in place to ensure patients, families, and caregivers have a safe visit every time they enter one of our facilities.

Our quality department, infection prevention team, and emergency preparedness infrastructure continually monitor safety and quality throughout the health system. 2020 was unlike any other, as our entire team joined together to plan, prepare, and execute policies and protocols to ensure a safe environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

LCHS followed strict CDC recommendations and government guidelines to keep patients, residents, and staff safe. We are fortunate that our community was understanding as we implemented state crisis standards limiting visitors and services.

Working with our clinical, administrative, support, and front-line teams, we navigated through uncharted waters to adopt best practices. This collaborative approach led to an organized preparedness effort for our community that remains in place today, making it safe for people to resume their health care in any of our facilities.



Screeners screen patients and staff for COVID symptoms to help ensure a safe environment for everyone.

STEPPING UP TO THE CHALLENGE

Residential Health Care Facility

The impact of the Coronavirus has been especially challenging for residents and staff of the Residential Health Care Facility. Residents and staff contracted the virus, lives were lost, and families were isolated from their loved ones. Our hearts go out to all who have suffered pain and loss because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As the impact of the virus spread throughout the country and people were asked to stay and work from home, our staff reported to work 24/7/365 to provide care for our residents. We are incredibly grateful for our team, who made personal and family sacrifices to ensure the safety of residents. Staff members adjusted to a constantly changing landscape and restricted their activities outside of work to limit exposure to the virus. Many worked consecutive weeks without days off to provide care for residents. Their dedication was extraordinary.

We also appreciate the patience and understanding shown by the residents and their families. Safety required that we halt in-person visitation and strive for new ways of helping family members keep in touch with their loved ones. Being socially distant was not easy, and we are grateful for all those who helped make virtual visits and other means of communication possible.

In December 2020, the long-awaited coronavirus vaccine was made available for residents and staff. The vaccine brought hope and excitement as we anticipated being able to restore normal visitation and activities that are so important for the well-being of the residents.

RHCF could not have navigated through the last two years of the pandemic without the unwavering support of our staff, resident family members and friends, and our community. Together we are stronger. Together we will move forward.



Resident families participate in a drive by parade to bring cheer to residents, many had not seen their families for months due to New York State Department of Health COVID-19 visitation restrictions .

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Establishing Easy Access to Testing



In July 2020, LCHS established a drive-up testing site in partnership with New York State, fulfilling an urgent need for access to COVID -19 testing in Lewis County and surrounding communities. The State provided testing kits and supplies and LCHS provided staff to perform the testing.

The drive-up collection site for COVID-19 testing initially was located at the hospital, then later moved to Maple Ridge Center. Staff organized swiftly to establish and implement testing protocols, staff training, and a positive patient experience. Staff worked collaboratively to ensure that testing samples were collected and sent to a NYS designated laboratory, provided education to patients on how to obtain their testing results, and offered education on what to do if they tested positive.



Staff assist a driver in need during the winter months at the Maple Ridge COVID testing site.

2020 COVID-19 Tests July-Dec

NYS State Drive Thru - 5,283

LCHS, Nursing Home, Pre-op, Public Health Rapid & PCR COVID Tests - 9,521

2021 COVID-19 Tests Jan-Dec

NYS State Drive Thru - 5,241

LCHS, Nursing Home, Pre-op, Public Health Rapid & PCR COVID Tests - 15,278

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Making History

Eligible frontline staff had to drive more than three hours one way to Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh due to the sub-zero temperature needed to store the Pfizer vaccine. Wanting to lead by example, Manoj R. Vora, M.D., was among the first who made the trip and received the first of two shots in early December. LCHS partnered with Samaritan Medical Center to complete the second shot, saving staff the long drive to Plattsburgh.

Later in December, LCHS received the first shipment of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. LCHS staff, along with our pharmacy partner, Bolton's Pharmacy, held the first COVID-19 vaccination clinic for frontline workers in Lewis County on December 27, 2020 at the Lowville Fire Department. This clinic was the first of many vaccine clinics to ensure access for LCHS staff and frontline workers across Lewis County.

