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DOOR COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
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Ensuring our
community's access to

EXCEPTIONAL HEALTHCARE,
now and in the future.

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During this season of gratitude, we are most grateful for those that have contributed to our mission with their time, effort and finances. These contributions have made it possible for us to surpass some of our goals sooner than we had hoped and with more robust care than we imagined possible for the people in this community that need it most. Thank you for believing in our mission. Read more about the exciting advancements made with our Behavioral Health Campaign inside.

\$4,200,000

Raised, to date, in support of the **Behavioral Health Campaign**

\$55,000

Raised during the annual **Auxiliary House & Garden Walk**

\$165,000

Raised during the **28th Annual Golf Marathon**

Progress in the Area of Behavioral Health

DR. CANDACE COHEN
PSYCHIATRIST



In 2022 the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) revealed that mental health was identified as the top area of concern across the community. Behavioral health resources needed to expand, and any blocks preventing individuals from seeking treatment needed to be cleared. The DCMC Foundation was called into action.



Over the past two years, the DCMC Foundation has raised **\$4.2 Million**, and those dollars have already been put to work. Within the last year:

- Senior Life Solutions designated space was updated to accommodate program expansion;
- DCMC was certified by the state to treat Substance Abuse Disorder in an outpatient setting;
- Two additional behavioral health therapists have been hired (for a total of seven full-time behavioral health therapists);
- Scheduled patient visits have increased from 6800 to 7900 annually;
- Behavioral Health support provided to Door County and Algoma Schools was increased from 7 hours to 16 hours per week.



Now, we are happy to announce that psychiatrist, Dr. Candace Cohen, will begin at Door County Medical Center in January. Dr. Cohen is joining us from the Mendota Mental Health Institute.

The work to address the behavioral health needs in our community is not done, but the progress is significant. Thank you to the generous support of our donors, robust behavioral health resources in this community are now more accessible than ever.

Mental health is an important part of overall health and well-being. Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

Learn more about the Behavioral Health Campaign by visiting:
www.dcmmedical.org/foundation/behavioral-health-program.

THE PATH FORWARD: STRENGTHEN OUR BASE

- Expand Behavioral Health services to all schools and clinics
- Expand Senior Life Solutions
- Expand Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services
- Increase Availability of Psychiatric and Psychological Services
- Increase Acceptability of Behavioral Health Treatment with an extensive public relations campaign

Have you considered planned giving? Learn more here.



Another Auxiliary House & Garden Walk Success

In July, more than 150 local volunteers joined forces to show five spectacular and historic homes featured on the 63rd Annual House & Garden Walk sponsored by the Door County Medical Center Auxiliary. Led by co-chairs Gretchen DeCoster and Pat Neudecker, the House & Garden Walk raised more than \$55,000 and allowed visitors to view creative renovations and interesting architecture, beautiful interior design, and lush gardens at new and historic homes across Door County. At each site from Sturgeon Bay to Ellison Bay, docents stationed throughout the houses explained the unique features and history of the homes and gardens.

The funds raised benefit the campaign to strengthen and expand Door County Medical Center's Behavioral Health services. "This wonderful commitment from the Door County Medical Center Auxiliary will help us focus on much needed mental health services to the community," said Brian Stephens, DCMC Chief Executive Officer.

Next year's 64th annual House & Garden Walk will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 and will continue to benefit the Behavioral Health Campaign.

If you'd like to volunteer for the House & Garden Walk next year, or want to suggest a unique home, contact Robin Hamm-Jackson at (920) 746-3609 or robin.hamm-jackson@dcmedical.org.



For all the ways to give, visit us at: dcmedical.org/foundation



Top Picture: Proceeds from the Golf Marathon will support the expansion and enhancement of the Werner and Sue Krause Behavioral Health Program at DCMC.

28th Annual Golf Marathon Highlights

The 28th Annual Golf Marathon, benefitting the Behavioral Health Campaign, was held in August at The Orchards Golf Course in Egg Harbor. Seventeen teams braved less than perfect weather conditions to finish 72 holes of golf in one day to support this great cause.

Tom Herlache, Steve Abrahamson and John Herlache made up the top fundraising team that raised \$33,800 for the Marathon.

In all, **over \$165,000 was raised** and fun was had by all.

We are eternally grateful for our sponsors, participants and volunteers that continuously make this event such a success.



Bottom Picture: Top fundraisers Tom Herlache, Steve Abrahamson and John Herlache.



SAVE THE DATE:
29th Annual Golf Marathon
August 27, 2025



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Founded in 1990, the Door County Medical Center Foundation ensures our community's access to state-of-the-art, outstanding healthcare by developing and managing giving opportunities. Since its inception, the foundation has raised over \$35 million, funding continual updates to the facilities at Door County Medical Center and providing services to those most in need.

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