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*Child & Adolescent
Psychiatric Hospital*

We're there when you need us most

Our children and communities are facing more issues today than ever before. Laurits and Dianne Cummings Christensen have become aware of many of these issues, including mental health, through experiences with their youngest daughter. Because of these experiences, Dianne attended Meriter's Westside Business Leaders Roundtable in 2002 where she learned of Meriter's efforts to build a new Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital. Dianne and Lau have heartfelt thanks to Meriter for building a hospital to reach out and help children.

Meriter Hospital offers the only community-based inpatient child and adolescent psychiatry program in south-central Wisconsin, dedicated to meeting the unique needs of children and teens who require inpatient psychiatric care. Physician support for this program is provided by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Psychiatry. At a time when other communities are closing the doors of these kinds of facilities, Meriter Hospital has gladly, and proudly, opened theirs.

The Christensen's generous gift to Meriter Foundation's

capital campaign for a new Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital is recognized on the facility's donor wall. "All children have challenges, and when you throw in mental health issues, they really need the community's help. We need to give children the opportunity to feel good about themselves again because



**Laurits and Dianne
Cummings Christensen**

they are an important part of this community. The staff and facility at Meriter's Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital are inspiring — they have a genuine concern for patients and their families," said Dianne.

> see "We're There" inside

"Great things happen when vision and service — resources and people — come together at the same time, in the same place, with the same kind of giving hearts driving both of them at once." — Joan Chittister (as inscribed around the Donor Recognition Wall mosaic)

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DENTAL CARE
Max W. Pohle Dental Clinic

GETTING A BOOST
Bolz Family Propels *Little Babies*

UPCOMING EVENTS
Meriter Donor Recognition and Gala, 4-21-07

Program UPDATE

Max Pohle Dental Clinic

The **Max W. Pohle Dental Clinic** serves as a primary dental care provider for patients requiring dental care during their hospitalization, underinsured or indigent patients, and mentally or physically disabled patients requiring special care.

Patient Care. The Dental Clinic provides services covering the entire spectrum of dentistry to approximately 7,000 individuals, delivering over 5,500 patient visits in 2006. Since the Max Pohle Dental Clinic is one of only a handful of dental facilities in the state that have the ability to treat medically compromised patients in the operating room, the demand is great.

General Practice Residency in Dentistry. For twenty-nine years the Max Pohle Dental Clinic has trained dental school graduates through a one year residency program in general dentistry. The strengths of the residency program are the emphasis on clinical chairside training, the development of practice management skills, performing treating underserved populations, and the opportunity to perform procedures not available in the undergraduate curriculum.

Community Service. The Max Pohle Dental Clinic participates in Seal Dane, a dental program that provides education and preventive treatment to children in Dane County at greatest risk of dental decay and disease. The program overcomes some of the barriers to dental care for children from low-income families by applying dental sealants to children's first permanent molars in a mobile clinic that goes to local schools. ●



Philanthropy UPDATE

Bolz Family Gift Propels Campaign

Meriter Foundation was honored to receive a very special gift of \$200,000 for the *Little Babies ~ Big Dreams* campaign from The Eugenie Mayer Bolz Family Foundation. Their generosity will be recognized in the Family Dining Area in the new Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) where families will have an opportunity to interact and support one-another during their baby's inpatient stay.

Meriter is fortunate for its relationship with the Bolz family over many years. Adolph Bolz served as a director of Madison General Hospital. Meriter's Bolz Auditorium bears his name today. Bob Bolz served as chair of the Madison General Hospital Association; Bob and Anne remember visiting grandchildren in Meriter's NICU. They know from experience how important the new facility will be for families.

The Bolz family gift propelled Meriter's *Little Babies~Big Dreams* campaign to within inches of our \$2 million goal. We could not be more grateful. We are on the home stretch of the campaign. If you would like to help, contact Meriter Foundation about making a gift.

A special donor reception is planned for Thursday, March 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to celebrate the success of our campaign and offer our donors the first look at Meriter's new NICU before the unit begins accepting patients in April 2007. ●



Bob Bolz and Women's Health Assistant Vice President Pat Grunwald at the "Sneak-A-Peek At Our New NICU" event held October 18, 2006.

We're there ... continued from front page

In the United States, an estimated 11 percent of children ages 9–17 have psychiatric illnesses that cause significant challenges in daily functioning. Closer to home, psychiatric problems are the leading cause of hospitalization for children in Wisconsin, and suicide is the second-leading cause of death for teens.

Research has documented that dance and movement are helpful for some patients with mental disorders, but most insurance doesn't cover these types of therapies. The Christensens recently stepped forward with an additional generous gift to fund movement and dance therapies for patients. Dianne, who has personally found dance and movement to be extremely helpful in her life, is pleased that children will have access to these therapies when they are recommended by the staff.

The Christensen's gifts are examples of why people give and the thoughtfulness behind their gifts. For the Christensens, it's not just about the money; it's about the impact of their gift.

For more information see http://www.meriter.com/mhs/HOSPITAL/psych_child.htm. ●

How You Can Help

Meriter has a very distinct role ... a community hospital, a teaching and research hospital, and a community mission to *heal — teach — serve*. Philanthropy provides the margin of excellence that allows Meriter to accomplish projects and implement programs that might not otherwise be possible.

Through the generosity of people like you, Meriter Foundation is able to provide funding to advance Meriter's mission.



Your gifts support:

- **Mission-based services**
- **Training of future health-care professionals**
- **Clinical research**
- **Enhance the patient care environment**

Through philanthropy... Meriter Foundation helps bring dreams and possibilities to life, making our community a better place for everyone.

Please call Meriter Foundation at (608) 267-5300 or visit us at www.meriterfoundation.org to see how you may become involved.

Planned Giving UPDATE

Do you have questions about estate planning? Planned giving? Your will? On our website, we feature new articles and interactive features that cover such topics. We hope it will be a useful resource for you. See "Gift Planning" at www.meriterfoundation.org.

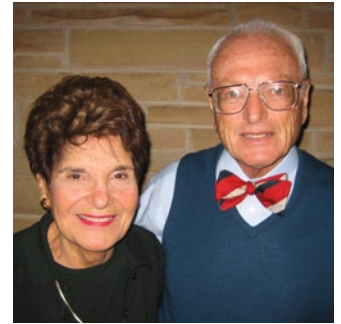
New In January ... Add Years to Your Retirement Income. If you would like to receive a constant stream of income for life, cut taxes and make a charitable gift, look into attractive plans that allow you to accomplish all of this through our organization.

Are You Getting the Most From Your Money? A good financial advisor can swiftly and gracefully guide you through tricky financial

waters. Unfortunately, it's not always easy to choose the right expert for you.

Let Your Annual Gift Continue Forever. Annual giving is the lifeblood of most charitable organizations. Being able to count on money that is raised each year allows us to continue our important work.

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Jeanne and Joe Silverberg
Meriter Legacy
Society Members

Upcoming EVENTS

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GRAND OPENING OF NEW NICU MARCH/APRIL 2007

Donor Reception March 22, 2007, NICU, Meriter Hospital
Unit officially opens April, 2007

MERITER DONOR RECOGNITION & GALA APRIL 21, 2007

Blackhawk Country Club

CHARITY PRO-AM FOR MERITER HOSPITAL JUNE 26, 2007 *

University Ridge Golf Course *note change of date

GRAND OPENING OF NEW HEART HOSPITAL SUMMER 2007

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Max Pohle Dental Clinic is Making a Difference



The Donor Recognition Wall at Meriter's Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital on Madison's Westside is a visible sign to these children and adolescents that our community is supporting them. They are not alone.