Our priority was the health and safety of our team members to ensure our team members had convenient access to vaccination locations, so they could remain focused on caring for patients in our care. LCHS used a system-wide survey process to determine which employees and affiliated physicians were interested in getting the vaccine in the initial waves of shipments.

The vaccination roll-out for employees, physicians, and frontline community members included educational information, guidance, and timelines that changed rapidly. Getting the vaccine to the right person, in the right place, at the right time was a complex undertaking. We are grateful for our regional and local partners, whose support was critical to achieving timely vaccine delivery.



Internal Medicine physician Manoj R. Vora, M.D. traveled to Plattsburgh in December 2020 and was the first at LCHS to receive the Pfizer vaccine.



Pharmacist Diane Loftus working at one of the many vaccine clinics held by LCHS. M. Lynn Pisaniello, M.D. is completing paperwork before receiving her Moderna vaccine.

COVID-19 VACCINE STAFF MANDATE

Mandate Exacerbates Staffing Challenges

Former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) issued an order on August 16 for all health care workers, including staff at nursing homes, to be vaccinated by September 27, 2021.

Later that week, US President Joe Biden announced he would require the 17 million health care workers at facilities receiving funds from Medicare and Medicaid to be fully vaccinated, expanding the mandate to hospitals and home care facilities around the country.

Employees who declined vaccination lost their jobs, resulting in further strain on the healthcare workforce. The mandate's impact on the Lewis County Health System was unprecedented. Resignations came from staff members in clinical and non-clinical service areas. Loss of staff resulted in the temporary 'pause' of delivering babies at the hospital. The medical staff, nursing team, and leadership continue to work toward unpausing Maternity services in 2022.

The facility also prioritizes nurse recruitment for Emergency and Medical-Surgical and ICU departments and non-clinical areas like dietary and environmental services impacted by the vaccine mandate.



Staff get vaccinated to protect their patients, residents and each other!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Amidst all the changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one thing that remained the same was the enduring support Lewis County Health System received from the community. It came in the form of messages of gratitude, acts of generosity, words of encouragement, thoughtful gifts, and meaningful donations. Every single one became an affirmation of the compassionate work being done by our team of dedicated physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, and support staff.

Our community mobilized with an outpouring of support from the early onset of the pandemic in mid-March. At first, we received much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) donations, which became scarce and challenging to secure nationwide. Donations, large and small, came in from every corner of the community and beyond.

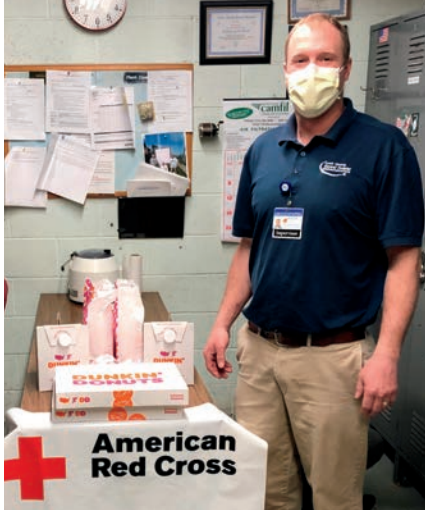
Major corporations contributed face shields, gowns, and masks; community businesses provided cases of hand sanitizer, and individuals of all ages donated homemade masks for staff and community residents.

The next wave of support came in the form of snacks delivered to the health system for our frontline health care workers. These gifts were from individuals, faith-based organizations, local businesses, and schools. Snacks, cake, cookies, flavored water, iPads with accessories, and hundreds of inspirational cards and notes were delivered throughout the pandemic. The generosity was inspiring, and they brought smiles to staff and residents during a tough time.

