



## Being Strong is the **Only Choice**

Your support gives Gary comfort during the fight for his life

Stephen Hawking once said, "However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up." For Gary Krumenauer, giving up is not an option, as he battles Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

ALS is a terminal disease with no cure. It causes the nerve cells to break down and the brain to lose control of

muscle movement, while slowly robbing people of their ability to speak, eat, move and breathe.

Gary was diagnosed during the summer of 2020. "I watched the disease take my mother away from me, so I was suspicious when I continued to lose strength in my left arm after my rotator cuff surgery," said Gary. After several visits to his doctor, he was diagnosed with a type of ALS known as Familia, a genetic form of ALS.

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*“I wasn’t shocked that I was about to take on the same fight as my mother.”*

Gary contacted several places across Wisconsin hoping to receive infusion treatments, and after he received his port, he finally found his home at HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital. Patients with ALS benefit from infusion treatments because the medication is directed straight into the blood stream. This allows the medication to act quick and slows down the progression of the terminal illness.

“I remember my first visit; I was so nervous and pretty shook up to receive my port.” Gary added. Lori Sorensen, a registered nurse at HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital, was right there to greet Gary and take him through what his treatment plan would look like step by step. Gary’s treatment regimen is Monday through Friday, on for two weeks and then off for two weeks indefinitely. Each treatment lasts approximately one hour in which he receives two doses of infusion medication.

“It is so refreshing to have people who really care, and you can build relationships with,” said Gary. As Lori and fellow colleagues wait for his arrival, they prepare his treatment space so he will be as comfortable as possible and feel at home.

A fresh cran-apple juice and warm blanket sit by his recliner and the History Channel is already on TV when he arrives. “Lori, Heidie, Colleen, Jen, Linda, Susan, and Mary along with CNA’s Karen, Diane and Wendy are a pleasure to be around during my treatments,” added Gary.

For Gary, every day brings a new challenge as this disease progresses through his body. However, he remains in great spirits as his fight continues. “I am 70 now. I have had a great life and have an amazing wife! I think the support I have has been crucial to me continuing to fight,” said Gary when asked about his positive outlook on ALS. “I really can’t let a disease define me. I want to help others who are diagnosed with ALS to be comfortable and to know there is help out there.”

All the compassionate care that Gary receives while the fight of his life continues, is only possible because of **YOUR** generosity. Thank you!





# Welcome

## New St. Joseph's Foundation Director, Same Mission

Please welcome Jane Gobler

We are pleased to welcome Jane Gobler as our new Foundation Director for the HSHS St. Joseph's Foundation.

Jane comes to us from U.S. Bank, where she served as a wealth management banker and private banking manager. She also spent time as a business development specialist with All Title Services, Inc. She has deep roots in the Chippewa Valley and is well regarded throughout the community. Jane is very familiar with HSHS as she served as the chair of the HSHS Sacred Heart Foundation Leadership Council.

"I have been involved with HSHS for a number of years, said Jane. "I feel strongly about the mission and could not be more excited to lead the foundation in such an important time." She started with the foundation last November and hit the ground running. Jane is looking forward to getting to know you and learning about your special connection to HSHS St. Joseph Hospital and our mission.



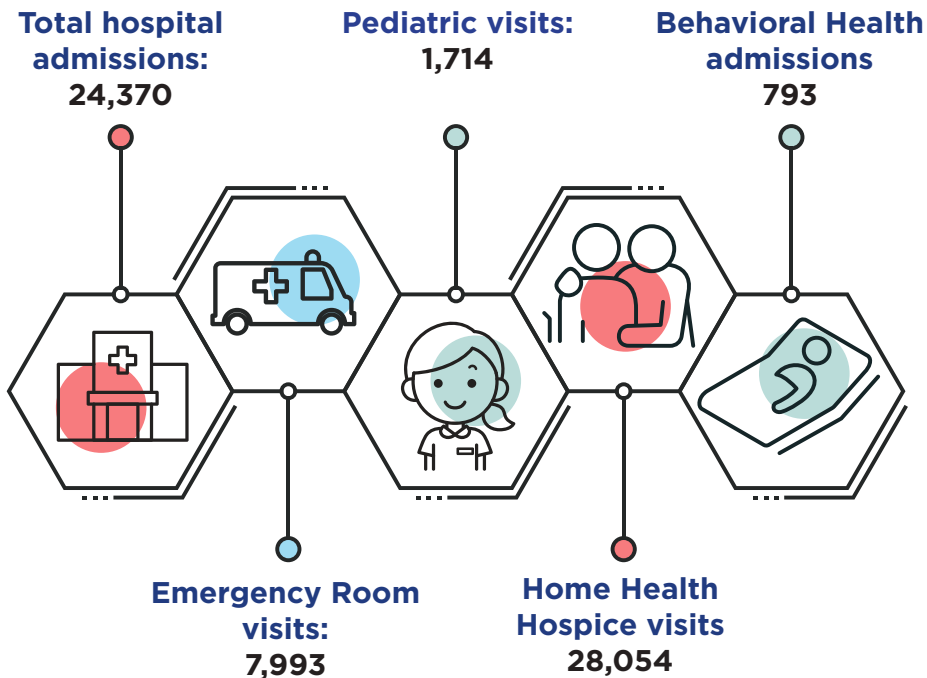
*From left to right: Brian Gobler, son; Meghan Gobler, daughter, Grace Gobler, daughter; Molly Gobler Roberts, daughter; Jane; Jim, husband*

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