

# **Community Benefits Report** Fiscal Year 2022 (May 2021–April 2022)





Mount Desert Island Hospital joined the efforts of hospitals around the world who stepped up to send medical supplies to war-torn Ukraine. "Right now, the Ukrainian people urgently need medical supplies," said Chrissi Maguire, President/CEO of MDI Hospital. "This is one small way we can do our part to support the massive needs of humanitarian aid agencies in Ukraine."

Lenny Lyakhovich, RN, CNOR, Director of Surgical Services (pictured) and Chris Costello, MS, RN, CEN, Director of Emergency Services at MDI Hospital were instrumental in assembling the donation of most needed items, including surgical gloves, hospital gowns, IV bags, bandages, and other supplies.



Above: MDI Hospital Emergency Department Nurse cares for a patient



Mount Desert Island Hospital is committed to improving health and quality of life in the MDI region. Through innovation and effort, we strive to meet the evolving needs of our community with a compassionate, patient-centered approach to care. Our dedication to excellence has been recognized with national awards for patient satisfaction and for the delivery of top-quality care in a rural setting. Today, MDI Hospital's innovative approach serves as a model for rural healthcare delivery for our nation.

# **Our Mission**

To provide compassionate care and strengthen the health of our community by embracing tomorrow's methods and respecting time-honored values.

## **Our Vision**

To be our community's medical home by pursuing innovative models throughout the continuum of care. Our integrated system will be the standard by which others are measured.

# **Our Values**

### Community • Compassion • Improvement • Integrity • Respect • Teamwork

As one of the largest employers on MDI, Mount Desert Island Hospital provided approximately 564 jobs in fiscal year 2022. Our network of Island health centers is our frontline, providing the community with top-quality, individualized primary care where patients feel most at home. Our Hospital network offers six primary care facilities in Bar Harbor, Northeast Harbor, Southwest Harbor and Trenton as well as a full-service dental clinic, a nationally recognized Breast Health Center and comprehensive behavioral health services.



Employees from MDI Hospital's Community Dental Center

## **Our Health Centers**

**Breast Health Center at MDI Hospital** 10 Wayman Lane, Bar Harbor

Cadillac Family Practice 322 Main Street, Bar Harbor

**Community Dental Center** 4 Community Lane, Southwest Harbor

**Community Health Center** 16 Community Lane, Southwest Harbor

**Cooper Gilmore Health Center** 17 Hancock Street, Bar Harbor

Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center 330 Main Street, Bar Harbor

MDI Behavioral Health Center 322 Main Street, Bar Harbor

MDI Hospital General Surgery 17 Hancock Street, Bar Harbor **MDI Orthopedics** 10 Wayman Lane, Bar Harbor

**MDI Urology** 10 Wayman Lane, Bar Harbor

Northeast Harbor Clinic 9 Kimball Road, Northeast Harbor

**Trenton Health Center** 394 Bar Harbor Road, Trenton

Physical Therapy10 Wayman Lane, Bar Harbor16 Community Lane, Southwest Harbor394 Bar Harbor Road, Trenton

Weekend Care Clinic 17 Hancock Street, Bar Harbor

## **MDI Hospital Organization Services**

#### In FY 2022, our healthcare professionals offered skilled services to the Downeast Region including:

24-7 Emergency Room Adult Day Program Anti-Coagulation Clinics Behavioral Health Breast Health Care Cancer Patient Navigator Program Cardiac Rehabilitation Cardiology Cardiopulmonology Care Management Critical Care/ICU Dental/Oral Health Services **Diabetes Education** Elder Care Family Medicine Health Coaching Laboratory Services Medical Imaging Music Therapy Nursing Nutrition Education

Obstetrics Occupational Medicine Oncology and Hematology Orthopedics Palliative Care Platelet-Rich Plasma Therapy Pediatrics Pharmacy Physical Medicine Physical Therapy Prescription Assistance Primary Care Pulmonology Short Term Rehabilitation Speech Therapy Sports Medicine Surgical Services Urogynecology Urology Weekend Care Clinic Women's Health

Jenny Turner, RN; Marla Fugazzi, RN; Charlotte Jeannotte, RN; and Cindy Cyr, OR Unit Coordinator



## Free & Uncompensated Care

Mount Desert Island Hospital and Health Centers do not turn away those in need of medical care, regardless of their ability to pay. The organization provided \$3,677,765 in free and uncompensated care in FY 2022.

