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You can count on us to continue partnering with you as we remain determined to fill our region's health care needs and to save lives. We thank you for that opportunity and for your generosity that makes every day extraordinary for so many in our region.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George S. Milnor".

George S. Milnor
Alton Memorial Health Services
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Braasch".

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Jessica's Legacy Lives On

Jessica Serio was a mother, a Chicago Cubs fan, and a serious cat lover. On Nov. 21, 2021, she lost her three-year battle with colon cancer, leaving behind a son, her parents and an extensive network of family and friends who loved her dearly.

Jessica's parents, Carmen and Mary Kay, were deeply touched by the doctors, nurses, and other staff members' compassionate and loving care, so they requested memorials benefit future Alton Memorial patients battling cancer.

"It is there (the Infusion Center) that she seemed to develop a unique and personal relationship with everyone who cared for her," said Carmen Serio. "As she expressed to me, one time after a treatment, 'They are just like my family.' They enabled her to laugh when she wanted to cry, they gave her hope when she was in despair, they gave her courage when fighting seemed to be futile, and throughout it all, they upheld her dignity."

Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation received donations from Jessica Serio's friends and family members which will benefit future patients treated for cancer at Alton Memorial Hospital.



AWESOME Reviews

Thank you to the AMH staff for your care, understanding and compassion shown to my anxiety laden self during the most trying time in my life. I look forward to running into any of you at perhaps Wal-Mart in the future!"



Foundation Helps Keep Cancer Patient in His Home

Mark Kelle thought he had an abscessed tooth. He was prescribed medication, but soon started having nose bleeds and was sent home from work.

Mark ended up in the Emergency Room at Alton Memorial Hospital and had a CAT scan. That's when he found out he didn't have an infection. It was a cancerous tumor in his sinuses.

"When they first told me, I didn't say anything for about three minutes," said the Wood River resident. "I stared and it took me a minute or two to process, then I asked, 'how much time do I got.'"

Mark was connected with an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist with Washington University Physicians. He soon had a 10-hour surgery and was hospitalized for a week.

"They had to take skin grafts from my leg to rebuild the upper part of my mouth and cheek," said Kelle. "They told me if I waited any longer to go to the ER, it would have affected my eye."

During his recovery, Mark lost his job and his insurance. His care team at Alton Memorial learned about his situation and encouraged him to apply for Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation's Extra Mile Fund. The fund helps patients undergoing treatment at the hospital pay for their essentials, so they can focus on treatment, healing, and recovery. The Foundation awarded Mark \$800 for his rent.

"Mark is working with a social worker to help him apply for disability and social security, since he doesn't meet the age requirements," said Toni Brummett, a radiation and oncology nurse at Alton Memorial. "This donation from the Foundation will help to bridge the gap."

