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MISSION TRIP MOVES ROTARIAN

By Carolyn Marnon

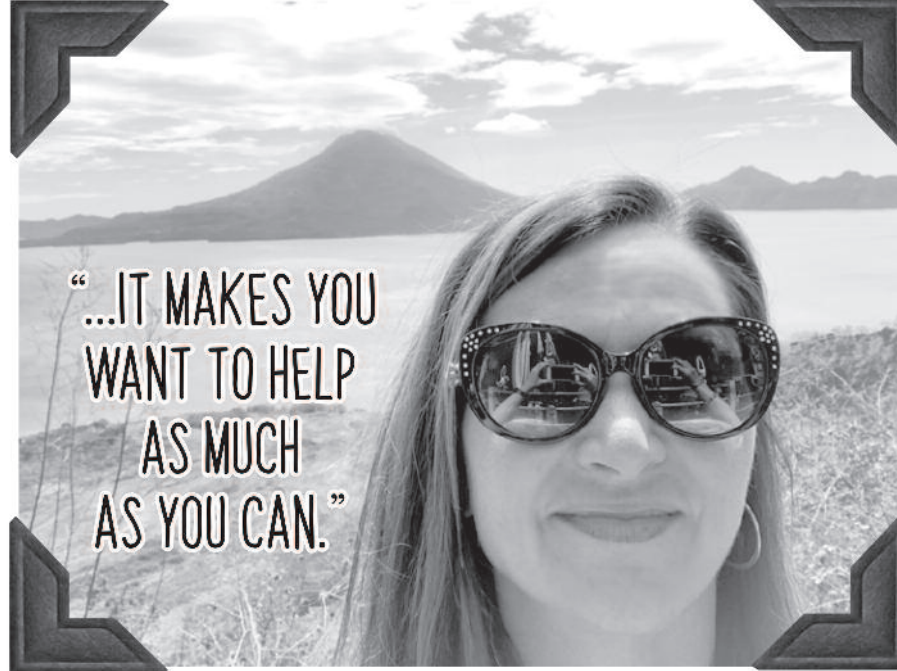
She lays the items out on her desk. A hand-stitched weaving. A piece of cloth that has extensive hand-stitching on it bought for approximately \$30 US dollars. An apron with hand-stitching on it to add to her apron collection. A beautiful hand-stitched table runner. A hand-beaded sunflower bracelet. A hand-beaded hummingbird dangle. She is dazzled by the handiwork of each item and how beautiful each item is. These are the treasures that Wayne Rotary member Trish Hampton brought back from her mission trip to Guatemala in February.

Trish, a sales representative at Mark Chevrolet in Wayne, says she has always wanted to do a mission trip. She was turning 50 in January and decided now was the time to make that special mission trip. With the Wayne Rotary Club sponsoring her trip, she turned a half-century on January 29 and was on a plane to Guatemala on February 1.

Why Guatemala? A network of Rotarians improving education for underserved students in Guatemala make up the Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP), the group that put together this particular mission trip. Trish says she was joined by about 22 other people who came from Michigan, California, Colorado and Florida, none of whom she knew.

GLP was formed when co-founder Joe Berninger's brother went to teach in Guatemala and found that the kids there didn't have any books. The GLP website shares that 90% of Guatemala's poor kids never graduate from high school, 79% of indigenous Guatemalans live in poverty, and 33% of indigenous adults cannot read or write. "Together, these factors virtually guarantee that the next generation will be no better off than the last." The website goes on to say that "Teachers in rural schools often lack formal training and the resources—such as books and computers—that they need to facilitate learning."

GLP finds people to sponsor students, classrooms, textbooks and other needs. Trish says that each year, families involved in GLP in Guatemala give \$1 for the textbook they use that year. By the time new textbooks are needed, GLP has ac-



rued the funds to provide a new book.