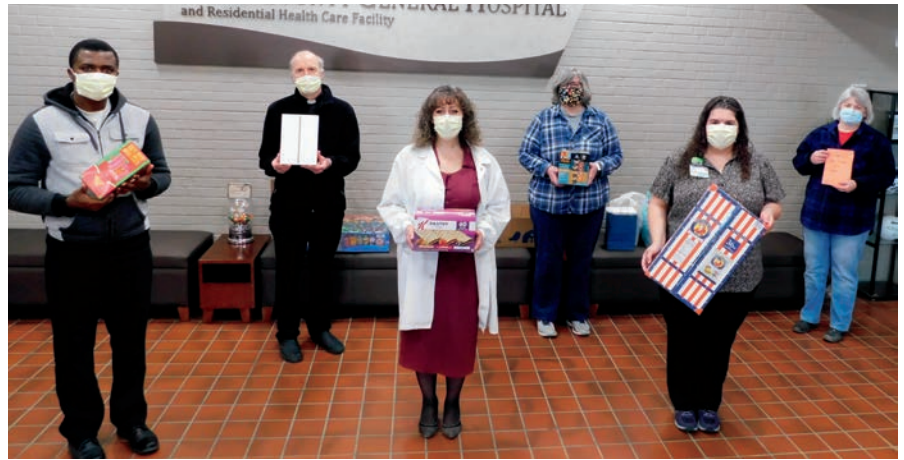


Community members and local church groups sent thank you and encouragement notes and cards for staff during COVID. The local Gouverneur Savings Bank provided cakes to bring smiles during the pandemic.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



The American Red Cross donated coffee and donuts for various departments during COVID.



Local faith-based organizations donated assorted snacks, iPad's and accessories. The iPads were important in keeping residents connected with family and friends during COVID-19 when the Residential Health Care Facility was closed to visitors as part of the safety regulations put in place by NYSDOH..



HINT water company donated cases of flavored water for nurses and staff.



Lowville American Legion volunteers set-up on campus outside the cafeteria to provide a barbecue lunch for staff.



Dr. Manoj Vora, Sheree Vora, and family sponsored a yummy ice cream sundae day for staff.

Mary Kay consultant Tricia Kennison, and her customers, family, and friends donated hand cream gift bags for multiple departments at LCHS.



CELEBRATING THE PAST - 1931-2021

90 Years of Caring for Generations

Lewis County General Hospital marked its 90th anniversary on August 4, 2021, with memories from patients and staff, a historic photo display, and events for employees.

Among the milestones at Lewis County General Hospital:

- 1963 East Wing addition
- 1973 - 120 Bed Residential Health Care Facility
- 1990 - Addition of a four-story Medical Arts Building and the 40-bed “Rainbow Community” Alzheimer’s Unit
- 2004 - Construction of the Children’s Health Center Building and expanded and remodeled South Lewis Family Health Center
- 2006 - Diagnostic Imaging Expansion and Renovation
- 2007 - Emergency Services Department Expansion and Modernization
- 2011 - The new Beaver River Family Health Center opened
- 2014 - DaVita Dialysis addition
- 2021 - Copenhagen Health Center Building Renovation

Today, the hospital, now doing business as Lewis County Health System (LCHS), includes a 25-bed critical access hospital, 160-bed nursing home, primary and specialty care clinics, hospice, and home health services. Not only do we provide vital health care and 24/7 physician-staffed emergency services, but LCHS has also developed strong partnerships with diverse medical specialty groups to provide access to specialty care for our patients and residents.

LCHS has evolved to ensure that every resident receives the highest quality care to help achieve their highest level of health and wellness. We’re proud to care for our community and look forward to continuing the legacy for generations to come.



FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Lewis County Health System has experienced consistent volumes in recent fiscal years, highlighting the ongoing needs for services and the desire for patients to stay local for high quality care.

Due to COVID-19, a stay-at-home order was issued, and all non-essential businesses closed from late March into June 2020. The Centers for Disease Control and New York State Department of Health directed that all non-urgent surgeries and services like our Adult Day Health Care program were ended to reduce the spread of COVID. As a result of restricting services when the pandemic struck, like most hospitals across the state, LCHS experienced a drop in patient volumes resulting in the loss of patient revenue. Hospitals also incurred new expenses related to COVID including costs to test for the virus and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies. Lower volumes and higher expenses due to the pandemic continued in 2021. Fortunately, the health system received \$7M in federal and state pandemic relief funding that offset some of the lost revenue and COVID related expenses.

THANK YOU CDPHP

CDPHP, a community-based not-for-profit health plan, donated \$25,000 for Personal Protective Equipment.



CEO Gerald Cayer and CFO Jeffrey Hellinger with PPE purchased with the funds donated by CDPHP.

