A Letter From The President

At Mary Rutan Hospital, we have an unwavering commitment to provide the highest quality health care to the people we serve. To achieve this vision, we know we must move beyond what is expected of a community hospital, and that is why each and every day we strive to find new and better ways to meet the needs of our patients and our community.

In 2011, we identified and implemented cutting-edge technology to give our patients the earliest and most accurate diagnosis, as well as the most efficient and effective treatment. We forged new partnerships and affiliations that brought the highest level of care into our community setting. We pushed beyond programs found at most community hospitals to bring our patients the services they need to improve their health. We were also inspired to implement an entirely new service culture that is redefining the patient—and staff—experience at MRH.

Our efforts produced results as we achieved the highest level of overall patient satisfaction with a 97% approval rating. In addition, we earned re-accreditation by The Joint Commission. We continued to follow stringent standards set forth by the Society for Chest Pain Centers to remain an Accredited Chest Pain Center. We introduced digital mammography at the Ewing Crawfis Imaging Center and became one of the first seven organizations in Ohio to become a “Breast Imaging Center of Excellence.” We invested $1.5 million dollars to bring the latest and most sophisticated MRI unit to our community and were once again named to the Ohio Hospital Association’s Best Practices List for our outstanding health care rankings on Quality Care Measures. We partnered with OSU Medical Center to offer our community advanced stroke care, through telemedicine, and utilized similar technology to partner with Children’s Hospital to expand our in-house pediatric care.

However, we are not resting on our success. In 2012 we will take our progress to a new level, as we implement a hospital-wide electronic medical record and clinical information system that will revolutionize how we deliver care to our patients. In addition, we will improve upon our organizational processes as we begin implementation of the ISO 9001 quality management system throughout our facilities.

Our commitment to innovation – to find new and better ways to serve you – propels us forward and will result in future achievements that will keep Mary Rutan Hospital on the forefront of the health care landscape.

As we reflect upon these accomplishments, we must acknowledge our staff, volunteers, board of directors, physicians and the community for their dedication and support as we enter our 93rd year of service to the community. It is because of them that we are able to continue to grow and achieve such a high level of success as a health care leader.

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In 2011, Mary Rutan Hospital maintained a stable position, both financially and clinically, to meet community needs. The hospital realized a positive financial performance, reporting a bottom line of $2,294,421 for the fiscal year.

Mary Rutan Hospital was able to perform well financially, while continuing its policy of accepting all patients regardless of their ability to pay. The hospital provided a record $4,334,022 in charity care during 2011.
INDUSTRY’S MOST SOPHISTICATED MRI UNIT NOW AVAILABLE

The latest and most sophisticated fixed magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit is now available at MRH’s Imaging Center. The new MRI, installed in late 2011, features the largest available clinical field-of-view, providing physicians exceptional images to read.

The unit, the largest open-bore MRI in the area, also provides patients greater comfort, particularly those who feel claustrophobic in smaller units. Deb Boyle, MRH’s Director of Radiology, said, “With the addition of this new Toshiba MRI, Mary Rutan Hospital now has the largest opening, and highest quality, of any MRI unit in the area, fixed or mobile.”

“The Vantage Titan system offers a significant increase in signal to noise ratio which results in better images,” said Hassan Semaan, M.D., Mary Rutan Hospital’s Neurological and Interventional Radiologist. “The large field of view is unique for this bore size and produces high-quality images without compromising overall image performance. In addition, the unit offers more room for patients and decreased noise, creating a better experience for the patient.”

Because of the wide opening, this new Vantage Titan unit is perfect for claustrophobic patients, especially since many of all procedures can be performed feet first, meaning the patient’s head can be kept outside the bore. The new unit will allow additional procedures to be conducted locally, so patients will no longer have to be referred outside of the community for some of the more specialized studies. Now breast MRIs, expanded angiography, additional gallbladder and pancreatic studies, and enhanced orthopedic exams can all be expertly conducted with the new unit.

According to Deb Boyle, perhaps the most significant advancement with this MRI unit is Toshiba’s Jet technology. “Using sophisticated state-of-the-art computer algorithms, Jet allows for improvement in image quality with motion compensation. Often, small movements by patients during an MRI test are unavoidable. With our previous unit, if there was significant patient motion, the image was often non-diagnostic (useless). Now, we can adjust not only for the unavoidable small movements, but often even for large movements. We worked hand-in-hand with Toshiba during installation and setup and the end result are images that are simply stunning.”