Trish was so impressed with what she learned and her entire trip that she has decided she wants to save her money to go on another trip next year. She explains that when you see all that she saw, it makes you want to help as much as you can.

When she arrived in Guatemala, she had to take a taxi from the airport to her destination. She shared her licorice with the driver who didn't speak English. She was flabbergasted when they pulled alongside a big truck with an open back end that held an assortment of cows, pigs and chickens. Not what you would see driving down the road in this area.

While visiting churches and schools, Trish was moved emotionally by several incidents. The first was a visit to a student. Trish's group had been invited to the student's home on a mountain. The bus dropped the group off at the base of the mountain. They had to hike up the mountain to get to the girl's home. She says they passed by corn crops, chickens running loose, and raspberry bushes on their way up. Once at the girl's home, they were welcomed by the family, who had laid out a large area with pine needles on the ground so their guest's shoes wouldn't get dirty since there was dirt everywhere else. Trish says they sat on 2 x 4s. The home was

made with cornstalks. The student's father had quit school at 3rd grade. Her mother had made it through 6th grade. When the father got sick, the student, who is in 6th grade now, had to go to work to make money for her family. The family didn't have beds. They slept on the floor. The GLP group brought them rollaway mattresses.

The son of this family also lived on the mountain. He picked tomatoes for a living. The families got their water at a ravine where there was a box around it. Trish was fairly confident the water was not clean. Members of the group had been told not to drink any water unless it was bottled water that was provided to them and to eat nothing that could not be peeled.

At the 5-6 schools the group visited, Trish says the students lined up to receive them "hootin' and hollerin' and clapping. They were so excited we were there." The kids performed ritual dances for the group. These included dances to make it rain and for crops to grow.

Before she left Wayne, Trish says members of the WMHS Interact Club, a part of Rotary for high school students, made bracelets for her to take and give out to the children. She also took stickers, bubbles, Rotarian soccer balls, and a polaroid camera to hand out pictures. At each school, the group gave a projector, books, soccer balls, pencils and erasers.

The other moment that moved Trish was when she was visiting a 3rd and 4th grade classroom. She gave out bubbles and stickers to the students. She says three little girls sat next to her and took turns reading to her. One girl could read well in Spanish while another one struggled, sounding out the words slowly. During this time, Trish says she closed her eyes, her mind went blank and then all she heard was the sound of children reading throughout the classroom. She realized because of GLP these kids were reading.

Trish recalled a visit to a church where many Guatemalans are old-school Catholic. She observed a woman who appeared to be about 70 years old praying on her knees. She would "walk" on her knees to the altar and then back away from it on her knees. Trish was told the woman was offering a sacrifice because a prayer had been answered for her.

On the last day in Guatemala, the group visited an upper class. Guatemalans are done with school at 6th grade when they then decide what they want to do for a living. They then start riding school buses, called chicken buses there, to different high schools based on what they want to do.

In downtown Guatemala, Trish observed that everyone dresses much the same as we do. It is in the rural areas where the dress is more traditional. In those areas, kids take turns bringing chalk to school to be used on the chalkboard.

There are many challenges for the people of rural Guatemala: dire poverty, the pressure to marry or have children at an early age, alcohol or abuse in homes, the gang culture, lack of family support and the belief that education is not worth investing in. Teachers have to be trained on how to use textbooks.

As a result of her mission trip, Trish has brought back information to share with the Wayne Rotary about sponsoring a child. Sponsors can email with the student, visit the student and help pay for books, mentors, psychologists, social workers, job skills and social justice workshops to give a student a step up and perhaps start reversing the trend so their family can get out of poverty for future generations.

Overcoming COVID-19 feeling stronger day by day

By Carolyn Marnon

It started with a really bad headache. Susan Powers thought the headache might be due to allergies. That didn't stop her from going next door to have corned beef and cabbage with her son and his wife for dinner. During dinner, her son mentioned he wasn't feeling well and complained that he couldn't taste the food. It was at that moment that Susan noticed she couldn't taste it either.

