



Fiscal Year 2024
May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024



Framing Our Place in the Future



Annual Report



Karen Tracy, RCH CEO

A message from our CEO:

Dear friends and supporters of Rochelle Community Hospital,

It doesn't seem possible that it is time again to reflect on the past fiscal year. In FY '24 we worked hard to "get things back to normal" while at the same time, experiences from the Covid 19 pandemic have forever shaped healthcare delivery. Being respectful by wearing masks to protect others in and out of the hospital and increased telehealth visits to decrease community spread is the new normal. Those small changes have not slowed us down. This past year has continued to be one of vibrancy and growth in many departments.

Our staff recruitment efforts have really paid off, with our open positions decreasing to 26 with only 8 of them fulltime openings. From a staffing perspective that is a real "win". We have also worked hard in the community to promote job opportunities by participating in multiple job fairs – all with very positive connections made. Our leadership team has provided speakers to Rochelle Township High School, promoting health careers to our local students. As part of our strategic plan, we are committed to invest in our local community. Those students are our future!

We added to our Family Healthcare team in this past year. Laurie Welchel, FNP started providing services to the local community in August of last year. Laurie had been with us years ago as a registered nurse. How wonderful to have her back as a provider! Carter Gallick, PA joined the XCEL Orthopedics team in January. You may remember him as he worked with Dr. Delisca as an athletic trainer when we opened that service line. We are excited to have him back as well, to join Dr. Delisca, Hank Swalla, PA and the rest of the ortho staff.

Many capital improvements have been realized this fiscal year. In order to keep up with the latest technology, we reinvest in our equipment and physical plant on an annual basis. This year was no different from other years. We replaced the nurse call system, IV pumps, a chemistry analyzer, portable x-ray unit, as well as replacing electrical panels and the ED parking lot to name a few.

We opened our XCEL Orthopedics Sycamore location to expand that reach to another market. Internally, we refreshed our Infusion Services Department to provide an updated, comfortable place to receive care. Our goal is to continually reinvest in our services to you so that your community hospital remains a current medical asset. We have also been planning during this fiscal year for a large capital improvement project. Our surgical area will have new equipment installed in the near future and remodeled systems for our central sterilization area. These improvements will be a major investment in our surgical space and fulfill our mission to provide "high quality care..." to our community.

We remain dedicated to supporting local businesses and charitable organizations to further our local contributions. To that end, we have provided almost \$200k in charitable gifts in the form of donations and sponsorships as contributing locally to health related services remains a top priority.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our local community for the continued support shown to Rochelle Community Hospital. The Board of Trustees and the leadership team are all dedicated to the advancement and improvement of health services available to you. It is because of your support that we remain an independent, financially sound organization.

We are thankful to be in service to YOU!

-Karen

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Mahubah Abdallah, APRN
Susan Mueller, APRN

Hospitalists

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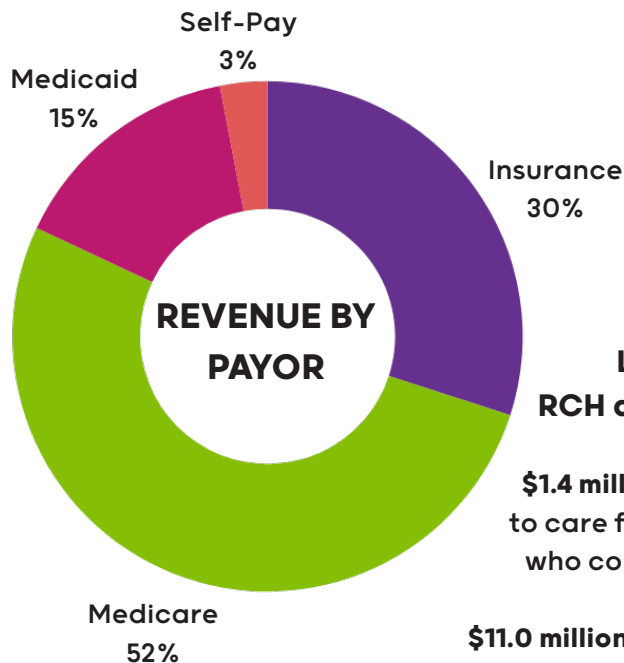
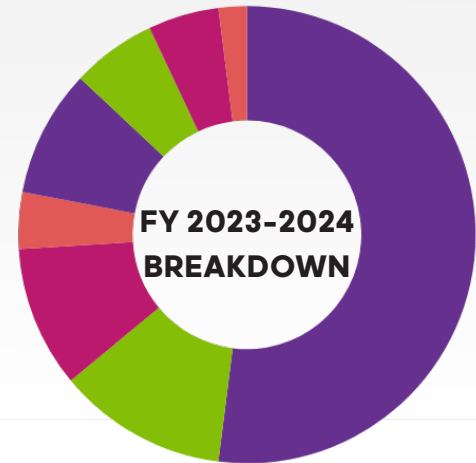