The total cost for the new unit, installation and facility remodeling exceeds $1.5 million, said Laura Miller, Vice President of Marketing for Mary Rutan Hospital. She added that the hospital will not increase exam charges for use of the new MRI machine, which replaces a unit that has served the community and MRH for 10 years. “We believe there will be a good return on this investment in better quality, enhanced studies, faster scans and the increased ability to serve more community members close to home.”

The new unit also has Toshiba’s patented Pianissimo technology, which dramatically reduces acoustic noise, the most significant cause of patient discomfort during an MRI exam, according to studies.

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Deb Boyle
Director of Radiology, Mary Rutan Hospital
ADVANCED CT PROVIDES SUPERIOR PATIENT CARE WITH 50% LESS RADIATION

Installation has just been completed on the new Aquilion Premium 160-detector row scanner from Toshiba America Medical Systems, Inc. The advanced computed tomography (CT) system is used to evaluate and treat patients with improved clinical accuracy, while decreasing radiation exposure. The new system can scan any region of the body in just seconds, providing the essential information needed to evaluate patients and provide exceptional diagnostic accuracy in mere minutes.

In addition to faster CT scans, Mary Rutan Hospital expects to significantly increase its exam capacity. This means more patients can be treated and referred for surgery or discharged from the hospital sooner. In an emergency room setting, when every second counts, the Aquilion160 scanner will allow physicians to quickly identify injuries to the internal organs and make a confident diagnosis.

“Logan County residents now have immediate access to the best CT technology available today,” said Mandy Goble, President and CEO of Mary Rutan Hospital. “For trauma patients like auto accident victims, this may prove to be lifesaving technology due to the system’s ability to deliver precise images of bones, organs and internal bleeding. For patients with blood clots, infections, and diseases like cancer, early diagnosis with the Aquilion Premium may result in a much earlier diagnosis and faster treatment,” says Goble.

“The advantages of this scanner will be profound, in that it will be much faster and will result in 50% less radiation dose to the patient than our older system,” said Director of Radiology Deb Boyle. “It will also enable us to offer CT brain perfusion studies, used to assess strokes, and to perform coronary CTA, used to assess blockages in the arteries to the heart, more quickly, with less discomfort for the patient.” The new scanner will also cost less to operate and maintain than the current machine.

The Aquilion Premium is designed to offer physicians greater diagnostic capabilities by helping patients avoid more invasive medical procedures. The system delivers clinical images with multislice imaging technology that captures up to 160 anatomical “slices” in a single rotation. A computer constructs these “slices” into a 3-D image. In addition, the system’s sensitivity and accuracy are enhanced with a process called isotropic scanning, which results in images that most accurately capture equal views and angles of internal structures. As a result, Toshiba’s multislice technology captures precise images of the body’s rapidly moving organs like the heart and lungs, which appear blurry when scanned by a traditional CT. Multislice imaging is also especially useful for examining patients who are unable to hold their breath, like trauma victims, acutely ill patients and young children.

Additional advantages to the new MRI unit:

**Table flexibility:** Serves patients with a table that lowers to less than 17 inches off the floor, offering greater access for pediatric and geriatric patients.

**Arm rests:** Conveniently located on both sides of the table, improving patient comfort.

**Quicker processing:** SPEEDER parallel processing supports faster scanning techniques with high-quality images.

**Atlas Integrated Coil Technology:** Integrated coils increase the speed of the imaging process during multiple exam requests.

**Non-contrast MRA exams:** Vantage Titan offers a safer alternative for performing rapid, high resolution MRAs (magnetic resonance angiograms) without using contrast agents. This helps to shorten exam time and increase patient comfort and safety. MRAs provide pictures of blood vessels inside the body.

**Open view exams:** The design of the machine allows patients’ views to remain unobstructed during an exam, which significantly reduces the feeling of claustrophobia.