The next day, Susan woke up with a bad fever. She says she ached everywhere. Since she and her son had not yet gotten flu shots, the family thought they both just had the flu. With a 102 degree fever, Susan was also coughing, achy and felt exhausted.

She began emailing with her doctor about her symptoms. The next day, her doctor told her to go to Beaumont Dearborn where she was swabbed for COVID-19.

Her daughter-in-law then came down with the symptoms of the coronavirus. Although Susan, her son and daughter-in-law were all extremely sick, Susan was the only one who had a confirmed case. Due to her age, she was able to get the test while her son and daughter-in-law were not in a high-risk category to get swabbed. The confirmation came 11 days after she had been swabbed.

The whole time she suffered, she was using Tylenol and Mucinex to help relieve the symptoms. Her fever lasted four days. All of her joints ached. "I was just exhausted, and all I wanted to do was sleep. That must have been when my body was healing. I have not left the house since



Susan Powers

March 16," Susan says. The first week, Susan says she was so tired and sick. On the 12th or 13th day, she says she started to feel better. She was no longer having to take a nap all the time. She was no longer achy. She felt stronger and better every day, finally being able to go outside and walk along the river to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine.

She will soon be contacting the Red Cross. Her doctor has been in touch with the Red Cross who is possibly interested in using her blood antibodies. This is a new process that is being developed using the blood of someone who has already had the virus. Susan didn't know much more beyond that.

Although Susan was not hospitalized, she did have to watch her breathing. She said she was told that

most people who have to be hospitalized end up going in on Day 6 or 7 of the illness.

As a social worker for Starfish Family Services, Susan runs a teen parenthood program while working from home. She checks in with the young moms and reaches out via social media.

Susan says her lungs are healthy, she leads a healthy lifestyle and she tries to work out 3 days a week. Now, she says, "I really appreciate truly feeling healthy now. My family calls me an Energizer bunny."

Luckily, Susan's husband did not get sick from COVID-19. Although they live in the same house, he isolated himself from her.

The worst part of having COVID-19 was "being so tired and being a little bit afraid. You hear everything on the news, and I was so afraid. The fear of the unknown. I didn't anticipate being sick for so long. I was sick for at least 10 days. I couldn't do the

normal things."

A representative from the Michigan health department has called her to get her story. The rep told Susan that of the 200 people she has already spoken to that had the virus, Tylenol and Mucinex are what has really helped them all.

Although her daughter-in-law still has a bit of a cough and is still feeling rundown, Susan says "I can tell I'm feeling better because I'm looking at all these projects I want to do." She also says she hasn't had to take any Tylenol or Mucinex for the last three days.

Susan has no idea where any of them got the COVID-19. She also mentions that she didn't even know that not being able to taste food was a symptom that has been associated with it.

The Energizer bunny's batteries are being recharged. It won't be long before Susan is back in the community living life at full power.



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Beaumont encourages community to honor #HealthCareHeroes

To honor and recognize all the health care heroes working together to battle COVID-19, Beaumont Health is launching, "Home Beams for Health Care Teams."

Every evening at 8:00 p.m., families are encouraged to step outside their front door and shine a flashlight toward their nearest hospital (Beaumont Wayne on Annapolis) to show support for health care heroes across Southeast Michigan. Families are also encouraged to swap out their porch light with a blue lightbulb as a sign of support for health care heroes and first responders.

"This pandemic can feel isolating and dark. That's why we want to brighten the spirits of our health care heroes and also provide community members with opportunities to show support for our incredible health care workers," Beaumont Health Chief Nursing Officer Susan Grant said. "In addition to continu-

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ing to protect our staff and address their needs, we hope these kinds of activities will help reassure our team we're all in this together."

"Home Beams for Health Care Teams" is inspired by Beaumont's popular annual holiday tradition, "Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams," which invites families to gather outside Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak and shine flashlights to show support for pediatric patients spending the holidays in hospital.

