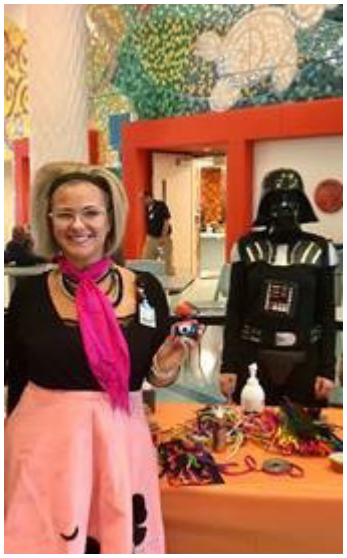
TOGETHER WE GIVE
Spectrum Health Employee Giving

Difference Maker: Erika Makarewicz

Job Title: Administrative Assistant – Supporting the Laboratory

How long have you worked at Spectrum: 8.5 years

Your Spectrum Health Why: I believe being one of the largest employers in West Michigan provides our health system to do exactly what our mission, vision and values encourage.



Why do you give: One thing I value in the Spectrum Health Foundation is the many ways our employees can support them: you can volunteer your time, goods, services and/or monetary donations. With these options our Foundation is able to support our health system, patients, employees and all the communities we serve.

How have you seen philanthropy support your team or department: The Spectrum Health Advanced Technology Lab has received foundation funds and support through purchasing testing equipment and supplies to expand in house testing to our patients—specifically around oncology and pediatric care. Performing these tests at Spectrum Health improves result turnaround times and in turn contributes to our mission of improving health, inspiring hope and saving lives.

How do you create or inspire employee engagement around philanthropy at Spectrum Health within your department:

I can't pick one, so here are my top three:

- A greatest hit was our Lab Week Bake Off. This was a great way to raise money for the Foundation and engage and celebrate our lab team. $5 for a plate FULL of yummy desserts and a voting ballot. The dessert with the most votes was able to choose which allocation received our donation and a small gift from our Leadership team.
- "I am grateful for.." - Staff were able to share what they were thankful for by adding tags to the logo I made out of construction paper in our welcome area. This was a quick fun way to engage employees and visitors and have paper donation forms available too!
- HDVCH School Supply Drive – each fall we collect school supplies for HDVCH School Services. This started as a project to spread awareness about programs we offer to our patients.