# **Community Connections**

Throughout FY 2022, Mount Desert Island Hospital partnered with the Good Shepherd Food Bank and Bar Harbor Food Pantry to help make food available to patients in need at five of our health centers. Bags of food were distributed to patients and families experiencing food insecurity and connections were made for them to local food pantries.

In December, employees of MDI Hospital, Birch Bay, and the clinics participated in a holiday gift drive for Bar Harbor residents of the Ellsworth and MDI Housing Authority. Supporting our neighbors at the holiday season brings great delight to our team members as well as recipients.

MDI Hospital caregivers were honored by a fundraiser and visit from Tremont Consolidated School students who delivered cookies, handmade valentine cards and a donation of funds raised by them for future appreciation of caregivers. This meaningful tribute to our caregivers and their inspirational messages of support meant so much to us during the long months of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Staff Volunteerism**

In FY 2022, MDI Hospital and Birch Bay Retirement Village devoted staff members contributed over 2800 hours of volunteer time through their commitments to organizations such as the American Cancer Society – Relay for Life, MDI Search and Rescue; Cranberry Isles Search and Rescue, Fire Department, Community Aid, Library and Historical Society; Northeast Harbor Ambulance; MDI YMCA; YWCA Mount Desert Island; Down East Family YMCA; Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce; MDI Rotary, Friends of Acadia Earth Day Roadside Cleanup Day: Boy Scouts of America; Open Table MDI; MDI Music Boosters; Flash in the Pans; Town of Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee; City of Ellsworth Elections & Christmas Parade; Ellsworth Elementary & Middle School; Downeast Trout Unlimited; Reigning Hope Ranch; Southwest Harbor Congregational Church; and the MDI Hospital Auxiliary. Several team members also serve in volunteer leadership roles through their professional affiliations at Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council, Northern New England Healthcare Financial Management Association, Maine Health Information Management Association, Beal College Advisory Board, and National Gymnastics Association.

We are a community minded and engaged workforce who are proud to work in and for our community.

## **Trail of Treats**

FY 2022 featured the debut of a new annual community Halloween event. The Trail of Treats is a partnership between Birch Bay Retirement Village and MDI Hospital. Employees volunteer to decorate tables along the outdoor walking pathway at Birch Bay and hand out candy to local trick-or-treaters. Residents of Birch Bay love to watch the festivities from the windows of the Inn.

















# **Community Health Services**

### **Oral Health Services**

MDI Hospital's Community Dental Center continues outreach services for Birch Bay Retirement Village (BBRV) residents who require ongoing oral health needs. Dr. Jane Ogembo and Hygienist Sheri Wilder met with the administrators of BBRV regarding a monthly rotation for dental screenings and cleanings. Additional meetings will be required to appropriately plan for continued concerns surrounding COVID-19 and infection control protocols. Dr. Ogembo and Ms. Wilder hope to revisit this plan in the future with the aid of their new Practice Manager, Karrin Paige.

MDIH Community Dental Center is an affiliated teaching center with the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, and Dr. Ogembo is an appointed Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor with the program. This adjunct status is based on supervision of dental students as part of our Community-Based Education Program. We plan to host another student in Spring of 2023 and to welcome our Dental Student Rotation Coordinator for a site visit.

### **Childbirth Education Classes**

MDI Hospital's OB Department provides two childbirth education classes for new families in our community. The Prepared Childbirth Class is a day-long class welcoming expectant parents to experience childbirth through a holistic format. Topics include employing mindfulness skills in the labor process, relaxation and positions in labor, pain management, possible interventions, the role of the partner, bonding with the newborn, and caring for the newborn. Twenty-five couples registered for this course offering during the fiscal year. The second course offering, the Breastfeeding Class, was taught by unit's Certified Lactation Counselors and provided further preparation in breastfeeding and newborn care. Eleven couples registered for this course offering. Both classes are offered quarterly and are free to the participants. We were able to resume some of the classes in person during this fiscal year, while others were remote.