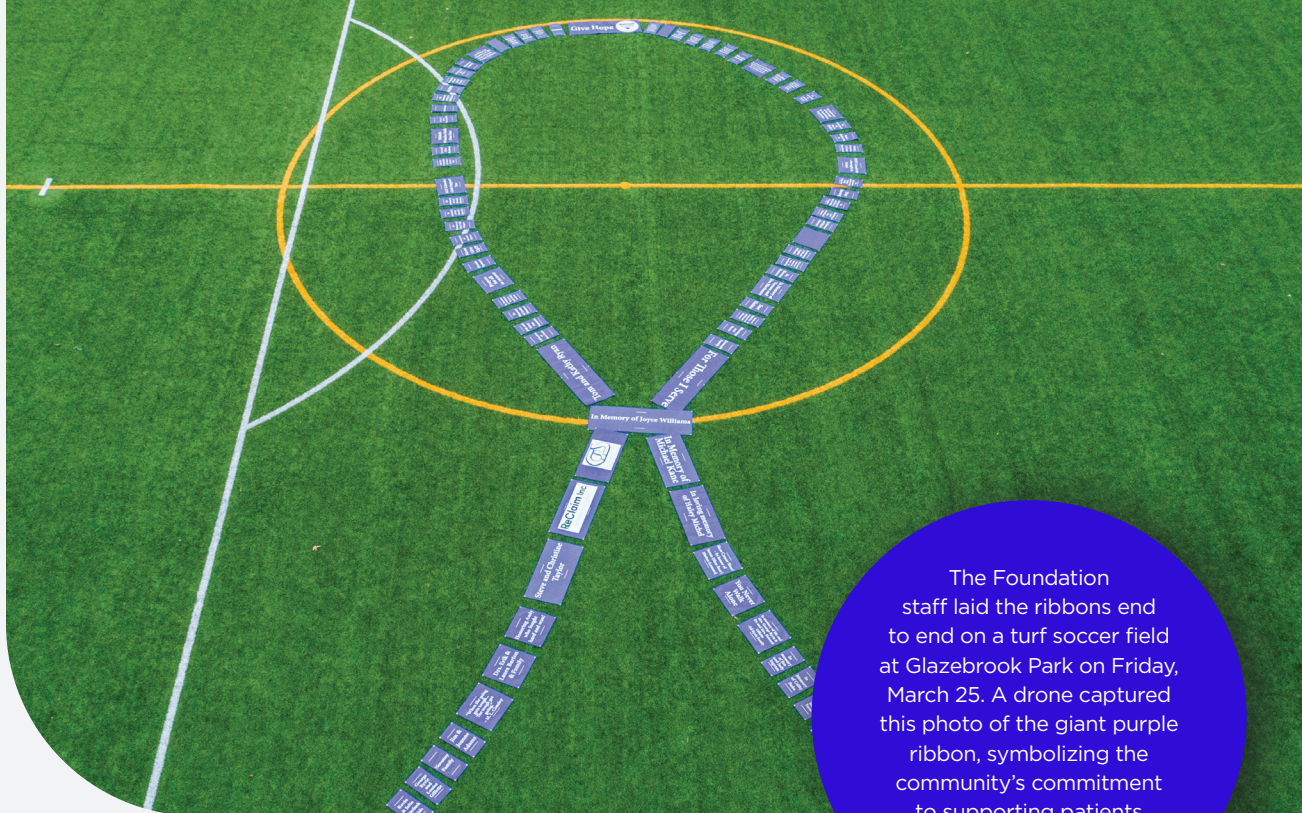
Mark's care team said his recovery has been amazing. He never needed a feeding tube and hasn't had to undergo chemotherapy. Now he's looking to his future.

"When I am cleared and recovered, I want to apply for a job with Alton Memorial Hospital. Everyone has been so wonderful. They rolled out the red carpet for me and made me feel like I was the only patient. I would love to be a part of a team like that."

To help future patients at Alton Memorial Hospital undergoing treatment for cancer, donate to the Foundation's Extra Mile Fund on its website. The fund is used to help patients pay their rent or mortgage, utilities, gas, and car repairs.



Mark Kelle goes to Alton Memorial Hospital for radiation treatments. Mark's care team said his recovery has been amazing. He never needed a feeding tube and hasn't had to undergo chemotherapy treatment.



The Foundation staff laid the ribbons end to end on a turf soccer field at Glazebrook Park on Friday, March 25. A drone captured this photo of the giant purple ribbon, symbolizing the community's commitment to supporting patients undergoing treatment for cancer.

Community Goes the 'Extra Mile' for Cancer Patients

Because of the generosity of supporters of Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation, patients undergoing treatment for cancer at Alton Memorial Hospital will be able to better focus on treatment, healing, and recovery.

The Foundation's second annual Ribbon of Strength campaign raised more than \$15,000. Those gifts will help patients who lose their jobs or insurance pay for their essentials, so they can stay in their homes, keep their lights, and water on, and pay for gas to get to and from treatment.

"We are blown away by the heroes in our community who are dedicated to helping these patients," said Kristen Ryrie, manager of Foundation and Development for Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation. "Their generosity will benefit the Foundation's Extra Mile Fund and patients will be able to apply for up to \$800 in assistance."

Supporters also purchased personalized ribbons with messages of hope, celebrating those who won the fight against cancer, and memorialized those who lost the battle. The ribbons were laid end to end at Glazebrook Park in Godfrey and stretched more than 135 feet to symbolize that the community stands behind these patients.

"Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign! Your gifts have a real impact in people's lives, and we look forward to sharing more success stories with you," said Ryrie.



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Generous Gift Prepares Techs for Career Growth

Two pharmacy techs at Alton Memorial Hospital received some great news that will help further their careers.

Amanda Williams and Kathleen Miller were the first employees to be awarded money from a new fund that employees who work in ancillary service (non-nursing) departments can use to pay for continuing education, seminars, and conferences. Williams and Miller used the funds to pay for study materials and to take a test that is a prerequisite for them to become Pharmacy Tech 2s.

“I’m just so grateful,” said Miller. “It’s great to have the opportunity to take a test that would have cost me hundreds of dollars.”

“It’s just a load off our shoulders,” said Williams. “Not having to worry about the cost allowed us to relax, focus on studying and just go for it.”

Miller and Williams’ manager, Andrew Kramer, let them know about the new opportunity and encouraged them to apply for the funding.

“Both of them have high capacity and are really great workers,” said Kramer. “They know how to communicate well with the patients and have already developed strong relationships with co-workers, and they just started this year.”

Miller and Williams leaned on those co-workers to sharpen their knowledge about inpatient pharmacy and math skills. They’ve also received support from the very top.

“Dave Braasch, the president of the hospital, comes to the pharmacy and just checks in on us. With his background we really enjoy talking pharmacy with him. He is so approachable and wants to see employees succeed,” said Williams.

It’s not just the staff Miller and Williams want to thank for believing and supporting their growth, but Dawn and Dave Freeman too. The Freemans started the fund making it possible for the techs and more to further their careers.

“I’d like to think that if I had the ability to give that I could really have a positive impact on a person’s life. It means so much and is so incredibly thoughtful,” said Miller.

If you would like to contribute toward the continuing education of AMH staff, please visit the Foundation’s website.

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Amanda Williams, Outpatient Pharmacy		Danielle Darden	Dana Turner
		Kristen Jones	Cathy Wagner
		Katelyn Shaw	
		(Scholarships awarded to AMH staff in nursing roles)	



Amanda Williams and Kathleen Miller (center) thanked Dawn and Dave Freeman for helping to further their educations and careers.

A Family Legacy Benefits Caregivers

Alton Memorial Hospital has been the hospital of choice for Dave and Dawn Freeman.

Dawn was first introduced to the hospital when she was a child. Her grandmother, Augusta Swanson Day, was a nurse at Alton Memorial Hospital and retired in the 1950s to help raise her grandchildren, including Dawn.

Since then, Alton Memorial has been the place where the Freemans have received care. They have had excellent experiences and wanted to give back to the very people who helped them.

In addition to creating a fund to pay for educational opportunities for staff who work in ancillary (non-nursing) departments, they wanted to do something that benefited even more people. They are creating a Self-care for Healthcare room, where staff can take a break. It includes massage chairs, dimmed lighting, yoga mats and information about relaxation techniques, stretching, healthy eating and much more.



AMHSF Board Chairman George Milnor and AMH President Dave Braasch thanked Dave and Dawn Freeman for their generosity and commitment to the staff at Alton Memorial Hospital.



The team from Morrison Food and Nutrition prepared a steak dinner with all of the fixings on the grills for the guests to enjoy.

13 is a Lucky Number for Duck Pluckers

A Record \$203,000 Raised for Ambulance in 13th Annual Event

Thirteen isn't normally thought of as a lucky number, but that wasn't the case at the 13th Duck Pluckers, Deer Skinners & Fish Hookers Ball on Sept. 10. The event was flooded with generosity by the community. The Alton Memorial Hospital Services Foundation easily set a record with \$203,000 raised – at least 50 percent more than any other year.

More than 350 people attended and enjoyed an outstanding steak dinner served up by the Morrison's Food and Nutrition staff from AMH, followed by a fast-paced live auction with auctioneer Mark Harmon, and danced to the music of the Glendale Riders.