MASKS FOR STAFF, PATIENTS, RESIDENTS AND GUESTS



	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
N95 MASKS	11,152	12,370
ISOLATION MASKS	178,100	163,550

BY THE NUMBERS

Statement of Operations

INCOME	2019	2020	2021
Net patient care revenue	65,971,422	64,425,011	66,844,593
Other operating revenue	15,338,777	9,912,524	8,471,998
Total operating revenue	81,310,199	74,337,535	75,316,591
Non-operating revenue	1,255,112	7,757,025	3,875,776
Total revenue	82,565,311	82,094,560	79,192,367
EXPENSES	2019	2020	2021
Salaries and benefits	61,381,105	59,786,436	60,445,784
Supplies and other	17,646,558	19,545,169	18,173,340
Depreciation and interest	2,799,182	2,563,054	2,665,298
Total expenses	81,826,845	81,894,659	81,284,422
Total net surplus (Deficit)	738,466*	199,901*	2,092,055*

*Does not include Post-Retirement Benefit Obligation (GASB75) (GASB68)
2019, 2020, 2021 financials audited by Fust Charles Chambers LLP.



The Emergency Department team says thank you to Lewis County Search & Rescue for lunch donated during COVID.



Rochelle Sullivan, RN
Ambulatory Services

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

\$32 Million Capital Project Approved

After nearly two years and a pandemic, LCHS continues to move forward with a \$32 million capital project. The project includes the construction of a 26,000 square-foot surgical pavilion and the renovation of 17,000 square-feet of the existing Medical-Surgical and ICU units.

The surgical pavilion will house three state-of-the-art operating suites, endoscopy and minor procedure room, central sterilization, pre and post-operative care areas, and dedicated reception and waiting room space. The renovated Medical-Surgical and ICU space will eliminate shared rooms and create private rooms and baths for patients while ensuring room capacity can expand when needed. Other changes include:

- A redesigned nurse's station.
- A dedicated bariatrics room.
- A comfort care room for patients receiving end-of-life care.
- A new family waiting room.

Additionally, a new loading dock, modern and expanded morgue, and designated parking area for the new building are also part of the project.

Construction will begin in the spring 2022, with completion of the project in December 2023.

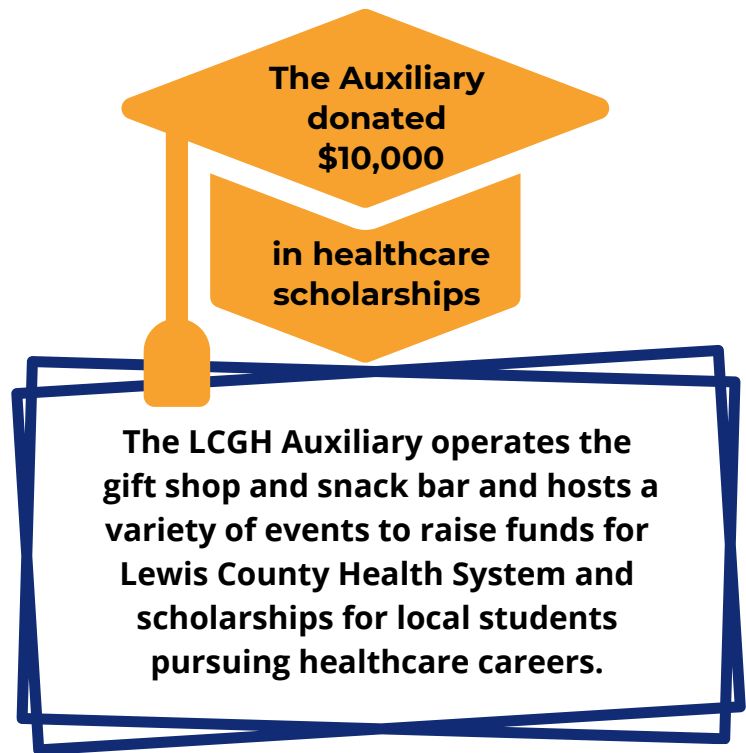


A rendering of the new Lewis County Health System Surgical Pavilion

LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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The Auxiliary donated \$10,000 in healthcare scholarships

The LCGH Auxiliary operates the gift shop and snack bar and hosts a variety of events to raise funds for Lewis County Health System and scholarships for local students pursuing healthcare careers.