All Served May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024





Financial Overview



**Last year,
RCH absorbed:**

\$1.4 million in costs
to care for patients
who could not pay

\$11.0 million in services
not fully reimbursed by
government programs

Inpatient Statistics

Admissions	350
Observation	568
Patient Days	1,067
Average Length of Stay	3.0

Department Statistics

Emergency Room Visits	8,960
Radiology Procedures	17,081
Surgeries Performed	711
Rehabilitation/Physical Therapy	21,637
Cardiac Rehabilitation	1,278
Multi-Specialty Clinic Visits	4,750
Family Healthcare Visits	10,030
XCEL Orthopedics Visits: Rochelle	3,017
XCEL Orthopedics Visits: Sycamore	628
Convenient Care Visits	4,809
Occupational Health Services Visits	5,245
Laboratory Tests	95,701
Respiratory Therapy	2,702
Outpatient Registrations	36,227

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RCH spent **\$49.9 million**.
Here is the breakdown.



Auxiliary Support

2024 Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients



Abby Lundquist
St. Ambrose University

*Ward A.
& Mabel T.
Miller
Award
Recipient*

Volunteers

58 Members and **54** Lifetime Members

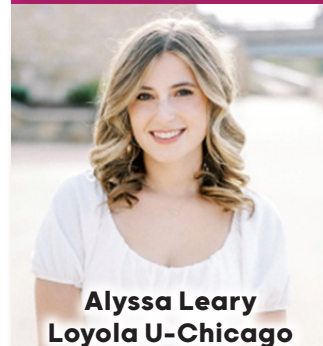
21 volunteers donated **1722** hours to staff the Auxiliary Gift Shoppe. In addition, members spent countless hours making handcrafted items for sale at the Gift Shoppe; **2** members also volunteered to manage and purchase for the Gift Shoppe.



Bailey Jackson
U of Nebraska-Lincoln

Fundraising

The Auxiliary had a special event during the Christmas party with the quilt raffle. A handmade quilt was donated to the Auxiliary by Elaine Delfinado. The total collected from the quilt raffle was **\$1,200**.



Alyssa Leary
Loyola U-Chicago

The Gift Shoppe's hours remained at 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and profitted **\$10,810** for FY 2023-2024.

Dues monies collected were **\$850**, and contributions received were **\$375**, for a total of **\$13,235** for FY 2023-2024.



Kennedy Underwood
Northern Illinois U

Donations

The Auxiliary was very honored to award **\$1,500** medical career scholarships to five very worthy students (pictured right).



Alexavier Villatoro
UIC Honors College

Community Impact

Small & rural hospitals are powerful economic engines for working families & local communities.



Source: IHA Economic Impact Report, 2024

\$16 BILLION
TOTAL
ECONOMIC
IMPACT



16%
of the
state's
hospital
workforce

Each year Illinois' small and rural hospitals pump \$3.1 billion into the state and local economies in the form of employee salaries and benefits. These salaries are then spent within the community, generating an additional \$4.2 billion in economic activity and 41,698 jobs in industries that support hospitals and their employees.

Small and rural hospitals also spend \$3.2 billion on goods and services annually. This leads to more spending within the state and local economies, generating an additional \$4.3 billion in economic activity



Rochelle Community Hospital
employs:
343 workers; 237 full-time



726 Jobs
supporting working
families



\$111.5 MILLION
Economic Impact

Essential to Our Community



RCH Human Resources and a special planning team hosted our Annual Employee Service Awards Dinner September 2023 where employees were recognized from 5 to up to 40 years of service.



FHC hosted 4 sports physical events in the RCH clinic where 100% of the proceeds (\$2,485 total) went to the respective sports program of each athlete.

RCH was so happy to present our \$5,000.00 donation to Rock River Valley Blood Center for their new blood mobile.



Investing in Our Community

In a happy, vibrant community, there are strong social connections that create a sense of belonging. With this sense of belonging, comes a sense of responsibility to support your fellow members. Listed are some of the local organizations Rochelle Community Hospital was pleased to support this past year with donations, sponsorships, or participation:

- Focus House
- From the Heart
- Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County
- HOPE of Ogle County
- Kishwaukee College
- Kishwaukee College Foundation
- Kiwanis
- Lincoln Hwy Heritage Festival
- OSF Healthcare Foundation
- Rochelle Chamber of Commerce
- Rochelle Community Action Network
- Rochelle Fire Department
- Rochelle Rescue Mission
- Rochelle Township High School
- Rock River Valley Blood Center
- Shining Star
- Sinnissippi Center
- St. Paul
- The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists
- United Way of Lee County
- Village of Progress



Making back to school fun, RCH held an event August 2023 fit for all families! The festivities included games, prizes, school supply giveaways, and even free Kona Ice to sweeten the deal and cool us down.