MDIH is a National Certified Safe Sleep Hospital. Upon admission to our unit, we assess each family's access to a safe sleep environment for their newborn. Through the Cribs for Kids program, we are able to provide those in need with a Safe Sleep Kit which includes a cribette, a sleep sack, pacifier, book, and additional educational materials. These kits are reimbursed by the Maine CDC Cribs for Kids program.

### **Flu Shot Clinics**

MDI Hospital conducts low-cost public flu shot clinics each year at several locations throughout the community, including several local businesses. A total of 120 people took advantage of these convenient clinics during FY 2022.

### **Diabetes Education**

MDI Hospital's Diabetes Education program provides guidance and support to help people manage their disease.

### **Nutrition Education**

MDI Hospital dietitians provide a variety of educational and outreach services to the community each year. These efforts include:

- Individual nutrition counseling to community members and Hospital staff, offered at three locations (Bar Harbor, Trenton, and Southwest Harbor)
- Individual nutrition counseling and teaching group classes as part of the Diabetes Education Program
- Guest educator for the Diabetes Prevention Program classes
- Nutrition education for the Cardiac Rehab program
- Community ServSafe<sup>®</sup> education

#### **Blood Drives**

FY22 MDI Hospital blood drives were canceled due to COVID-19.

## Palliative Care

MDI Hospital's Palliative Care Program focuses on improving quality-of-life for patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families through the prevention and relief of physical, social, and spiritual aspects of suffering. While hospice focuses on end-of-life care, palliative care provides specialized medical care for people living with serious illnesses—whatever the diagnosis. Palliative care is appropriate at any age and any stage in a serious illness and can be provided together with curative treatment. Palliative care is offered in both inpatient and outpatient settings at MDI Hospital and is provided by a team of doctors, nurses, social workers and other specialists who work with patients' other care practitioners to provide an extra layer of support. Last fiscal year, we had 56 referrals for palliative care. Our Palliative Care Program welcomed a new LSW in March of 2022, and a new RN joined the program in December, expanding our available services for patients.

#### **Integrated Care Team**

MDI Hospital's Integrated Care Team members work side-by-side with patients and their families to improve health, wellness, and quality of life both in and out of the clinic setting. Services offered include Health Screenings, personalized Health Coaching, Tobacco Cessation counseling, Diabetes Prevention Education, a Cancer Patient Navigator Program, and more.

### School-Based Nurse Program

MDI Hospital provides nursing services to the following schools: Pemetic, Cranberry Island, Swan's Island, and College of the Atlantic.

#### **Oversight & Training to All Island Emergency Medical Services**

MDI Hospital's Emergency Department is led by David Sugerman. Dr. Sugerman is the Medical Director for all Bar Harbor, Mount Desert and Southwest Harbor Emergency Medical Services (EMS). He is a board-certified emergency physician with a background in sports medicine. As an EMS director, Dr. Sugerman facilitates quarterly education reviews and protocol updates for all Island EMS professionals, and he also oversees the Mount Desert Island Hospital – Penn Medicine Collaborative, which contributes to EMS educational needs.

### **Pharmaceutical Support for EMS Crash Boxes**

The Local EMS Services and the MDI Hospital Pharmacy have an ongoing relationship where the Hospital Pharmacy provides medications for the ambulance services at no cost. This service allows the EMS crews to have life-saving medications on hand for MDI residents when they are needed. The EMS services and the Pharmacy work closely to ensure compliance and ensure that the best medications are available for any emergency.

## **COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts**

MDIH Pharmacy has worked to create ongoing relationships with the Bar Harbor Regency, the Jackson Lab, MDI Bio Lab, MDI YMCA, Maine Sea Coast Mission, Acadia Integrative Medicine, and the local schools to ensure the health of MDI residents and the greater community throughout the coronavirus pandemic. These connections have provided access to limited vaccine supply and an efficient way to stay up-to-date with booster doses. MDIH Pharmacy is grateful for our community's continued support as we work together to maintain the health of our Island Region.

#### **MDI Marathon**

MDI Hospital has provided medical support and organized volunteers for the MDI Marathon for the past 15 years. The 2021 MDI Marathon was canceled in FY 2022 due to COVID-19.



Mary Parham (left) leads MDI Hospita's Wellness Walking Program, which features guided walks twice a week throughout the year

## Walking for Wellness

Mary Parham serves as the Community Health Coordinator for MDI Hospital and has been involved in the wellness field for many years. Before joining MDI Hospital in 2018, Mary worked in wellness at the Jackson Laboratory and has always had a passion for helping others achieve their health and wellness goals.