The past two years were unusual as Auxiliary volunteers were not able to host in-person events and the gift shop was closed in March 2020 and all of 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The gift shop space was temporarily used for window visits for nursing home residents and their family members who were not able to visit in-person due to the New York State Department of Health pandemic-related restrictions.

The group held their Geranium and Hollyberry sales in 2021 and hope to reopen the gift shop in spring 2022. In addition to **\$10,000** in student scholarships (2020 and 2021), the following donations were made:

- \$400 for nursing home resident Christmas gifts
- \$250 for gift cards for the LCHS employees 12 Days of Christmas cheer program

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Hospice Director Tammy Suiter and LCHS CEO Gerald Cayer accept a \$10,000 check from the Friends of Lewis County Hospice to help support Hospice operations in 2020 during COVID. The monies were raised from the Friend's Epicurean event. The event was cancelled in May 2020 due to the pandemic.



Friends of Lewis County Hospice Board Members present a symbolic check for \$125,000 to Lewis County Hospice staff and Lewis County Health System CEO Gerald R. Cayer.

In photo above front row L to R: Friends of Lewis County Hospice representatives, Marsha Zehr, Gerald Cayer, Joanne Dicob, Linda Noftsier, and Sue Matuszczak. Back row left to right: Tess DeVoe, Marie Lamb, Katie Root, Alisha Smith, Holli Townsend, Delynne Farr, Ashley Moore, Angie Bauer, Tammy Suiter, and Sheri Schulz.

LEWIS COUNTY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

MISSION

The mission of Lewis County Hospital Foundation is to enrich and enhance the hospital's high-quality healthcare services by building strong community relationships and raising funds to invest in the future of our hospital.

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FIRST BABY OF 2020



Melinda and Justin Andre, Croghan, welcomed a son, Thomas Michael Andre, at Lewis County General Hospital on January 2, 2020. Thanks to Lewis County General Hospital and Lewis County Hospital Foundation, the family of the first baby born at LCGH was showered with a wagon filled with wonderful gifts for the baby.

Photo right above: LCHS CEO Gerald Cayer, Maternity Nurse Manager Tracy Goldthrite, father Justin Andre, seated mother Melinda Andre with baby Thomas Michael, Foundation Executive Director JoAnne Rhubart, and Medical Staff Secretary Mary Comet.



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our annual Gala scheduled for May 29, 2020 was cancelled. A virtual silent auction was held and \$17,697 from the Gala proceeds supported the remainder of the cost of the COVID Rapid Testing Machine.



The 2020 Gala was in honor of retirees, Dr. Catherine Williams and Dr. Daniel Root, for 29 years of service at Lewis County General Hospital.

MCSWEENEY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS LEWIS COUNTY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Morris “Jerry” McSweeney and Mary J. McSweeney had a love for their church, their animals and their community. This love prompted them to help others less fortunate than themselves, and support community and religious organizations during their lifetime.

Jerry and Mary were married in 1949. They opened Hills Department Store in Lowville in 1951 and owned and operated this business together for over 40 years.

Jerry was very active in the community he loved. He served as President of the Lewis County Development Corps, and was instrumental in purchasing the United Block Mill, now AMF. He was a past president of the Lowville Businessman’s Association and a member of the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, where he was honored as Businessman of the Year. Jerry died in 2003 and Mary passed in 2010. They were wonderful partners for their 54 years of marriage.



Morris “Jerry” McSweeney and Mary J. McSweeney

In 2009, Mary established the McSweeney Foundation to ensure the continued viability of the organizations Jerry and Mary supported throughout their lifetimes. The McSweeney Foundation is charged with making charitable gifts to grantees that reflect the interests of both Jerry and Mary. The McSweeney Foundation has provided generous financial support to Lewis County General Hospital, an important community asset, for many years.

In 2017, the McSweeney Foundation provided a \$50,000 matching grant to assist Lewis County General Hospital in purchasing the Automated Breast Ultrasound Machine, the first of its kind in Lewis, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties.

