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## **Dosher Foundation announces \$2 million fundraising program**

SOUTHPORT—Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation kicked off a major gifts campaign today, recognizing more than 50 donors who already have donated a total of \$1.5 million. Organizers call the program, “Helping Hands for a Healthy Community.”

“Campaign committee members have been identifying and contacting potential donors for the past year, and the amount announced today is the result of their hard work,” Foundation Board Chair Barbara Boland says. “Thanks especially to Robert and Becky Howard for co-chairing the major gifts campaign.”

Former Southport Mayor Howard is a member of the Foundation Board and the Doshers Hospital Board of Trustees.

“Funds raised through our ‘Helping Hands’ campaign will assist the hospital with equipment, program and service needs,” Foundation President Lynda Stanley says. “Our community has a tremendous legacy of giving which started in 1928 that led to the opening of our hospital in 1930. It’s alive and well today, and we look forward to receiving many more donations from the public over the next year.”

Last month, the Foundation invited hospital employees to participate in a first-ever employee giving campaign as part of the Helping Hands initiative. Ninety percent of the staff agreed to do so, pledging more than \$50,000 toward the \$2 million fundraising goal.

“That’s an amazing amount from our small staff of 300, and the high percentage of participation places us in the top 13 percent of organizations nationally that conduct employee giving campaigns,” Hospital President Tom Siemers says.

Since formation of the Foundation in 2010 and prior to this campaign, \$800,000 had been gifted to the Foundation for health and medical service expansions and equipment at the hospital. The new major gifts campaign more than doubles that amount.

To make a donation, call the Foundation at 910-457-3850 or visit [Dosher.org/Foundation](http://Dosher.org/Foundation).

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**Posing in front of the new donor recognition wall in the Doshier Hospital lobby are Doshier Foundation Major Gifts Campaign Co-chairs Robert and Becky Howard, Foundation Member Dick Marshall, Doshier Hospital Board Chair Sherri Marshall, Hospital Board Member Jim White, and Hospital Board Secretary Dr. Scott Starks. The donor wall was designed by Partners In Recognition, Inc., Fort Loramie, Ohio.**