Beaumont is also asking community members to post videos and pictures on social media of themselves participating in the event. Please tag Beaumont Health and use the hash-

tag: #HealthCareHeroes.

In addition to launching the "Home Beams for Health Care Teams" program, Beaumont also encourages the community to tie blue ribbons around their trees as a sign of support. Volunteers have already tied blue ribbons around trees at the health system's eight hospital campuses. Beaumont has also ordered Blue Ribbons to provide to people who donate supplies at designated drop-off locations.

Other ways to show your support for #HealthCareHeroes:

- Social media posts: Tag Beaumont Health and use the hashtag #HealthCareHeroes to share photos or videos of you and your family sharing well wishes for our health care team.

- E-greetings: Send an online greeting to the Beaumont team. Messages will be displayed online for team members to view.

- Facebook profile frame: Search for "Beaumont" in the frame tool in your profile photo options.

- Drawings and artwork: Draw a picture to thank the team for their bravery and dedication; email the artwork to Beaumont (socialmedia@beaumont.org) and it will be shared with our health care team and might also be shared online. You can also post your picture online, tag Beaumont Health and use the #HealthCareHeroes hashtag.

- Beau the Bear superhero coloring page: Print the picture, color it and display it in your window.

- Make a donation: A list of needed supplies and information about how to donate to Beaumont's COVID-19 fund is on Beaumont's website.

- Visit beaumont.org/heroes for more information about how to show your appreciation for #HealthCareHeroes.

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In person meetings and appointments were suspended at all City Departments on March 26th.

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We are all doing our best to continue serving the public under difficult circumstances. We appreciate your understanding.

Finance and Assessing

The department is suspending in-person appointments at this time. If there are any questions, please contact the Finance Department by email at:

Finance@cityofwayne.com or use any of the numbers below:

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Phone – Phone payments can be made by calling 800-272-9829 (jurisdiction code: 3259). There is a fee.

If you need further assistance please call 734-722-2000

Buildings and Engineering/Ordinance

Staff will continue to report, however, the Department is suspending in-person appointments at this time. If there are any concerns or questions, please contact Mike Buiten by email at mbuiten@cityofwayne.com or by phone at 734-728-9100.

Community Development and Planning

The department is suspending in-person appointments at this time. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Lori Gouin by email at lgouin@cityofwayne.com or by phone at 734-722-2002.

Department of Public Works

The Department operations have

changed significantly. The staff will only be available for emergency issues that are cited in the Governor's Executive Order until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Queen by email at equeen@cityofwayne.com or by phone at 734-721-8600. For weekend emergencies, please continue to call the Wayne Police Department non-emergency number at 734-721-1414.

City Clerk's Office

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City Manager

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Sometimes marriage comes sooner and later

By Carolyn Marnon

There was going to be a huge wedding at the church in Warren, Michigan where Wayne resident Ashley Herald's father is the pastor. There would be all the pomp and circumstance that comes with a dream wedding. The flowers, the decorations, the bridal party, the bride in a white dress walking down the aisle escorted by her father, all the people who loved her and her husband-to-be in attendance and then the big party afterward. It was the moment the young couple had been looking forward to for a year.

Ashley Herald and Brad Hinken met when they were 16 years old at a campground in Wixom. Brad was camping there when a mutual friend brought Ashley along. Brad says Ashley likes to tell the story that she was interested in him at the time, but that he was a stupid teenage boy who was into other things.

Forward to September 2018. Brad and Ashley had been friends on social media. Brad was bored one Friday night and messaged Ashley. They ended up staying up all night messaging and talking. "She's been putting up with me literally every day since," laughs Brad.

On March 29, 2019, Brad and Ashley became engaged. They started planning their dream wedding with no idea of the pandemic that was to come the following year. They chose March 28, 2020 as their wedding date.