In March 2020 the Coronavirus Pandemic changed our world as we knew it. When COVID-19 testing became critically important to identifying and isolating positive cases, the McSweeney Foundation stepped up and provided \$25,000 in grant funding to support the purchase of the Rapid Testing Machine that provides COVID-19 results in 45 minutes.

The McSweeney Foundation aspires to encourage the love of community that Jerry and Mary shared and to support the continuity and growth of organizations serving residents of Lewis County and surrounding communities.

COVID-19 RAPID TESTING MACHINE



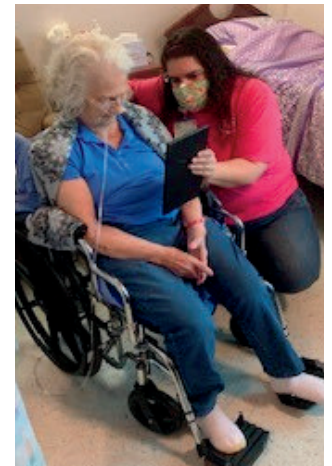
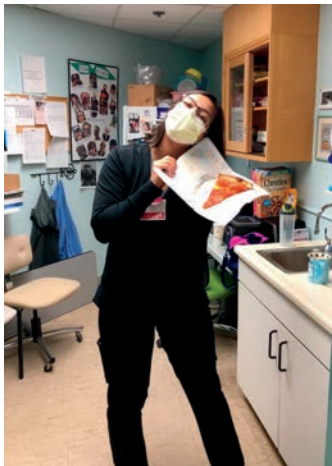
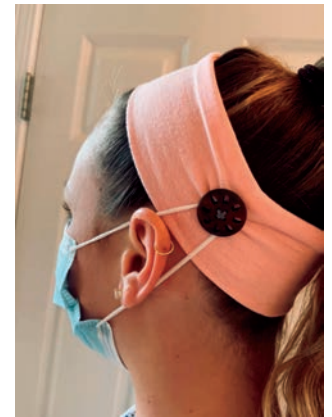
LCGH Laboratory staff Elsie Herzig, Melena Wheeler, Tina Schell, and Lisa Young with the new Rapid COVID Testing Machine.



AVANGRID, Inc. donated \$20,000 to the Lewis County Hospital Foundation to support the purchase of the Rapid Testing Machine.



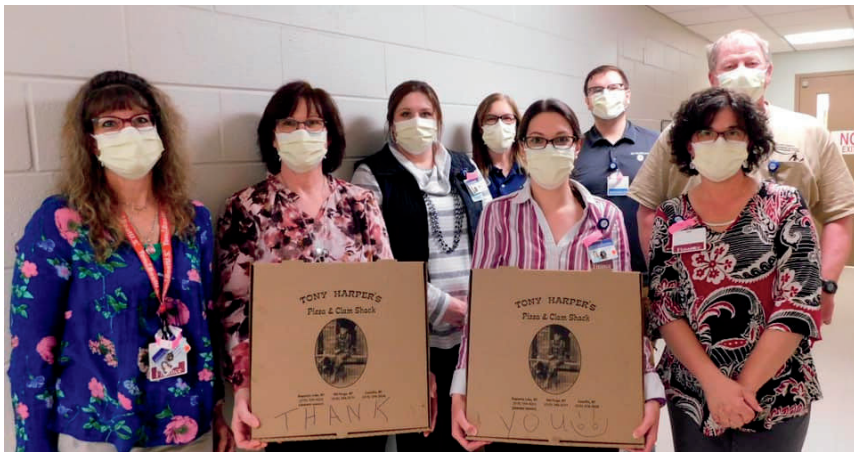
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**WE'RE
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IN
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TOGETHER.**

**COVID-19
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Supporting the Lewis County Health System.



2021 GOLF TOURNAMENT



Forty teams participated in the 2021 Lewis County Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament at Brantingham Golf Course.



LEWIS COUNTY HOSPITAL
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GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 11 • Brantingham Golf Course



Proceeds from the Tournament will support the Lewis County Health System.