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Mary Rutan Hospital Receives Recognition

QUALITY-BASED ACCREDITATION

Mary Rutan Hospital recently achieved national accreditation from DNV Healthcare, the newest and first Medicare-approved hospital accreditation program that integrates the ISO 9001 quality management system with the Medicare hospital standards. The DNV program requires the organization to evaluate the continuum of patient care throughout an entire health care system and take measured steps to improve when it is warranted.

“The DNV program is consistent with our long-term commitment to patient safety and overall quality,” says Mandy Goble, President and CEO of Mary Rutan Hospital. “The ability to integrate the ISO 9001 quality management system with our clinical and financial processes is a major step forward.”

DNV hospital accreditation addresses the demands of quality-driven hospitals that are dedicated to patient-centered care. As part of the accreditation process, DNV surveyors track the care of patients across various departments and facilities of Mary Rutan Hospital.

“The DNV program helps us identify opportunities and improve upon our organizational processes for continuous quality improvement. We look upon accreditation as a strategic business tool and as source of empowerment for our staff. The DNV program keeps us moving forward,” says Goble.

Being accredited allows MRH to receive reimbursement for its patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid. The DNV accreditation program is authorized by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is the only program that integrates the ISO quality management system with Medicare’s Conditions of Participation, the core requirements for hospitals set forth by the federal government.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

This past year, The Ewing H. Crawfis Imaging Center was named a “Breast Imaging Center of Excellence” by the American College of Radiology’s Commission on Quality and Safety and the Commission on Breast Imaging, making it one of only seven such organizations in the Central Ohio area to receive this designation. After extensive review by the ACR, the center’s consistent high quality performance for mammography, breast ultrasound and stereotactic breast biopsy officially earned the elite accreditation.

The accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded to a select few facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards. Image quality, personnel qualifications, facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed.

“Our commitment to breast health excellence is demonstrated by the recent accreditation of all of the related specialty areas by the American College of Radiology,” explains Dr. Darlene Weyer, radiologist with Mary Rutan Hospital. “Proper diagnosis and effective treatment of a breast abnormality begins with accurate imaging. Ensuring that each mode of detection – mammography, ultrasound and biopsy – meets the standards of excellence set forth nationwide, this accreditation assures our patients and physicians of the accuracy, effectiveness and safety of the care we provide,” said Dr. Weyer.

A Center of Excellence designation by the ACR signifies that the breast imaging program at the Ewing H. Crawfis Imaging Center has not only met mandatory accreditation requirements but has also voluntarily participated in a rigorous review process to ensure it has exceeded nationally set patient-care standards.

“For patients, the designation provides a quick way to identify the best mammography and breast imaging centers available,” said Dr. Weyer. “It means patients in Logan County and the surrounding areas have access to the highest quality of diagnostic care. It means they can rely on us to utilize state-of-the-art equipment and the best people to help them through the process of getting the most accurate results possible.”
Mary Rutan Hospital Celebrates Perfection

Administrators, directors and staff at Mary Rutan Hospital recently celebrated a milestone in their quest to be the best. The hospital was recently notified that it achieved 100% on all clinical care measures, which are considered to be indicators of quality care as set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which is part of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

The measures, reported quarterly by each hospital, include national quality standards considered to be the best practices to improve patient outcomes. During the fourth quarter of 2011, the most current data available, Mary Rutan Hospital attained perfection in these important measures of quality care.

“The milestone is evidence of our staff and medical staff’s ongoing commitment to assure safe and quality patient care, said Mandy Goble, CEO, Mary Rutan Hospital. “We are extremely proud of our performance on these publicly-reportable quality metrics and believe that our community can place great confidence in our ability to provide high-quality care.”

Becky Nicholl, Vice President of Quality at Mary Rutan Hospital, added, “It takes an extraordinary team effort each and every day to reach 100% on all quality measures across the board. Our doctors, nurses and staff have worked very hard to ensure that delivering the highest quality patient care possible is a top priority.”

Mary Rutan Hospital has consistently performed far above the national and state averages since these quality measures began being reported publicly in 2005. This most recent accomplishment of 100% perfection across the board will again place MRH on the Ohio Hospital Association’s Best Practices List.
New Partnership to Offer Advanced Stroke Care

Logan County area residents facing a potential or actual acute stroke will now benefit from a recently formed partnership between The Ohio State University Medical Center (OSUMC) and Mary Rutan Hospital (MRH). This alliance bolsters MRH’s stroke services through around-the-clock access to The Ohio State University Medical Center’s nationally ranked stroke experts via real-time, telemedicine-based technology.