As MDI Hospital's Community Health Educator, Mary works with a variety of providers to bring health and wellness activities to the community—in the form of exercise classes, educational opportunities, and health coaching. Right now, Mary leads the MDIH Wellness Walking Program, Strong & Steady Group Exercise Program, Fitness for Parkinson's Group Exercise, Mornings with Mary Group Exercise, and Saturday Core & Stretch Group Exercise. Mary says of her work, "My favorite part about leading these programs is that they are so much fun! It is great to get to know so many wonderful people, in such a beautiful part of the world – it doesn't feel like work at all. I feel very, very lucky."

In recognition of her many programs and great outcomes, Mary was recently honored by Healthy Acadia as one of six local health champions featured in a film celebrating individuals across Washington and Hancock counties who go above and beyond to increase the well-being of their communities in their own unique ways.

One Mary's participants, David Keefe, had recently retired and decided to focus on his health by going to YMCA in Bar Harbor to walk the track. While there, he said he saw Mary leading a very energetic group of people in exercises and he was intrigued. He said her energy and her friendliness made it easy for him to start in those classes. Since then, David participated in the walking group and the pre-diabetes course with Mary and credits his 30lb weight loss to her expertise and work in those classes.

"Mary is such a magnet, that she makes waking up at 6:00AM in the dead of winter easy. The people I work out with are my friends and Mary is a central part of that community."

If you are interested in joining any of these classes, Mary says "the more the merrier" and encourages interested parties to email her at mary.parham@mdihospital.org.

# **Subsidized Health Services**

### **Strong and Steady Exercise Class**

MDI Hospital's free Wellness Program provided three classes per week for 50 weeks to a total of 3,000 participants.

### Parkinson's Exercise Class

MDI Hospital's free Wellness Program provided two classes per week for 50 weeks to a total of 500 MDIH employees and community members.

## **MDIH Community Exercise Class**

MDI Hospital's free Wellness Program provided four exercise classes per week for 50 weeks to a total of 1,000 MDIH employees and community participants.

## **Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics**

MDI Hospital conducted public COVID-19 vaccination clinics on the island; a total of 11,000 MDI residents took advantage of these emergency clinics.

## Mask MDI Community Masking Project

In partnership with the Downeast COVID-19 Task Force, MDI Hospital purchased and distributed over 100,000 medical grade masks to protect front-facing employees of MDI businesses.

## **Community Walking Program**

A total of 1,000 people participated in the year-round walking program.

## Free Cancer Support Group

Due to COVID-19, no in-person support groups were held; however, the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center aided in the establishment of a well-attended support group, ultimately going virtual. MDI Hospital provides free monthly support groups for patients, survivors, and their families.

## A Matter of Balance Program

The virtual Matter of Balance program is an 8-week program focused on fall prevention. MDI Hospital has collaborated with Eastern Area Agency on Aging to provide this to our community. We had 10 participants participate for the entirety of the program.

#### **Health Insurance Counseling**

MDI Hospital offered health insurance enrollment counseling to help community members explore their health insurance options on the Health Insurance Marketplace. This service is provided free of charge. To learn more, contact MDI Hospital's Financial Counselor's Office at 288-5082, ext. 1202.

## **Educational Partnerships**

MDIH's Medical Education Program introduces the next generation of caregivers to a unique, rewarding healthcare environment, providing a memorable and impactful experience for students that will be the foundation for delivering rural medicine in the future. Through dynamic collaborations with nationally recognized university and hospital partners, our independent community hospital cultivates a creative, innovative culture of professional development drawn from our integrated care model, which serves individuals and families throughout their lives and the continuum of their care. Led collaboratively by an engaged medical staff, MDIH's Medical Education Program is geared to provide a scalable, sharable model for peer hospitals striving to recruit and retain the best-quality medical providers and caregivers.

In FY22, MDIH hosted 45 students across 15 educational partnerships: 7 Emergency Medicine residents, 4 Behavioral Health residents, 3 Outpatient residents, 6 Medical students, 6 Physician Assistant students, 3 Occupational Therapy students, 2 Family Nurse Practitioner students, 5 Pharmacy students, 1 Medical Assistant student, 1 LCSW internship, 2 Premed students, and 4 Music Therapy students.