RCH hosted its Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat in its hallways for the first time since 2019, and it was a smash to see all of the costumes and spooky creativity again!



RCH hosted its Holiday drive-thru Dinner with complimentary dinners for those in need. Our Food & Nutrition Department prepared up to 200 turkey or ham meals for those who reserved and needed a delicious holiday meal prepared for them.

RCH stocked the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry's van full of diapers... TWICE! Thanks to all our staff that supported, donated, organized (and loaded) our sizeable diaper donation.



RCH hosted 4 Mobile Food Pantries with the Northern Illinois Food Bank in 2024, distributing food for those in need from our Health & Wellness parking lot.



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Our Foundation

Mission

Cultivate resources and a community of donors by acting as good stewards of all contributions to support Rochelle Community Hospital

Vision

To be the charity of choice to financially support Rochelle Community Hospital.

Fundraising Events

- 23rd Annual Golf Outing — \$26,799
- RCH Employee Campaign — \$8,528
- Year-End Appeal Letter — \$16,090



Supporting Healthcare in Ogle County

The Rochelle Community Foundation plays a vital role in sustaining Rochelle Community Hospital's dedication to excellence through its generous charitable gifts and strong community ties.

Philanthropic support allows the RCH Foundation to provide direct, impactful, and meaningful support for patient care, medical technology innovations and medical campus improvements. Whether through annual gifts to the Building for the Future Fund, designated gifts in support the All About Me Cancer Resource fund to supporting the Employee Careers Scholarships, each gift allows Rochelle Community Hospital to make Rochelle and the surrounding areas healthier places to live.

YOU make the Difference. -- Your support makes a difference:

Building For Our Future - Donations to this fund support areas in the hospital in greatest need. Monies given to support Manager's Wish List Items and Equipment Technology Upgrades.

All About Me Cancer Resources:

Gifts to this fund provide grants and resources to qualified cancer patients at Rochelle Community Hospital so they can better manage their road to recovery. In 2022-2023, The RCH Foundation awarded nine \$500 scholarships to cancer patients in need from our service area.

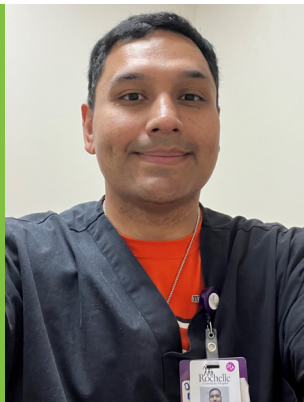
Funds from the 2023/2024 fiscal year went to support the RCH Foundation giving out three Employee Career Scholarships to the following RCH employees –

2024 Employee Scholarship Recipients



Tracey Busby

Outpatient Services Manager
Enrolled in Masters of Nursing
in Leadership & Management
at Western Governors University



Daniel Landa

PACS Administrator
Enrolled in PACS Administration
at Oklahoma State University



Bailey Vondergathen

Food Service Aide
Enrolled in Undergraduate
Program at Aurora University



Our Foundation is proud of those that give of their money, and even their time, to make our hospital a thriving community hospital during a time when small local hospitals are struggling to stay afloat. Pictured are the members of the Foundation Donor Committee. Will McLachlan, Doris Dickey and Debbie Kersten, they were all instrumental in the development and completion of the new Donor Wall. Since being installed to the north of the elevators, we have received very positive feedback from RCH employees, patients, donors themselves, and others. We are very excited to have an updated, all-inclusive list of donors and their cumulative contributions that highlight the generous community that supports our local hospital.

Memorials

Memorial gifts are a lasting remembrance of a special person who has touched you during his or her life. Rochelle Community Hospital Foundation will acknowledge your gift by sending an appropriate note to the family or friend in whose name the gift was made.

In Memory Of Brenda Clark

Richard & Beverly Herrmann

In Memory of James & Shirley Combs

Jerry Medine

In Memory of John P. Connolly

Judith Connolly

In Memory of Barbara D. Guest

David Guest

In Memory Of Keith Hagemeyer

Roland & Erlinda Hagemeyer

In Memory Of Catherine "Kit" Hakanson

David Hakanson

In Memory of Janet E. Hart

Jim Hart

In Memory of Laurie Meling Harris

Reed Harris

In Memory of Earl Hintzsche

Evelyn Hintzsche

In Memory of Rogene Koch

David Koch

In Memory of Rosemary Rainwater

Donna & Dana Windland

In Memory of Lois Rewerts

Paula & Jimmy Combs

In Memory Of Dan Sawicki

Sue Sawicki

In Memory Of Scot A. Sparks

Cherryl Sparks

In Memory of Judith Stavrakas

Norma Peters

Paul Stavrakas

In Memory Of Audrey & Glen Taylor

Andrew & Carole Taylor

In Memory Of Gerald O. Wine

Luan & Vicki Wine

In Memory Of Audrey Yeager

Richard & Beverly Herrmann



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