This Telestroke partnership provides a link between the emergency department team at MRH and the comprehensive team of stroke specialists at OSUMC. With the help of a secure, video-conferencing network, members of OSUMC Neurovascular Stroke Center are able to quickly perform virtual bedside neurological evaluations that allow them to examine patients, review brain images, and quickly select the best acute stroke treatments in collaboration with the MRH emergency department physicians.

“Time is critical in an acute stroke situation and having real-time 24/7 access to the OSUMC neurological team ensures that we are able to provide advanced stroke care to the residents of Logan County. This is a very exciting project that has the potential for a very positive impact on the outcome of stroke patients in our area,” said Dr. Grant Varian, Medical Director at Mary Rutan Hospital.

When a suspected stroke patient arrives at Mary Rutan Hospital’s Emergency Department, a “stroke alert” is activated at both Ohio State and Mary Rutan Hospital. This mobilizes a team of stroke experts who, through the use of telemetry and real-time testing and patient interview, can help the care team at Mary Rutan Hospital determine the best treatment option for the patient.

“By collaborating with Mary Rutan Hospital, we come together to offer the best system of care to a stroke patient,” says Dr. Eric Sauvangeau, Surgical Director of OSU Medical Center’s Neurovascular Stroke Center. “Cooperation among the hospitals allows stroke patients to be treated beyond the regular timeframe, using advanced tools to dissolve or remove clots that cause stroke, and reverse the symptoms.”

Stroke is the third largest cause of death and a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States. According to the American Stroke Association, about 700,000 Americans suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. That means, on average, a stroke occurs every 45 seconds and about every three minutes someone dies of stroke.

“One of the things we can’t treat is denial. If people sit at home and stoically wait out a stroke, that doesn’t work. Calling 911 is so very important because we can have all the technology in the world, but if people are sitting in their homes and not getting to the hospital, it doesn’t help them,” said Dr. Varian.

STROKE WARNING SIGNS INCLUDE:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.
Exceeding Patient Expectations

Each year, more than 1,500 confidential mailed surveys are completed and returned to Press Ganey, a nationally recognized research group. The findings are then presented to our hospital and used to continuously improve the patient experience. You can see from our most recent score of 97%, we’ve been working very hard to offer our patients the best possible experience. We are very proud of the improvements that we’ve made over the past year and want to share this impressive result with our community.

“It is exciting to see our satisfaction scores rise over the past year. It means that our patients recognize our efforts to provide top-notch health care. With the help of Press Ganey, our efforts to provide exceptional care can be validated,” says Mandy Goble, President and CEO of Mary Rutan Hospital.

Outpatient

“The doctor and staff were wonderful. They were very efficient and careful with my care. We are blessed to have a hospital and staff such as MRH.”

Inpatient Care

“I received wonderful attention and care. EVERYONE was interested in making my stay comfortable. I can’t say enough about my great stay.”

Family Birth Center

“We were amazed by the nurses in the FBC. They went above and beyond - so happy with our experience.”

Environmental Services

“The room was spotless, pleasant and the cleaning staff were amazingly friendly. I love the newly remodeled rooms!”

Emergency Department

“Exceptionally good experience. I was treated with care and compassion and was immediately taken into a comfortable room.”

Surgical Department

“We experienced wonderful care given to our loved one. Mary Rutan is a gift for our community.”

Oncology Clinic

“We appreciate everything you do for everyone. You are exceptional people with caring hearts, we want to say thank you to all.”
Each year, thousands of people seek medical treatment at Mary Rutan Hospital. Our staff is committed to improving the health and well-being of all those in Logan and surrounding counties. The programs and services we provide go beyond statistics and numbers, as we often serve those who do not have the means to pay for needed health care services.

As part of our mission, Mary Rutan Hospital provides a safety net for vulnerable populations who have no health insurance. In addition, we provide individuals with Medicare or Medicaid expert medical care and access to the latest medical technologies – despite the fact that these government programs offer fixed reimbursements that often do not fully cover the costs of care and treatment needed.