#### Mount Desert Island Hospital— Penn Medicine Collaborative

Participating Residents are specializing in Emergency Medicine or Behavioral Health. University of Pennsylvania's Medical School- sited in one of America's largest urban hospitals-sought an alternative setting to introduce future leading physicians to small-community health. MDIH sought the expertise and innovation of these professionals-in-training. Established 11 years ago with no preexisting affiliation, these two organizations have crafted a program from the ground up that has profoundly changed cultures and practices. To date, nearly 100 residents have accessed rural medical training directly from MDIH. In turn, they share their knowledge of leading-edge, evidence-based standards of emergency medical care and psychiatry with our Critical Access Hospital team. There were 6 Emergency Medicine residents and 4 Behavioral Health residents in FY22. In the summer and fall of 2022 we had a total of 10 educational presentations from UPENN residents including Emergency Department topics, opioid use disorder and Psychiatry. All staff and interested community members/organizations are invited to these presentations.

#### Tufts University School of Medicine Maine Track Program

A nine-month learning opportunity for aspiring physicians to encourage medical practice in rural Maine. Two 3rd-year medical students participate in the care of patients with our physicians and staff members: routine office visits, home visits, subspecialty evaluations, office or hospital-based procedures, hospital care, and emergency care. In FY22, we welcomed one Tufts student to MDIH.

#### **College of the Atlantic Internship**

An 11-week internship offering 2<sup>nd</sup>- and 3<sup>rd</sup>-year undergraduate students broad job-shadowing exposure to MDIH's healthcare delivery, and providing opportunities to discuss what they observe, including primary care, hospitalist rounds, emergency care, medical imaging, orthopedics, and obstetrics. The College of the Atlantic Internship was suspended in 2020 due to COVID-19; in 2022-2023 this program was reinstated. We welcomed two premed students for 11-week internships in 2022.

#### **The Jackson Laboratory**

This program features newly minted college graduates who work in a structured training program at the Jackson Laboratory, a mammalian genetics research institute.— Participants are future MDs, PhDs, or both. Trainees design an independent research project with direct ties to human health and disease, working alongside staff members at MDIH. This partnership is geared to develop future geneticists, biostatisticians, researchers, or physicians who will address the unique health challenges of small populations spread out over rural areas.

#### **Brown University**

This partnership features an innovative arc: medical students rotate to MDIH twice during the 2nd and 3rd years of their residencies, giving them a chance to hone needed skills identified during their initial rotation with us. At MDIH, they gain direct experience in rural family practice.

#### University of New England (CUP) Scholars Program

Medical student interns from the Care for the Underserved Pathways (CUP) Scholars Program participate in a two-year honors distinction program. In their one-month residency at MDIH, CUP Scholars observe and take part in all aspects of caregiving. They also interface with nonprofit social service organizations with which we collaborate on care beyond our walls—for example, substance use treatment programs and nutrition education outreach.

#### University of New England Dental School Program

Twelve-week rotations for 4th-year dental students at the Community Dental Center in Southwest Harbor. Students provide care to patients under the supervision of Jane Ogembo, DDS, MPH. They also have the unique experience of practicing in a dental home where the psychological and social determinants of patients' dental problems can be addressed if indicated.

#### University of New England Pharmacy Rotations

Rotations of two weeks (for 1st- and 2nd-year Pharmacy students) or six weeks (for 4th-year Pharmacy students) working with MDIH's Pharmacy staff and learning methods and protocols unique to the hospital setting. Students participate directly in all Pharmacy services, including drug distribution, sterile preparations, inventory regulation, and quality assurance programs.

#### University of New England Physician Assistant Program

Students from UNE's Master of Science Physician Assistant Program, the only PA program in Maine, work directly under the tutelage of a PA for two months. Our pre-professional PA students experience the full range of rural healthcare firsthand, from preventive care to emergency visits.

#### **Maine Medical Center**

2<sup>nd</sup>-year and 3<sup>rd</sup>-year residents in Internal Medicine or Internal Medicine/Pediatrics come to MDIH to conduct immersive outpatient or inpatient rotations in our various care settings, adding a small-community perspective to their training. MDIH hosts 4-6 residents per year from this program.



