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Tragedy into Action: How OAR13 and Shore are Fighting Opioid Addiction Together

David Beyel, Kyle Evans, Ryan Scully, Jason Dugan, and Nick Canderan forged lifelong friendships as classmates, teammates, and playmates growing up in Upper Township. They were a part of a special group of boys raised by an equally special group of parents and coaches. All were top athletes at Ocean City High School, especially Kyle, one of the best soccer players in the country and Gatorade State Player of the Year. Each also went on to play collegiate sports, while maintaining their close friendships.

Tragically, their bond forever changed on November 1, 2017, when Kyle – who had been struggling with opioid addiction – passed away at age 30.

It was just days after the friends all celebrated Ryan's wedding.

Everyone was devastated to lose Kyle, whom they tried to help as best they could. He was one of far too many people they knew who were succumbing to addiction. As of 2024, they can name a dozen people that they attended high school with who have lost a battle with opioid addiction. They realized that addiction can get its claws into anyone, and the stigma and shortage of resources make battling addiction feel like an impossible feat.

Photo: On Friday, April 26, OAR13 held their 5th annual golf tournament in memory of Kyle Evans. Pictured left to right is members Ryan Scully, Jason Dugan, Maggie Davis, Lois Evans, Nikki Patrizzi, Nick Canderan & Dave Beyel.

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One of the projects OAR13 has helped fund at Shore is the purchase of new Omnicell XT medication storage cabinets with heightened medication security and greater diversion prevention. Dave is pictured with Shore Assistant Director of Pharmacy, Shannon Burke, PharmD, BCPS and the new medication cabinet in Shore's Endoscopy Unit.

"After Kyle's death, Nick, Jason, Ryan and I started the Kyle Evans Memorial Golf Tournament to raise money for a soccer scholarship in Kyle's name," Dave said. "And after an incredible community response, we connected with Shore Medical Center to brainstorm ideas on how we could help. We decided to take a new approach and attack a source of opioid addiction. OAR13 stands for Opioid Addiction Recovery and Kyle's soccer number. Since it was founded, we have donated \$25,000 in scholarships and \$60,000 to Shore Medical Center."

The Shore Connection

Dave has been connected to Shore Medical Center his entire life – he was born here; his father, David Beyel, Sr., has been on Shore's Board since Dave's birth; and his own children were born here. In fact, his four-year-old twins were born prematurely and spent six weeks in the Special Care Nursery,

where Dave and his wife Michelle really grew to appreciate the quality of care at Shore. Dave followed in his father's footsteps and began volunteering his time at Shore when his son was born seven years ago, and now serves on the Shore Health Enterprises Board.

"Shore was extremely receptive to working with us to help attack opioid addiction in a new way. Pharmacy leaders came up with several initiatives we could fund that would make a direct impact on the opioid problem right here in our community. Everyone at Shore was 100% on board and ready to partner with us to make an impact."

OAR13 funding has helped Shore acquire a new software system that leverages AI technology to audit its controlled substance administration, and new medication dispensing cabinets with heightened medication security and diversion prevention – among many other initiatives.

Shore Assistant Director of Pharmacy Shannon Burke, PharmD, BCPS, says that OAR13 has been an enormous help in their ongoing efforts to ensure opioids are only used when they are most needed. "With help from OAR13, from 2021 to 2023, we achieved a 7% decrease in the number of opioid doses administered to hospitalized patients, and an 8% decrease in the number of IV opioid doses administered."

Continuing the Legacy

In late 2022, Dave moved his family from Haddonfield to Ocean City, becoming the 4th generation to enter the family business. It's a move that positions him to be even more influential in his community and at Shore, just like his dad.

"My family has owned Boulevard Super Liquors in Marmora since 1938. The business allowed my father to spend a lot of time with us, while also making a difference in his community. My parents set a great example of how important it is to give back when you have the time and resources," Dave says. "I look forward to doing the same at Shore and in my community for many years."

"Becoming a father and quickly realizing how much we need all kinds of healthcare has been eye-opening," Dave continued. "Donating and supporting Shore Medical Center is one of the best ways you can give back to the community. And after getting involved, I can honestly say no matter the size of your gift, it matters. My message is 'don't be shy' – give Shore a call. They'd love to talk with you about ways you can help, should you want to give in any capacity." 🍀

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How Donations are Driving New Capital Projects and Improving Patient Care



The Renee Parker Monihan Specialty Treatment Room in the Emergency Department, slated to open in time for summer, will offer an enclosed, soundproof, and oversized treatment room equipped for critical pediatric medical situations. Pictured left to right is key members of the planning team: Brad Foltz, Director of Plant Operations and Maintenance; Sherri Richmond, MSN, RN, Director of Emergency Services; Dr. Roberta May, Shore ER Physician and President of the Medical Executive Committee; and Bob Robertson, Administrative Director of Logistics.