Mary Rutan Hospital offers a variety of free or low cost educational programs, support groups and health screenings each year. We provide a variety of direct health care services that are not profitable, but fulfill a great need in the community. In addition, we offer educational opportunities to physicians and health care professionals throughout the area. We remain active in community organizations and endeavors that benefit the community as a whole.

Many of these community benefits either would not or could not exist without the support and commitment of Mary Rutan Hospital. In 2011, these community benefits totaled $13,147,455 and impacted the lives of many people throughout our community.

While we have enjoyed a long-standing tradition of providing these and other services to benefit our community, our role as an organization that provides these significant community benefits is not well understood. Increasingly, we are being asked to demonstrate our value and benefit to the community we serve. In response, Mary Rutan Hospital is taking a more planned, managed and organized approach to documenting the benefits we provide to our community. During the last year, we partnered with 22 community agencies and organizations to facilitate a formal community needs assessment. Once the data is compiled, we will work alongside these organizations to address identified areas of need and integrate community benefits into ongoing processes of planning, budgeting, implementation and reporting.

The following information provides a reflection of our commitment to Logan County and the individuals we serve, as it is embodied in our mission to provide progressive quality health care with a personal touch.

Charity Care & Financial Assistance
Mary Rutan Hospital provides comprehensive health care to all people, including those in financial need. In 2011, Mary Rutan Hospital provided $6,056,600 in services to individuals in need through charity care and financial assistance programs.

Medicare and Medicaid Shortfalls
Government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid offer fixed reimbursements based on a patient’s diagnosis. This most often does not account for the cost of the latest technology and treatment options that are available to give patients the best chances for recovery from an illness. Mary Rutan Hospital offers patients the best interventions available – no matter what reimbursement for the service might be. In 2011, 53% of our patient services were provided to beneficiaries of Medicare or Medicaid. This equated to 39,095 patient visits and resulted in reimbursement that was approximately $6 million less than the cost of providing those services.
Health Professions Education
Mary Rutan Hospital is a major supporter of medical profession education. Student internships, clinical rotation, job shadowing opportunities and medical scholarships and loans help inspire future generations to consider and obtain careers in health care. In 2011, more than $803,000 was invested in these endeavors.

Cash and In-Kind Contributions
Each year Mary Rutan Hospital gives a portion of its operating margin to Mary Rutan Foundation. Together, the Foundation and Hospital offer grant dollars to a wide range of initiatives that impact community health and provide numerous health and wellness screenings and programs. Other donations are made to community organizations that improve the health and safety of the citizens of Logan County. In 2011, donations reached $51,379.

Community Health Education and Outreach
In 2011, more than 25,700 people benefited from Mary Rutan Hospital health education programs, support groups and community-based health screenings, totaling $127,625. Education and outreach services are offered to the community at little or no cost so that cost does not discourage participation in programs and services that assist individuals in adopting a a healthier lifestyle.

For further information about community health and wellness services or Community Benefits provided by Mary Rutan Hospital and Mary Rutan Foundation, please call (937) 599-7003.
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The Board of Directors of Mary Rutan Foundation would like to thank our generous benefactors, friends and volunteers for their support. We are truly grateful for gifts that enable the Foundation to support the critical programs and services of Mary Rutan Hospital. It is through these partnerships that we can make a lasting impact on the health care of people in our community.

The funds raised support initiatives that touch every area of the hospital from state-of-the-art equipment, medical scholarships and loans to health and wellness screenings and education. Each gift, small or large, makes a difference to the patients, families, physicians, staff and community of Mary Rutan Hospital. For this we extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

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Volunteers Make It Happen!

Our 125 active volunteers provide services throughout the hospital and at various community events. In 2011, our volunteers contributed just over 13,000 hours of volunteer service.

We thank all of our volunteers for their contributions to the health and well-being of our community. Recognized below are those volunteers who have volunteered 1,000 or more hours.

1,000 OR MORE HOURS
Katie Amidon
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We invite you to become a volunteer at Mary Rutan Hospital. For more information contact Pam McBranch at (937) 651-6688.