#### **Music Therapy Internship**

Every year, four Music Therapy interns rotate to MDIH from universities throughout the country. MDIH is the site of Maine's only Music Therapy internship program. For six months, interns maintain an individual caseload of clients working towards rehabilitative or palliative goals. They provide Music Therapy services to patients of all ages in one-onone and group sessions, alleviating pain, distress, and agitation while improving cognitive functioning, engagement, and communication.

#### **Community Health Rotation**

Students considering a rural practice can opt to spend one month at MDIH: two days a week in an outpatient clinic and with the Integrated Care team making home visits; and three days a week exploring community-based programs that support individuals who have high-risk medical needs. By the end of the month, they will understand the importance of collaboration with community organizations that can improve and sustain positive outcomes.

#### **Student Nursing Programs**

Advanced Practice Nurse education programs are individually focused on multiple clinical disciplines, including primary care, behavioral health, and anesthesia. Student clinical rotations are supervised by MDIH medical staff related to their specialized need.



MDI Hospital's Auxiliary Members were happy to return to in-person outdoor gatherings in the summer of 2022

## MDI Hospital Auxiliary — A Tradition of Giving Since 1948

Members of the Mount Desert Island Hospital Auxiliary support MDI Hospital patient needs through fundraising each year, and members review and select items to support patient needs and strengthen provision of care by our healthcare teams. While the COVID-19 pandemic suspended Auxiliary fundraising events leading up to this year, the ongoing generosity of individual Auxiliary members, designated gifts, and fund balances allowed continued giving in Fiscal Year 2022. The Auxiliary resumed fundraising events during the summer months of 2022, including bake sales, jewelry sales, fall auction and raffle, and we expect the Auxiliary Fall Fair will return in 2023. Items purchased and donated to the Hospital by the Auxiliary in Fiscal Year 2022 are valued at \$7,171.09 and include the following;

- Nerve stimulator & cables for Surgical Services
- Hearing Amplifiers for Emergency Department patients
- A Welch Allen Portable Otoscope for the Community Health Center
- Items to help patients served by Care Management improve their eating habits and weight:
  - Exercise Balls
  - ▶ Weekly Meal Planners and Meal Guides
  - Calorie King books
  - Food Scales
  - ► Digital Body Weight Scales
- Items to help patients with specific diagnosis who receive Care Management assistance with monitoring and managing their health:;
  - Lighted foot inspection mirrors for patients with diabetes
  - Pulse Oximeters
  - Blood Pressure Monitors
  - Pill Organizers
- Stickers for pediatric patients at Community Health and Dental Centers in Southwest Harbor
- White Noise Machines to enhance confidentiality in Behavioral Health and Clinic Locations
- Stethoscopes for the Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center

In addition, Mount Desert Island Hospital Auxiliary provides scholarships to students pursuing careers in the medical field through the Marion Joy Morse Scholarship/Barbara Joy Trust each year. In Fiscal Year 2022 \$28,000 in scholarships were awarded. This support helps the next generation of caregivers from our community!

The generosity of MDI Hospital Auxiliary greatly benefits our patients and our community, and supports MDI Hospital in providing the compassionate, quality care for which we are known.



Each year, MDI Hospital teams up with the MDI Housing Authority for our Annual Give Thanks and Give Back Campaign providing gifts for local individuals and families in need

# **Financial and In-Kind Contributions**

### **Event Sponsorships**

In FY 2022, MDI Hospital contributed more than \$4,200 in sponsorships to local organizations. This includes the MDI Rotary, the Maine Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center, MDI YMCA, Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County, Friends of Acadia, Healthy Acadia, the MDI Marathon and Island Connections. MDI Hospital regularly donates space in its conference rooms at the Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center, the Community Health Center and Birch Bay Retirement Village for local groups to conduct meetings.

### **Give Thanks and Give Back**

MDI Hospital Organization's Annual Give Thanks and Give Back Campaign provided gifts to numerous local individuals and families this year. The annual holiday gift-giving program, coordinated by the Advancement Department and the MDI Housing Authority, was supported by Hospital employees who purchased gifts for MDI residents in need.



Above & Cover photos: Students from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at Tremont Consolidated School visited MDI Hospital and the Community Health Center on Valentine's Day



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