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One of the best parts of my job at Sparrow is witnessing the impact of generosity every day. Whether it's seeing new state-of-the-science equipment installed, watching an all-too lifelike mannequin during birth simulation training, or listening to a joke told by a healthy, active child who beat tough odds, each day is remarkable.

When you contribute your time, your talent, your treasure – or all three – you share in the wonderful stories we are proud to tell.

Our 2019 Miracle Child Carmen, now seven years old, loves yoga and taekwondo, despite arriving in the world as a tiny, fragile preemie. The Legacy Gifts of Dr. C. Maureen Sander, a very kind and generous woman, are helping make Sparrow's medical library a resource for Physicians, Nurses and all Caregivers for many years to come. Our new Mobile Health Clinic is traveling the region because of Donor support. These are just a few of the highlights from this past year; generosity truly does heal.

Thank you for helping us continue to provide the region's best healthcare for everyone, every day. **For Health. For Care. For Life.** 



#### Generous Donors who gave by phone,

online and in-person both during and after the 31st Annual Day of Miracles made it possible for the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU) to replace an eight-year old transport incubator with a brand new one.

Presented by MSUFCU and broadcast live on WILX-TV 10, the day-long telethon on April 26 featured interviews with children like our 2019 Miracle Child, Carmen, and other families who have journeyed through the RNICU.



A transport incubator safely carries more than 100 premature babies to Sparrow each year so they can receive life-saving treatment, allowing their tiny bodies to grow and get stronger.

This machine regulates a baby's temperature, breathing, IV requirements and other needs during transport. It also protects preemies from infection, allergens and excessive noise or light. The incubators regulate air humidity for their fragile skin and are equipped with special lights to treat neonatal jaundice, which is common in fragile newborns.

Carmen was born at only 24 weeks, weighing one pound, eight ounces. Her legs were so small, they could fit through her dad's wedding ring. She was transported from Clare to Sparrow's RNICU in an incubator and spent 122 days receiving extraordinary, loving care from Sparrow's Caregivers. Now she is a vivacious elementary student.



The 32nd Annual Day of Miracles will be held May 1, 2020 to kick off our Month of Miracles. Learn more about how you can help: sparrowfoundation.org/DayofMiracles





# Every Gift Matters



Dr. C. Maureen Sander's life revolved around three passions – medicine, music, and BMWs.

When the long-time Sparrow Donor and MSU pathology researcher died earlier this year, she left behind a legacy of giving that culminated in gifts to the Elizabeth Isobel Sander Memorial Library from her estate.

"Maureen is an angel," "She is forever a member of our Legacy Society, and she is missed."

The distributions from Dr. Sander's estate will support Sparrow's medical library, which opened in 1989 on the second floor of the south wing, furnished by Maureen, her father, John F. Sander, M.D. and her brother, John E. Sander, Ph.D., in memory of their mother. The Elizabeth Isobel Sander Memorial Library remains a vital resource for Physicians, Nurses and other medical staff and has been a key component in Sparrow Hospital's accreditation as a teaching and learning hospital.

Dr. Sander's medical career started with an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University. She attended medical school at the University of Michigan, completed a residency in pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital and was a Fulbright scholar in England. Her research at MSU focused on placental pathology and resulted in numerous publications of her advancements.

She also shared a love of automobiles with her father, self-publishing a short history of the more than 20 vehicles he owned during his lifetime. Dr. Sander became a fan of BMW automobiles and collected them, ensuring immaculate loving care of her cars, much like her father before her.

She lived in Okemos and opened 34-acres of her family's original farm in Meridian Township as a natural area for hiking and other passive outdoor activities.

"Over the years, Dr. Sander and I talked several times over coffee and a donut about her incredible life experiences, personal philanthropy, and her family's legacy," said Michelle Reynaert, Sparrow Foundation vice president. "I talked with her in January 2019, thanking her for her year-end gift to the Sander Library Fund. I didn't realize it would be the last time we talked. She was one of the most courageous, intelligent and genuinely kind people I've ever met."

To explore the idea of including Sparrow in your estate plans, please contact the Foundation at *foundation@sparrow.org* or by calling 517.364.3533.