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Outstanding Service Recognized by Mary Rutan Foundation

For over 20 years, Mary Rutan Foundation has recognized deserving citizens or organizations that place service to humanity ahead of personal gain or recognition by making substantial contributions to the community and Mary Rutan Hospital. Today, the tradition continues. At the recent annual meeting of the Mary Rutan Health Association Ilene Heaton and Barbara Moore were recognized as the 2012 Meritorious Service Award recipients.

INTERNAL MERITORIOUS AWARD
Barbara Moore, Mary Rutan Hospital Director of Food Services, was selected as the internal meritorious service award recipient.

Some may question how much impact a food service department can have on the health care experience of patients and visitors to Mary Rutan. MRH’s Food & Nutritional Services play an important role in patient recovery and well-being. Food service quality also influences the patients’ satisfaction with their overall MRH experience. Promoting optimal nutrition leads to faster recovery and decreased length of stay.

Barbara Moore joined the Mary Rutan team in 2006. Since that time, she has made a tremendous impact on the hospital and her department. This quiet leader helps her employees find purpose and meaning in their work and is proactive in showing them how their actions contribute to better patient care. Under Mrs. Moore’s leadership the Food and Nutrition staff has blossomed and grown to be one of the most cooperative, well respected departments in the hospital.

Some of the accomplishments during Mrs. Moore’s tenure include the implementation of a new meal program – adjusting delivery times according to each patient’s preference; initiating dietary “rounding” to assist patients with meal selections; and allowing patients to make meal selections at a time of their choice through the implementation of a special room service program. All of these efforts have resulted in better patient care, improved patient control over food choices, improved patient satisfaction, improved food temperatures and decreased food waste.

Mrs. Moore is an excellent professional role model and demonstrates an unflappable demeanor. No request is too large, too late, too problematic or too insignificant. Rather, she considers each and every dietary request, then quietly, effectively and efficiently works with her staff to deliver whatever is necessary, assuring quality product and quality service. Through her actions Mrs. Moore consistently fulfills the mission of the hospital by providing progressive quality health care with a personal touch, each and every day.

EXTERNAL MERITORIOUS AWARD
Recognized for her many contributions and selfless acts of service to the residents of Logan County, Ilene Heaton was selected as the 2012 External Meritorious Service Award Recipient. Beginning her career in the social services area, from 1975 through 1988, Mrs. Heaton worked in various agencies serving as a Rehabilitation Counselor for the visually impaired in Lima, a Program Manager for Logan County Residential Services and a Family Counselor for Logan County Drug and Alcohol Services. During this time, Mrs. Heaton was also active with the local United Way, serving as a volunteer for five years and as co-chair of the 1982 campaign with her husband Jerry.

In June 1988, Mrs. Heaton was hired as the Executive Director of our local United Way. Initially, Mrs. Heaton’s time was shared between Logan and Champaign counties. In 1996, she resigned the Champaign County position to devote more of her time to Logan County. During her 24-year tenure, Mrs. Heaton developed a “New Venture Fund,” money set aside to address unmet needs in the community. Mrs. Heaton worked with community leaders to provide start-up grants for TriCare Hospice, Our Daily Bread, Loving Hands Adult Day Program, Family & Children First Council, Rachel’s House, Mary Rutan Medicine Assistance, Don M. & Margaret Hilliker YMCA and Safe Haven. All of these later became United Way member agencies.

In addition, Mrs. Heaton implemented development of a Youth Allocations Committee. Since its inception, 140 teens have participated and $82,000 has been awarded to numerous Logan County health and human services agencies, touching the lives of hundreds of youth in our community, not only through programming with area agencies, but in building strong leadership skills in the 140 youth that have served on the youth council.

Mrs. Heaton was instrumental in growing the United Way from 17 to 23 agencies and worked tirelessly alongside the many volunteers that she recruited to obtain over $14 million in contributions during her 24 years as Executive Director.

In addition to her accomplishments at the United Way, Mrs. Heaton is an active participant and board member in other area organizations, serving for many years in Rotary, as a member of the Logan County Health Council, Mary Rutan Hospital’s Institutional Review Board and as a board member of Logan County Children’s Services.

We recognize Mrs. Heaton for these many accomplishments and her service to humanity and our community.