

Advancing Health...

# Caring for People

Winter 2018

*Thank You!*

## Baby Ivy Doesn't Know It Yet... But She's Helping Other Babies

On November 11, 2016, Cody and Kate Florek welcomed their daughter, Ivy, into the world. According to Kate, her pregnancy was “probably normal in that it wasn’t normal. Early on there were potential complications, and at the end, things didn’t go quite as planned. Through it all, the team at Aspirus made sure that we had everything we needed. They supported me through the initial disappointment of needing a cesarean, and they celebrated our joy from the moment we first heard our daughter’s little voice announcing her presence in the world. We were touched by the sincere compassion that so many of the nurses, aides, and other staff showed us during our stay. No amount of donation, kind words, (and tears, probably!), can truly express the gratitude we feel for each and every one of our caregivers.”

*“Thank you for your kindness...and of course, for the high quality clinical care that...ensured we did exactly what we had come to do - give birth to a happy and healthy baby!”*

To say thank you to their caregivers, Cody and Kate decided to make a donation to help advance care in the Aspirus Birthing Center, and to recognize their caregivers as Aspirus Heroes: Dr. Michele Montgomery, Dr. Paul

Kerns, Michelle Huff, CMA, Ong Xiong, RN, Hilary Schultz, RN, and Ryan Heinrich, RN.

Cody and Kate’s gift ultimately inspired the purchase of a wireless fetal monitoring system designed to support a more comfortable birth by allowing mothers to mobilize, take a shower, or use a birthing ball during labor and delivery.



*L to R: Ivy, Kate, and Cody Florek visit Aspirus following Ivy’s well-child visit with Dr. Michele Montgomery.*

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Jen Cucchiarelli, and her husband Tim, were delighted with the labor and delivery experience when their son, Anthony, was born on July 13, 2017.

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Jen shared that, “With the wireless fetal monitor, I could do whatever I needed to get my baby delivered. It is pretty amazing. It allowed me to walk around and take a shower. It was so nice to move during labor and have the freedom to bounce on the ball to get through labor. With our first child, I used a wired monitor—which means I could not leave my hospital bed. When I was in labor with Anthony, I could be up to 50 feet away, and my baby’s heartbeat and my heart rate and contractions were monitored through the wireless monitor. We’re thankful to the Floreks and the donors who made this care possible!”



*Jen Cucchiarelli and her son, Anthony, were one of the first mothers and babies to benefit from the wireless fetal monitoring technology.*

## You Made Lauren's Day! Thank You!

Rainbow's End Day Camp for Children with Special Needs is a week-long day camp where children who have special needs are paired with teen volunteers to learn life skills through activities and social opportunities. And, they have fun! For one week, because of generous donors and volunteers who make the camp possible, they get to live life in a place where their special needs are embraced and celebrated.

And, counselors experience life from the perspective of someone who doesn't have the same abilities. Many counselors pursue careers serving people who have special needs because of their experience with Rainbow's End.

*Children with special needs socialize with other kids and experience the close bond of friendship with their buddies.*

The camp is funded entirely through donations. Thank you for making this special experience possible for kids in our community!



*Woody the Woodchuck, mascot for the Wisconsin Woodchucks Baseball Team, visited Rainbow's End Day Camp to visit with Lauren and the campers on July 21, 2017.*

# Hattenhauer and Jenkins Honored as Partners in Health Champions

On October 5, 2017, the Aspirus Health Foundation held its annual Partners in Health event at the Jefferson Street Inn in downtown Wausau. The event is a special celebration of the many donors, volunteers, and partners who support the Foundation's work to promote health and strengthen our community.

**John Hattenhauer, M.D.** was recognized as the **2017 Community Champion** for his commitment to supporting programs and initiatives which have significantly impacted the lives and health of people in our community in the past 45 years.

Dr. Hattenhauer, an ophthalmologist, has been an instrumental part of the medical community for the past 45 years. He helped build a new hospital for our community in 1978, and today, Aspirus Wausau Hospital as a regional referral center, serving 14 counties across northern and central Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Dr. Hattenhauer has been an active volunteer at Aspirus both in pastoral services distributing communion to patients in the hospital and in hospice visiting patients through the Veteran-to-Veteran program. This program pairs Veteran volunteers with hospice patients who also have military experience. Veteran volunteers have the unique ability to relate and connect with each patient and create an environment where life review and healing may occur.

Dr. Hattenhauer also volunteers with many important community organizations. His devotion to making our community a better place is evident.

*These physicians have impacted the health and lives of people in our community for the last 45 years and made our community a better place to live.*

**Dr. David Jenkins** was honored as the **2017 Physician Champion** for his outstanding contributions to cancer care and the family medicine residency. Dr. Jenkins was the first oncologist to practice at Aspirus, and he was the pioneer of the Aspirus Regional Cancer Center.



*Pictured L to R: Jeff and Theresa Ambord, Sally and John Hattenhauer, and Matt and Lori Hattenhauer.*



*Pictured L to R: Front Row: Deanne Jenkins, Back Row Dave Jenkins, Kirk Jenkins, Sarah Jenkins, and Katie Haider.*

Dr. Jenkins served on nearly every committee of the Medical Staff and served on the Aspirus Wausau Hospital Board for more than a decade, with a passion for providing the best health care and cancer care possible for the community.

Upon retirement, his love of teaching led him to the Aspirus Family Medicine Residency where he created impactful learning opportunities for countless classes of resident physicians. His commitment to providing excellent and compassionate health care is a gift to our community.

# Because of You, People Will Get Help to Recover from Addictions

From August 24-27, 2017, 25 people in our community gathered to help tackle the problem of addiction by becoming trained as Addiction Recovery Coaches.

Through a partnership with the Aspirus Health Foundation and Marathon County Alcohol and Other Drug Council, this training was the first of its kind in the Wausau area. The DarJune Community Center from Green Bay and Step Industries from Milwaukee conducted the training in Wausau, which is based on research and proven to work.

*Addiction Recovery Coaching is an important step in helping people locally fight their addictions and improve their lives.*

These 25 coaches can now help hundreds of people in our community fight their addictions and get the support they and their families so desperately need. Coaches will connect people with recovery resources and programs and help navigate the barriers that often exist.

**Your gifts made this possible. Thank you!**



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## Your Foundation Events

Show your support for the Aspirus Health Foundation and our community partners by attending any of a number of important community fundraising events, or get involved by joining a planning committee, donating an auction item, or sponsoring an event. For more information, please visit [aspirus.org/foundation](http://aspirus.org/foundation), call 715-847-2470, or email [ahf@aspirus.org](mailto:ahf@aspirus.org).



**August 6, 2018**

Women's Golf Scramble to support our community's health

**DONOR APPRECIATION**  
*Celebration*

**October 4, 2018**

Annual event to celebrate our donors and the difference they make to advance the health and quality of life for people in our region



**November 21-25, 2018**

Festival of Trees to support hospice