



**Highland District Hospital Foundation**  
**Receives \$306,574 in Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Funding**

**September 11, 2017, Hillsboro, Ohio-** Cathy Jones, Highland District Hospital Foundation Director announced that the Foundation has been awarded a grant for \$306,574 from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The grant was utilized for the purchase of 14 cardiac monitors and supporting equipment for the newly renovated and expanded Emergency Department.

The Appalachian Regional Commission ([www.arc.gov](http://www.arc.gov)) is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation.

“We are pleased to work with the ARC to provide funding for the hospital to bring the latest in cardiac monitoring equipment availability at each patient bedside in the Emergency Department,” said Vicki Rhude, Foundation Chairman. Over the past 16 years, the Foundation has leveraged over \$1M of funding to secure equipment and enhance programs within Highland District Hospital.

Randy Lennartz, President and CEO said, “The purchase of the cardiac monitoring equipment will complement the skilled emergency department staff as they continue to provide a high level of care to the nearly 20,000 patients that present in our Emergency Department each year. We are grateful to the Foundation and the ARC for their investment in this project.” The expanded and renovated 9,300 square foot Emergency Department was much needed, and has been fully operational since April. It is expected to handle and treat a continually increasing number of patients over the coming years.

The Foundation is continuing their fund raising efforts of \$1.5 million for the GreatER Care Campaign. Currently the Foundation has successfully reached 82% of this goal. If you are interested in contributing to this project please contact Cathy Jones, Foundation Director at Highland District Hospital (937) 393-6360.