The signature activity of the event is the Homer Clark Quail Flush competition. It pays tribute to Homer Clark, Sr. and Homer Clark, Jr., both of Alton, who are in the Trapshooting Hall of Fame. This year's winners were Allen and Bryan Morse. Guests also participated in other fun contests, including best dressed sponsored by Brush Boutique, and axe throwing courtesy of Riverbend Axe Throwing and Eric Schrupf State Farm Insurance.

The online auction, held this year for the second time, raised close to \$8,300. People not in attendance at the event also had an opportunity to bid on those items.

"It's hard to find the right word or words to describe the way our community came out to this year's event," said AMH President Dave Braasch. "Amazing, phenomenal, heart-warming, thankful are just a few words. When you live and/or work in a community like this that gives it all for others, you have to be grateful and proud. On behalf of Alton Memorial and our EMS teams, I appreciate and thank everyone for their overwhelming support."

"We saw an increase in the number of local businesses who sponsored this year's event, which put us on record pace, and we never looked back" said Kristen Ryrie, manager of Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation. "Their support of our first responders and emergency medical care was needed more than ever because we have two ambulances with more than 380,000 miles. We are humbled by their generosity and will be able to replace one of those trucks because of them."

Each year, the Duck Pluckers Ball raises funds for a new ambulance equipped with \$125,000 worth of life-saving equipment, such as automated CPR machines, Glidescopes for patients in respiratory distress, and Zoll cardiac monitors. Alton Memorial has the only hospital-based ambulance service in the area and serves Madison, Jersey, and Macoupin counties.

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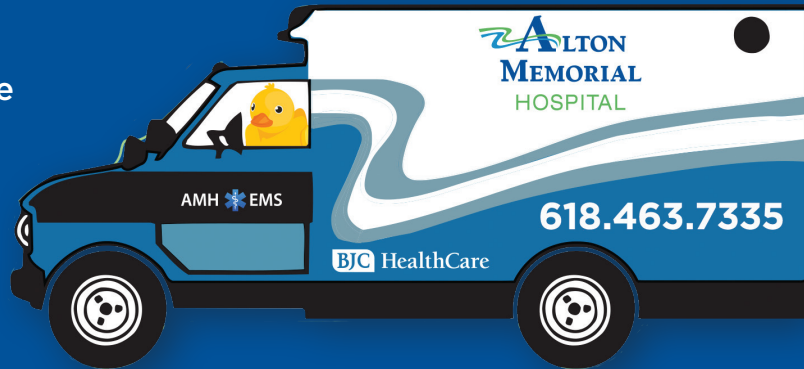
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NILO staff member, John Eyers, coached 5-stand participants at the event. People of all skill levels, and even those who have never shot before, are encouraged to try the activities.

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When people support the Duck Pluckers Ball, they not only help to purchase the new ambulance, but also the life-saving equipment on board. The ambulances have distinct camouflage back doors to showcase that it is purchased thanks to the community's support of the event.

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- 1 AMH paramedic Kyle Crafton reunited with Marty and Charlotte Jean Pilcic at the Duck Pluckers Ball. Crafton was on an ambulance with his partner, Kelly McCreary, and responded to a call about chest pain and found Marty in cardiac arrest. They started ACLS protocols, and defibrillated Marty twice. The second time he awoke. They transported him to the emergency room at AMH. When they arrived, Marty was awake, alert, and oriented. The Pilcic's credit Crafton, McCreary and the team at AMH for saving Marty's life.
- 2 Mark Harmon, of Tarrant & Harman Real Estate & Auction, kept the crowd engaged and raising their paddles to bid on live auction packages. The live auction raised more than \$30,000 for the Duck Pluckers fund.
- 3 More than 350 guests packed the tent at NILO Farms.
- 4 Attendees are encouraged to wear their finest camouflage, or in this case, fishing-themed outfits. Jessica Grace and Elizabeth Campbell of Brush Boutique presented the Best Dressed prize to Krystal Coggins and Tyler Spagnola. Allan Napp also won for being the Best Dressed male.



Pictured in the back row: Dr. Kamaal Hicks, Dr. Danny Shehata, Dr. John Iskander, Dr. Rebecca Griffon. In the front row: Dr. Ashley Zamarione and Dr. Faith Nwokorie.