Brad works at The Henry Ford as an exhibit specialist working with permanent and temporary installations. Ashley is an inpatient clerk at University of Michigan hospital working in the bone marrow transplant



Ashley and Brad Hinken

area. While the nation, and the world, is dealing with the spread of COVID-19, health care workers are on the front lines, risking exposure every day. "She's been holding up pretty good," says Brad. He says about a week before their scheduled wedding, Ashley came in close proximity to a confirmed COVID-19 patient. She had to be tested. Luckily, she is COVID-19 negative.

Those were unsettling days before the wedding. As much as Brad and Ashley wanted to have the big

dream wedding, they also knew now was not the time. However, they still wanted to get married. On Saturday, March 28, the two lovebirds gathered with their immediate families at Hill Crest Bible Church in Wayne where Pastor Seth McDonald performed the wedding nuptials. It was a simple wedding, Ashley didn't wear her white wedding dress. Brad didn't wear his suit. There was no unity sand and no decorations. The post-wedding meal consisted of pulled chicken sandwiches, coleslaw, bags

of chips and cans of pop.

The couple is celebrating their honeymoon at home, not at the air bnb in Traverse City as planned. They're just hanging out together. Ashley has been home from work for the honeymoon. She is a little nervous to go back to work next week, especially since she also suffers from asthma.

Although the wedding was not what they originally had planned, they are not letting that get their spirits down. They have postponed the big wedding with all the works for August 22. That is the day Ashley will walk down the aisle on the arm of her father while wearing her white wedding dress. Brad will see her in that dress for the first time as will all their beloved guests. "We have so many people in our lives we are blessed to know and be around," said Brad. "We're 'people' people."

And what happens if the COVID-19 pandemic has not passed by that time? There is no back up plan. "We're the type of people that just roll with it," says Ashley. In regards to the original wedding plans being affected, she says "At first we were kind of sad, but we just figured out another plan." Brad adds "We want them (the guests) to all be safe, of course."

Brad finished the conversation by adding "What an awesome story this is going to be. How much fun to tell our kids and grandkids about this. The whole experience was not what we had planned."

It may not be what they had planned for their official wedding day, but the couple is now united in holy matrimony and can start their own happily ever after.

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Ideas on things to do at home

By Carolyn Marnon

You are stuck at home. You may be stuck with just your spouse. Maybe you are stuck with just your children. Oh no!!!! Maybe you are stuck with a spouse AND children. You could just be stuck at home all alone. Now that you may have gotten all those things done that you never seemed to have time to do, what is next? What do you do now?

You could certainly curl up on the couch and read a book or two or twenty. Did you set a goal this year to read a certain number of books? This might be the time to get them all read! If you have children, it might be helpful to designate a certain time frame during the day where everyone grabs a book (magazine, comic book, graphic novel) and reads.

You might have finished watching all those shows you had saved on your TV. You might have already binge-watched all those shows that people are currently talking about -- Tiger King on Netflix seems to be coming up in lots of conversations. There is also HBO's Game of Thrones and Amazon Prime's Fleabag. Let's not forget some favorite shows like Friends, Parks and Rec, The Office, and other happy uplifting comedies.

Some people have taken to cooking more. They can try out those recipes they've been saving for the right occasion. This works if you have the ingredients in your kitchen or are able to "safely" pick up gro-

ceries. It's harder to do if you are constrained by budgetary concerns or have a higher-risk health condition that keeps you out of the stores. This just might be the time to get creative and see what you can make with the items you already have in the home.

You can also use this time to catch up on sleep. It would be wonderful if our dedicated health care workers, truck drivers, grocery store employees and others who are in critical job positions could get the sleep they want (and need). Remember when you thought it would be nice to take a nap in the middle of the afternoon? Now you can probably do it! Unless you have young kids at home. For some reason, they just don't see the usefulness of a nap during the day.

