The Cole Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and enhancing the work of UPMC Cole as it serves its communities by promoting awareness of needs and goals, and identifying and connecting donors to those needs.

The Cole Foundation’s 4th Annual Operation Appreciation event was held from July 1-7th on the UPMC Cole campus. Operation Appreciation is a simple way for our community to say “Thank You” to our local veterans for the sacrifices they have made. Each gift given to the Cole Foundation was acknowledged with an American flag being placed on the Cole campus along with a personalized designed card to the person who was honored, or to the family of the memorialized.

Operation Appreciation has grown each year and this was our biggest year yet. $6,215 was raised for UPMC Cole through donations to the Cole Foundation. All donations to the Cole Foundation stays locally and benefits our patients and families at UPMC Cole. Thank you to those in the community that supported this event and helped UPMC Cole say, “Thank you, veterans!”

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Over twenty years ago UPMC Cole lost one of its pioneer leaders, a noted outdoorsman, dedicated Rotarian and a friend to many in the community. Ben Stimaker devoted much of his professional life to creating a health care system in rural north central Pennsylvania second to none. The main hospital, along with the network of health centers in our surrounding communities, offers many programs today because of Ben’s vision and dedication to the health and well-being of area residents and visitors.

After his passing, the hospital dedicated the Stimaker Garden in his honor located (west entrance) in a beautiful area of what was formerly known as the Johnson Nursery.

Recent donations have made it possible for two new Crimson King Maple trees and a Sunburst Locust trees to be planted. Those trees were planted by donors in memory of Valarie Jackson and Michael Pitchford and in honor of former CEO Ed Pitchford. As we remember our friend Ben Stimaker, we invite you to enjoy a few moments of solitude in one the most beautiful and serene locations on any hospital campus.

If you would like to make a donation to the Stimaker Healing Garden, please send to Cole Foundation, 1001 East Second Street, Coudersport, PA 16915.
Volunteer Update

We certainly miss our volunteers here at Cole. They are the foundation to delivering high quality care and experiences for our patients, staff, and visitors. We miss their presence, and we are so grateful for their continued dedication and desire to return.

As soon as we know more of when our volunteers can return, we plan to send out a notice. In the meantime, our gift shop is closed until further notice.

We pray that you are all staying safe and health during this time. For more information, please contact Kari Kurtz, 814-274-5550.

Honor Your Caregiver

The Cole Foundation received a donation through the Honor Your Caregiver program to recognize Dr. James Clark, OB/GYN nurses, and the Labor/Delivery staff at UPMC Cole. Dr. and Mrs. Terry Foust made the donation to thank Dr. Clark and staff for the exceptional care they received. Great job, and thank you for all you do at UPMC Cole!
“Making a Difference” Scholarship

UPMC Cole employees make donations to support the Heart of Cole Scholarship which provides financial assistance to individuals enrolled in an undergraduate study program in community colleges, colleges, trade schools or universities. This Heart of Cole Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 for current UPMC Cole employees and/or dependent child(ren) of an employee. The Heart of Cole Scholarship committee reviews all applications and makes a decision based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and community service contributions. Four individuals were awarded a $1,000 scholarship. The 2020 recipients are:

**Taylor Brewer** – Taylor is a graduate of Austin High School. She plans to attend Edinboro University of Pennsylvania majoring in Biology with a concentration in Pre-Medicine.

**Adrian Page** – Adrian is a junior at Saint Francis University. She is majoring in Healthcare Studies and Occupational Therapy.

**Chelsey Streich** – Chelsey is a sophomore at West Virginia University majoring in Exercise Physiology.

**Brielle Whitman** – Brielle is employed at UPMC Cole as an LPN in the Cardiology department. She will be attending Pennsylvania College of Technology to become an RN.

Pictured L-R: Taylor Brewer, Adrian Page, Chelsey Streich, and Brielle Whitman
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Every summer we hold the Cole Foundation's Annual Golf Classic, our largest fundraising event of the year and a tradition for many individuals and organizations. Unfortunately, our event has been impacted by COVID-19 pandemic and must be canceled. This is jeopardizing over $30,000 in funds to support our local hospital, employees, and most importantly, our patients. Like no other time in history, UPMC Cole needs our community's support.

Although we will not be having our annual golf tournament, it is crucial for the Cole Foundation to raise money to carry out our mission. We have decided to expand our annual online auction to replace our tournament for this year.

**Join us for our online auction starting August 26th at 8:00 a.m.** More information to come. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and Solomon Words for sneak peaks in the coming weeks!
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