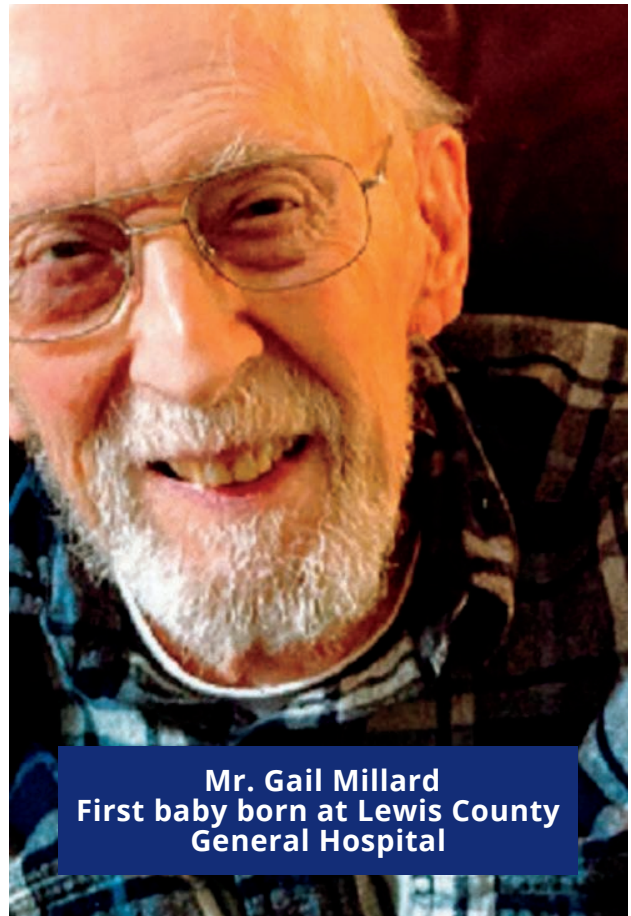


LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 90 YEARS



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Mr. Gail Millard
First baby born at Lewis County General Hospital



2021 GREAT PUMPKIN RUN

The Lewis County Hospital Foundation held the Great Pumpkin Run on Saturday, October 23rd. Over 115 people participated in the event, including 11 virtual runners.

Costume Winners

Scariest-Coronavirus

Most Creative-Pumpkin and Pumpkin Patch

Cutest-Sneakers

Best Group-Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Best Hospital Team Spirit-Home Health and Hospice



GRATEFUL PATIENT PROGRAM

The Lewis County Hospital Foundation received a generous donation to the Grateful Patient Program from a recent patient at Lewis County General Hospital.

The Grateful Patient Program provides a way to recognize the excellent care that you or a loved one received from a member of the staff while a patient at the hospital. When a Grateful Patient gift is made, the honoree will be sent an acknowledgement that they have been recognized for their outstanding care.

A gift to the Grateful Patient Program will show your appreciation to an exceptional hospital staff member and will support the mission of the Lewis County Hospital Foundation to raise funds for the Lewis County Health System.

The Grateful Patient gift was in honor of General Surgeon Jon Baker, M.D., the surgical staff, and East Wing nurses who took great care of the patient during his recovery in 2021.



Jon Baker, M.D. and Staff



East Wing Nursing Staff

2020-2021 GIVING

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1931 LEGACY SOCIETY

1931 Legacy Society Members make an annual gift to the Lewis County Hospital Foundation.

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CALCIUM PRIMARY SECOND GRADE TEAM BRIGHTENS DAY FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Two years in a row, staff and students from Calcium Primary collected donations and students made cards to 'brighten a day' for nursing home residents.



L to R photo above: Jenna Percy, 2nd grade teacher at Calcium Primary, Margie Grant, LCHS Director of Social Work and Debra Wurz, RHCF Administrator.

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WAYS TO GIVE

Bequest

A charitable bequest is one of the easiest ways to support the Lewis County Hospital Foundation. A bequest costs nothing during your lifetime and is a revocable gift that can be changed or modified at any time. You may create a bequest in any dollar amount, gift property or designate a percentage of your estate in your will.

Endowment Fund

A gift to the Hospital Foundation's Endowment Fund, a permanent fund managed by the Northern New York Community Foundation, is truly a gift that keeps on giving. Endowment Fund gifts are invested and only the interest is used to support the Lewis County Health System. The principal remains intact.