The class of 2025 in the SIU Alton Family Medicine Residency program at Alton Memorial Hospital began seeing patients at the hospital in July.

A Growing Family

Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation's commitment to expanding access to quality health care grew even more in the summer of 2022. Six new family medicine residents walked onto the campus of Alton Memorial Hospital for three years of training in the Family Medicine Residency program with SIU School of Medicine. The Foundation, AMH and SIU hope the doctors will stay in the area once they finish the program and increase the number of family physicians in the region. The first class of residents began seeing patients at AMH last summer. There are now a total of 12 residency doctors on campus.



AWESOME Reviews

She made sure she did everything to make me pain free and comfortable in a timely manner. She definitely loves her patients.



Left to right are Kristen Ryrle, AMH Development manager; Jason Bowman, AMH EMS manager; Kevin Botterbush of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; Brad Goacher, chief operations officer of AMH; LaKeysha Field, assistant divisional director of Social Services for The Salvation Army Midland Division; Capt. Cassy Grey and Capt. Sean Grey of the Alton Corps Community Center; Maj. Kjell Steinsland, general secretary and St. Louis regional commander of The Salvation Army's Midland divisional headquarters; Dave Braasch, AMH president; and Rusty Ingram, director of Business Development at AMH.

Representatives of The Salvation Army and Alton Memorial Hospital gathered outside the AMH ambulance bay on Dec. 21 as the hospital donated one of its ambulances to the Alton Corps Community Center.

AMH Ambulance Gets 'Second Life' with The Salvation Army

Changes to the operation model of The Salvation Army's Alton Corps Community Center has created a need for a mobile meeting space. Alton Memorial Hospital has stepped up by donating one of its out-of-service ambulances to the cause.

The keys were handed over just a few days before Christmas by BJC and Alton Memorial to The Salvation Army—a timely holiday gift for the organization.

"The Alton Booth House emergency shelter recently transitioned from its traditional model to a scattered site housing model," said Maj. Kjell Steinsland, general secretary and St. Louis regional commander of The Salvation Army's Midland divisional headquarters. "This improved program plan uses scattered housing sites throughout the community rather than the two buildings currently being used. We need a vehicle due to the housing model no longer being onsite. Transportation is a barrier for families, so their meetings with our staff cannot solely take place at our administrative offices. To reduce the burden on the families, our team will come to them to conduct their meetings."

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Families occupy mainly motel or hotel rooms that do not meet The Salvation Army's internal safety protocols for conducting case management meetings. For the safety of all individuals, The Salvation Army has chosen to provide a mobile case management unit. This allows a continuance of services at multiple sites but with the same safety and resources that administrative offices would normally provide.

"We did not specifically request an ambulance, but when our local board spoke with members of the Alton community, some of their connections with the hospital led to this as a viable option," Maj. Steinsland said.

Kristen Ryrie, Development manager for Alton Memorial Hospital Services Foundation, is on The Salvation Army Advisory Board and was at a meeting when the topic came up.

"I knew we were retiring a Duck Pluckers ambulance we purchased years ago thanks to the generosity of donors who supported the Foundation's Duck Pluckers Ball," Ryrie said. "Our leaders were enthusiastic about helping, and the donation of the ambulance was approved very quickly. This ambulance

is getting a second life and will continue to benefit those in the community by playing a key role in The Salvation Army's mission."

"It's great to assist such a worthy community partner," said Brad Goacher, chief operating officer at Alton Memorial. "When we heard of the need for a mobile unit, our thoughts immediately went to one of our ambulances as a perfect option for The Salvation Army."

Maj. Steinsland said that, without this unit, The Salvation Army would continue to struggle with locating safe meeting spaces that did not put undue burden on families.

"An ambulance is much like our disaster canteen units and can comfortably fit more than one person," he said. "It can be outfitted for case management meetings while providing privacy, confidentiality, as well as transparency. We greatly appreciate Alton Memorial's investment in the stability of our unhoused neighbors. It truly takes a community to meet all of the need, and this gift allows us to continue to help families reach stability and thrive."