So you've read all the books, saw all the TV shows and movies, cooked and baked until your clothes feel snug (because of course you ate everything you made) and you just can't take another nap. What do you do now?

There has got to be something you can do with all those toilet paper rolls you have now accumulated. You could put them upright in a small box, fill them with dirt and plant seeds in them. After they sprout and there is no threat of frost, you can just dig a hole in your garden and plant them, toilet roll and all. There's probably a home-schooling lesson in doing that. You could also turn them into party poppers. Per-

haps put a candy, small toy or even a "coupon" for the kids to use and then wrap them up. Place them in a basket and let the kids choose one per day or once per week.

If you have kids, you can gather any empty boxes you have lying around. You could even add in the toilet paper rolls. Give the kids some markers and tape and see what they can create.

Whether you have kids or not, why not have a picnic in your living room? Pack a picnic basket with fried chicken or sandwiches and all the fixings. Don't forget the drinks! Put a blanket on the living room floor, read a book, watch a movie or just sit and chat (but it might be best if you only chat if you have someone dining with you). If you have kids, perhaps consider letting them choose where to hold the picnic in the house.

How else can you spend your time? Remember a time when you wanted to do something but you never had the time? Maybe now you do have that time. Do it.

There are lots of ideas:

- Learn some yoga pose.
- Look at and label old photos and maybe even get them in a photo album.
- Start a gratitude journal listing all the things you are grateful for each day.
- Write old-fashioned letters and cards. Kids could have fun with this as they would be practicing their writing skills. Decorating the en-

velopes with markers or stickers might constitute art. They might even find it fun if they got a decorated letter in the mail addressed in their name from a friend or loved one.

- Have afternoon tea and if you are so inclined, wear a crown or tiara.

- Learn the favorite recipes of your family members and create a family cookbook. This could become an heirloom to pass down to future generations.

- Learn a new hobby. If you have a computer, there are many free lessons on painting, drawing, jewelry making, graphic design, hand lettering (might be good for kids to practice writing skills in a new way), quilting, woodworking, etc.

- Learn some new computer skills -- Many people are learning how to use Zoom (a video conferencing software) to communicate. I remember when ZOOM meant "Come on give it a try/We're gonna show you why/We're gonna teach you to fly high/Come on and Zoom! Come on and Zoom Zoom!" The lyrics of that 1970s TV show really seem to have been onto something. Maybe you have wanted to learn to Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok, YouTube, Snap Chat or whatever else your children or grandchildren are doing on social media. Now just might be the time to learn. Whatever you choose to do to pass this time, please stay home and stay safe. Not just for your safety, but for the safety of all of us!

Free breakfast and lunch for children

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has been providing access to free breakfast and lunch for all students up to 18 years old and students age 18-26 in the adult transitional program. Families are welcome to pick up meals on the scheduled Monday dates. A 5-day supply of breakfast and lunch has been handed out in the 3 previous weeks.

Meal pick up time has been 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland. This has been a drive-thru distribution. Students do not need to be present for fami-



Wayne-Westland Community Schools drive-thru food distributions passed out over 2,200 breakfasts and 2,200 lunches to children at John Glenn High School.

lies to obtain meals.

Please contact the school district

or visit their website for any recent updates and new distribution dates.

NOTE: If meals are available, you will enter at the driveway on the west end of the Board of Education office on Marquette. The main entrance at John Glenn High School will be closed. The line will wrap around behind the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and up to the front entrance of John Glenn High School. Volunteers will bring the food to the vehicle. Meals distributed will follow USDA reimbursable meal guidelines.

Additional food resources can be found at www.pantrynet.org or <https://www.resa.net/community/feeding> where families can search by zip code and distance.

National Guard being deployed to Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong recently announced that the National Guard is being deployed to Wayne to assist hospitals and give them the resources they need. "There's no martial law or any foolishness like that," Chief Strong said in a video on the Wayne Police Department's Facebook page. "Unless you need to go out and get medical care, or get some groceries, please stay home," he urged. "If you go out to get some exercise, stay 6 feet away from people. Stay off play structures. These are the steps we need to take to keep everyone safe. As far as city operations, you know your best bet is to call ahead."