Shore Medical Center is undergoing remarkable transformations across its campus, with multiple significant capital projects slated for completion by year's end that will expand services and enhance patient care. As a Shore Medical Center supporter, your gifts are instrumental in helping us take action on significant projects like these when opportunities arise, enabling us to better serve our community.

Major Projects in the Emergency Department

Among these transformative initiatives is the Renee Parker Monihan Specialty Treatment Room in the Emergency Department, opening in time for summer. Funded by the Renee Parker

Monihan Foundation, this project honors the memory of a local family's beloved daughter and addresses a crucial need identified during a crisis moment.

Sherri Richmond, Director of Emergency Services at Shore, explains the room and its features. "Aligned with the Monihan family's vision, this expanded ER room is crafted to offer a soothing environment during pediatric emergencies, featuring specialized LED lighting, in-room storage for quick access to medical supplies, and glass sliding doors for privacy. Designed to efficiently accommodate larger medical teams while ensuring a calming experience for young patients and families, this space honors

Renee Parker Monihan's memory and significantly enhances our service to the community."

Another important upcoming project in the ER is the Adult Sensory-Friendly Program, generously funded by the Philadelphia Eagles Autism Foundation and an individual donor. Similar to Shore's existing sensory-friendly program in the Pediatric Care Center, this program will cater to adults on the autism spectrum, offering a specially designed and enclosed room with many sensory features to provide comfort and alleviate anxiety during medical treatment. This program is slated to launch later this summer.

Additionally, we will be transforming the 1 White section of the Emergency



The Ruth Newman Shapiro Cancer & Heart Fund recently presented Shore leaders with a \$50,000 gift to fund the construction of an additional patient exam room at Shore Cancer Center. Pictured (L to R) is Mary McGuckin, Shore Lightkeeper's Society Manager; Joanne Kenny, RNS Past President; Brian Cahill, Shore Director of Marketing; Susan Magee, RNS; David Hughes, Shore President; Roe Magliocco, RNS President; Pat McLaughlin, RNS Vice President; Andrea Moss, RNS; Bob Robertson, Shore Administrative Director of Logistics; Matt Piskun, PharmD, MBA, Shore VP of Ambulatory Services; Marcia Mancini, RNS. Seated: Martha Moskowitz (Past President) and Catherine Spagnuolo

Department into a negative pressure suite by the end of 2024. This project, partially funded by a \$550,000 grant from the FDA's COVID funds, will create 10 enclosed ER bays specifically designed to handle infectious patients, ensuring their isolation and effective treatment. These additional bays will also help us serve the community more efficiently during our peak seasons.

Pharmacy & Cancer Center Projects

Donor support is also funding essential upgrades at Shore such as the new pharmacy IV clean room, necessary to comply with the latest pharmacy safety codes for air exchange and filtration. This pre-fabricated room had to fit into our existing space, so our in-house facilities team carved out space from our store room to accommodate it.


At Shore Cancer Center, the Ruth Newman Shapiro Cancer and Heart Fund's recent \$50,000 donation will

create an additional patient exam room. Not only will this room help alleviate patient wait times, this addition will also provide a comfortable space to accommodate bone marrow biopsies, significantly improving the overall patient experience.

Ongoing Upgrades and Updates

Bob Robertson is the Administrative Director of Logistics at Shore Medical Center, overseeing these major projects, along with Brad Foltz, Director of Plant Operations and Maintenance. They know firsthand how important your gifts are to Shore. "That \$50 donation someone gave – that's the cost of a wall of sheetrock in one of these ER projects," Foltz says. "We are constantly investing donations back into the hospital so our staff can provide the best care possible and remain at the cutting edge of medicine, and we're grateful for every gift."

Robertson continued, "Keeping up a hospital with certain sections built as far back as the 1950s requires constant attention and maintenance. From modernizing decades-old elevators to completely refreshing each patient room throughout the hospital one by one, as we've been doing over the past two years, donor support helps make it all happen."

Looking ahead, Shore Medical Center is poised to tackle future challenges and opportunities with the same determination and dedication. With ongoing support from donors, the hospital will be well-equipped to meet the evolving needs of its community and remain a beacon of excellence in healthcare. As Robertson aptly concludes, "The community's support is not just an investment in our hospital; it's an investment in the health and well-being of everyone who lives here and visits our area. We thank all of our donors for joining us in *Caring Together* for our patients." 

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