#### Her eyes blink, and her pupils dilate.

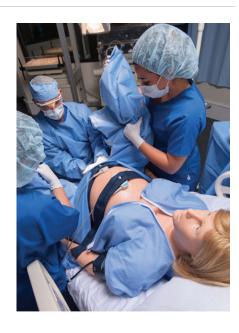
Her skin is soft and supple. Her breathing rate changes with each labor pain, and her baby is seconds away from being born.

But she's not real. She's Victoria, a life-sized simulator that provides an array of training opportunity for Residents, Physicians, Nurses and other medical staff.

Generous donations raised by Sparrow Foundation's Women Working Wonders (W3) make the new technology possible; having her will help us better serve the more than 4,200 laboring mothers admitted to Sparrow Hospital annually.

Victoria and her infant daughter Tory simulate a full range of obstetrical conditions to facilitate teamwork and deepen critical thinking skills in Caregivers of all levels. She replaces an outdated model that has been used for the last eight years. Everything from a simple vaginal delivery to an emergency cesarean delivery with a variety of complications in both mother and baby are options for training. These medical scenarios in both mother and baby can be pre-programmed with a simple computer tablet.

This advanced simulator for improved training is possible thanks to generous community members who support W3 events such as Dapper Dads and Art A La Carte. Founded in 2002, Sparrow Foundation's Women Working Wonders has raised more than \$4 million to support the physical and psychological health of women in mid-Michigan.



The mid-Michigan region is full of generosity and we are honored every day to be a part of this great community. From the smallest gift to the largest, each one is as important as the next. It is because of YOU, our amazing Donors, Friends and Partners, that the extraordinary care

provided at Sparrow is possible. We thank you for an amazing 2019 and look forward to 2020. Learn more at *SparrowFoundation.org* or follow us on social media.







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# A typical day at Sparrow



100+

Patients admitted



25,000+

lab procedures run



300

people seen in the Emergency Department



60-70

surgeries



10+ babies born



Free health screenings and a growing list of locations to make quality healthcare more accessible across our region. This is the purpose of the new state-of-art bus housing Sparrow's Mobile Health Clinic.

The Granger Foundation, Sparrow Foundation's Women Working Wonders (W<sub>3</sub>) and Dean Transportation, along with other individuals, organizations and generous friends, joined in to help fund the new unit and the ongoing program.

"the Mobile Clinic will allow us to deliver healthcare to the neighborhoods where medically underserved families and individuals often live," said Dr. Ted Glynn, Vice President of Medical Education and Research. "This will help reduce healthcare disparities and deliver care to the doorstep for those who don't really have meaningful options and who need it the most."

The bus houses two examination rooms, a waiting area and a private room for behavioral health consultations. A wheel-chair lift makes it fully accessible for people of all abilities. A secure wireless Internet connection allows Caregivers to access and update Patient medical records, make referrals and more.

Today's services include immunizations, flu shots, Physician referrals, scheduling mammograms, and screenings for cancer, lead, HIV, pregnancy, cholesterol, diabetes, and blood pressure. Additional services are offered in partnership with the Ingham County Health Department and other community partners throughout Sparrow's network of care across mid-Michigan.

Services are free, although Patients are asked to bring Medicaid and Medicare cards if available.

To suggest a site for the bus to visit, to see a schedule of upcoming locations, and to learn how you can help support the Mobile Health Clinic, visit:

sparrowfoundation.org/mobilehealth





#### MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFT TODAY!

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- Host a fundraiser
- Become a Volunteer
- Attend one of our great events
- Email Foundation@Sparrow.org
- Call the Sparrow Foundation at 517.364.3620

## 2020 Events

#### FEBRUARY 29

Gala

The University Club of MSU

APRIL 25

Women's Board of Managers' Physician Recognition Dinner

The University Club of MSU

MAY 1

Day of Miracles

Broadcast on WILX-TV 10

JUNE 4

Dapper Dads

Kositchek's

JUNE 6

Michigan Mile

Cooley Law School Stadium

**JUNE 17** 

Health Classic Golf Outing

Eagle Eye & Hawk Hollow Golf Courses

SEPTEMBER 20

Spartan Marching Band for Kids Concert

Staudt Home

OCTOBER 1

Art a la Carte

TBD

**NOVEMBER 6** 

The Guild's Incredible Fundraiser (T.G.I.F.)

TBD

Event dates and locations are subject to change. For full details, please visit SparrowFoundation.org/events