According to a statement from Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the National Guard will perform humanitarian missions across the state, including helping run mobile screening facilities, distributing food and medical supplies, disinfecting public spaces, and supporting public safety when required.

"This is good news for Michiganders everywhere who are worried about COVID-19's impact on their community," Whitmer said in a statement. "Now, our dedicated National

Guardsmen and women can help ensure access to meals for families who need them, or medical supplies for our health care professionals. They'll help us get Michiganders tested and keep our public places clean. I'm happy that the federal government granted this request and will continue to work closely with them as we slow the spread of COVID-19 together."

Chief Strong acknowledged that "people aren't taking this seriously." He asks that everyone follow Governor Whitmer's executive order to "STAY HOME, STAY SAFE." He implored everyone "please do not leave the house."

Dr. Deborah Birx, coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, is warning Americans NOT to go to the grocery store or pharmacy unless it is essential. Detroit, New York City and Louisiana and their bedroom communities are the most hard-hit areas right now. Detroit is still on the upside of the mortality curve. Predictions are that it will peak in 6-7 days. Maintain the 6-foot away distancing, continue to thoroughly wash your hands frequently and stay home.

Due to the closure of the Emergency room at Beaumont Wayne below is a list of closest area hospitals with Emergency Rooms if you need emergency medical help.

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- Phone: (313) 295-5000
- Website: beaumont.org
- Hours: Open 24 hours

Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn

- Address: 18101 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48124
- Phone: (313) 593-7000
- Website: beaumont.org
- Hours: Open 24 hours (OB patients to go to Beaumont Dearborn)

Beaumont Medical Center - Canton

- Address: 7300 N Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48187
- Phone: (734) 454-8001
- Website: beaumont.org
- Hours: Closed • Opens Mon 8 a.m.

Garden City Hospital

- Address: 6245 Inkster Rd, Garden City, MI 48135
- Phone: (734) 458-3300
- Website: gch.org

St. Mary Mercy Livonia Hospital

- Address: 36475 5 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154
- Phone: (734) 655-4800
- Website: stmarymercy.org
- Hours: Open 24 hours

St Joseph Mercy Hospital

- Address: 5301 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48106
- Phone: (734) 712-3456
- Website: stjoeshealth.org
- University of Michigan Hospitals
- Address: 1500 E Medical Center Dr Ste F68, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
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- Website: med.umich.edu

If you are a veteran :

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- 800-361-8387 | 734-769-7100

Police Department name officer of the year



By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne Police Department reports that Officer Michael Bolton has been selected as the 2019 Police Officer of the Year. Officer Bolton was nominated by his peers. He was nominated and selected for his tremendous work ethic. He is a role model for younger officers. Outstanding arrests last year include a home invasion suspect and a suspect involved in a very serious assault. Officer Bolton will be presented with the award when the health crisis has abated and it is safe to resume city council meetings.

"I am very honored to have been selected as the Wayne Police Department's 2019 Police Officer of the Year," Officer Bolton said. "There were many qualified nominees, and I am very humbled to have been selected by my peers. I look forward to continuing to work together with the citizens of Wayne to work toward the development and growth of our community."

To Officer Bolton also commented on how COVID-19 is affecting him as a first responder. "The COVID-19 pandemic has created a sense of fear among our officers. I worry for the safety and the lives of all my coworkers as we are constantly subjected to the unknown. Nobody wants to be a statistic, but unfortunately for our job, we can't

walk away from it. That's why our department and Chief Strong support Governor Whitmer's order to STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, and SAVE LIVES." The Awards Committee that chose Officer Bolton has also voted on several other awards related to specific incidents. The WPD will share those awards in the coming weeks.

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