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This gift allows us to continue to help families reach stability and thrive.

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AWESOME Reviews

Your exceptional care made such a wonderful difference while our dad was here. We truly appreciate you and thank you for your outstanding support and dedication.

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Left to right are Dave Braasch, Rusty Ingram, Debbie Turpin, Amy Schuler, Dr. Juri McDowell, scholarship winner Samara Helton of Edwardsville High School, scholarship winner Taryn Wallace of Alton High School, Brad Goacher, Cathy Wagner and Cindy Bray.

AMH leadership and the Health Equity Scholarship committee met with the two scholarship winners recently.

Health Equity Scholarships

Alton Memorial Hospital awarded its first two Health Equity Scholarships to two seniors thanks to a gift from Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation.

Taryn Wallace and Samara Helton received the good news in the spring. Both students have ties to the medical fields which influenced their career paths.

“Growing up, I’ve always had great role models in the medical field,” said Taryn. Her cousin is Megan Flowers, manager of the AMH Inpatient Pharmacy, and her mother is Amanda Wallace, a nurse on Alton Memorial Hospital’s Intermediate Care Unit.

Taryn also has an aunt in the medical field.

“Combining that with my love for chemistry, I’ve become determined to be a pharmacist,” she added.

Taryn graduated from Alton High and plans to enroll at Lewis and Clark Community College to complete her pre-pharmacy courses. She hopes to then transfer to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to pursue her doctorate in pharmacy.

Samara attended Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto her first three years of high school then graduated from Edwardsville High School. She plans to attend the University of Tampa this fall to study Biology on a pre-med track.

“I plan on pursuing a career in the dermatology field,” she said. “Dermatology visits are not always covered by insurance and doctor visits can be quite

costly. It will be my responsibility to have payment plans available for people of all incomes to get the treatments they need and deserve.”

Madison County high school seniors or recent high school graduates who are part of historically marginalized populations can apply to Alton Memorial for scholarships. The scholarships could be renewable for up to three years beyond the initial term and could include employment while in school.

“Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation is pleased to provide major financial support for this new program,” said George Milnor, chairman of the Foundation. “It is part of our commitment to continuously improve the health of the communities we serve. Enhancing medical field career paths for capable and dedicated students within minority groups make this program especially worthwhile,” he added.

“As we continue our journey to improve health equality, it’s an honor to offer these scholarships to some of the brightest local youth to ensure they are able to pursue health care careers without a large financial burden,” said Brad Goacher, chief operating officer for Alton Memorial Hospital.



A Party Four Years in the Making

After a two-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alton Memorial Hospital School of Nursing alumni returned to Alton's Best Western Premiere Hotel in July 2022 for its much-anticipated reunion.

The AMH School of Nursing opened on March 1, 1938. A graduate nursing staff provided instruction across a range of subjects. Students were rated and needed to meet the maximum requirements of the Illinois State Department of Education and Registration. Tuition at the time for three years (RN degree) totaled \$150. A total of 626 nurses, including nine men, graduated from the school in its 35-year history. The school's last graduating class was in 1973.

"This event is so important to our classmates," said Carol Noble, a 1964 graduate who then worked more than 40 years at AMH and now serves on the reunion committee. "Some of us have stayed connected over the years, and via the Internet lately, but that pales in comparison to seeing your classmates in person, especially after the recent pandemic that kept us all from enjoying each other's company in person. We were excited to see one another!"

Debbie Turpin, RN, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at Alton Memorial, provided updates about the hospital and shared stories about how its nursing staff responded to the pandemic. The group also tapped their toes and clapped along to Broadway show tunes performed by the Great Rivers Choral Society.

"When you look around the room and see the smiles on everyone's faces, it makes us feel so good to see such a strong turnout," Noble said. "We look forward to doing it again in two years."



Marjory Bryant, a 1953 graduate, brought her granddaughter, Kayla Wray as her plus one for the reunion. Wray followed in her grandmother's footsteps by pursuing a career in nursing. She works at the outpatient infusion center at Alton Memorial Hospital.

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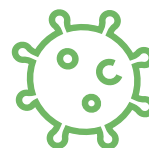
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