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Caregiver Fund projects completed

A pair of projects that were paid for last year by the employee-fueled Caregiver Fund at Asante Ashland Community Hospital have recently been completed.



Three televisions were wired and installed in the hospital's same-day surgery unit, and a second portable bladder scanner was purchased for use in the Emergency Department, Family Birth Center and Same-Day Surgery Unit.

The televisions were part of a \$15,000 project – including matching dollars from a hospital charitable fund – to replace TVs in several patient rooms and the Same-Day Surgery Unit. The three recently-added televisions provide a welcome distraction to patients preparing for surgery or receiving infusions.

The Caregiver Fund authorized \$9,085 last year to purchase the bladder scanner. The departments that will use it previously had to share a scanner that is housed in the

hospital's medical/surgical unit, so the new equipment is expected to improve efficiency and reduce patient wait time. Ultrasound bladder scanners can detect how much urine a patient is retaining without the patient having to undergo catheterization, which can carry a risk of infection.

The Caregiver Fund, created by the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation, is an employee initiative that raises money for much-needed equipment, services and training at the hospital.

Asante Ashland employees interested in seeking funding for a hospital project are encouraged to submit an [application](#) explaining how their project would improve quality and safety, reduce waste, enhance the patient experience, improve their ability to do their job, or broaden their skills to better serve patients and their families. The deadline for the next round of funding is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

The hospital's patient experience team reviews each application and determines which projects to fund. Applications not chosen may be resubmitted for the next round of funding.

All Asante Ashland Community Hospital employees are encouraged to [donate to the fund online](#).

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