Sustainability Fund

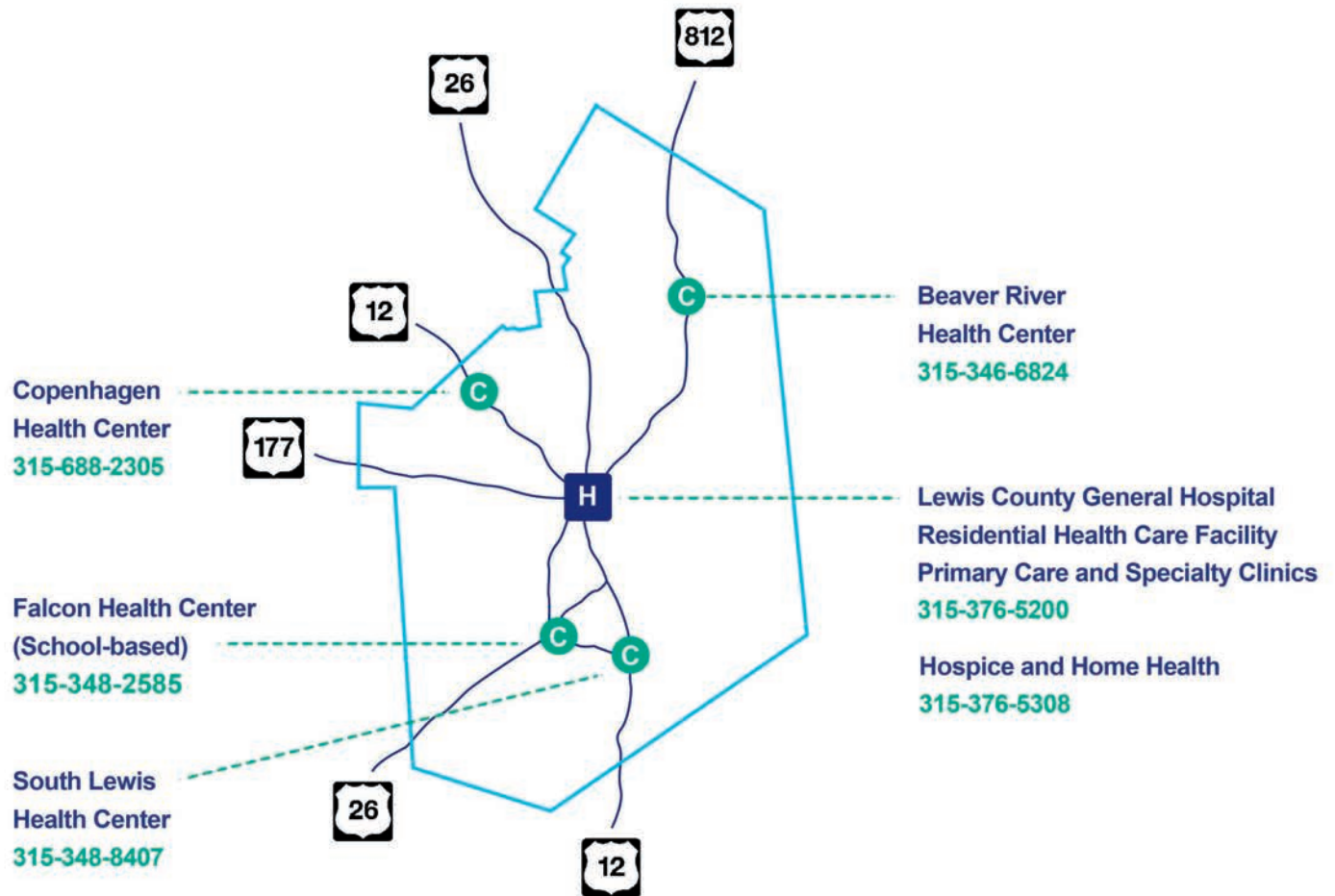
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Other legacy options include retirement plans, life insurance policies, charitable gift annuities (CGAs) charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and more. To discuss legacy planning or other charitable giving interests through the Northern New York Community Foundation, please contact their office at 315-782-7110.

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