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# THE BON SECOURS CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to introduce our latest initiative — The Critical Care Transport Campaign. With your unwavering support, we are embarking on a journey to bring lifesaving care directly to those who need it most.

In partnership with our dedicated medical professionals, we're adding a new Critical Care Transport vehicle (CCT) equipped to deliver advanced medical care in critical situations. This campaign represents our commitment to ensuring every individual receives the highest level of care, regardless of location or circumstances. Your generosity and compassion will make this vision a reality. Join us as we embark on this lifesaving journey together!

*Ann Carpin*

— Ann Carpin

President, Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation



## Join us on a journey that is not just about miles traveled, but lives saved.

At Bon Secours, our commitment to providing exceptional care knows no limit. Today, we are embarking on a new mission to grow our Critical Care Transport fleet. We invite you to be a part of this vital initiative.

### Why a new vehicle matters:

Since 2008, the Bon Secours Richmond Critical Care Transport Services team has served critically ill patients and their families throughout Richmond and neighboring communities. Every minute counts in critical situations. Time can mean a different outcome for a cardiac or stroke patient, a high risk pregnancy, or for a neonatal or pediatric intensive care patient. Our current fleet has served us well, but as technology evolves and our service footprint expands, so must our resources. A new Critical Care Transport vehicle will offer advanced medical equipment, enhanced safety features and increased capacity to accommodate a wider range of patient needs. With your support, we can ensure that our patients receive the highest level of care from the moment they leave their doorstep.

### What does the care delivery look like:

Bon Secours Critical Care Transport Services provide for the most rapid, most integrated transport of high-risk patients to our specialists. Patient recovery significantly improves with physician involvement that begins the moment the patient starts their travel with the Critical Care Transport team. This service, with its specialized rapid response team and equipment, provides the best model of remote critical care intervention for our sickest patients across a wide range of illnesses and crises. Depending on the medical situation, patients receive specialized care from a multidisciplinary team serving specific patient needs — four total providers at one time. The Critical Transport team remains in constant communication with the emergency physicians and nurses at the receiving hospital. This unique combination of a versatile transport vehicle and a specialized care team is on call 24/7, traveling up to one hundred miles to care for our sickest patients. Imagine the difference a new Critical Care Transport could make for your neighbor, friend or loved one in need.

### Compelling facts:

- A multi vehicle operation allows the team to reach more patients.
- This is not just an ambulance. This configuration is a mobile intensive care unit on wheels.
- The truck has extensive medications available to meet a patients needs.
- Continuous maternal fetal monitoring provides real time assessment of fetal health.
- Increased vehicle size means more storage capacity, allowing medical equipment to remain on board, thus increasing the team's ability to respond quickly.

St. Mary's Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary fundraising, Sister May Monica Good Samaritan Fund, and Gift Shop proceeds are all intended to help the underserved patients in the greater Richmond community. Many hours of volunteer time go into these efforts. How better to provide for patients in need than offering a challenge gift of \$300,000 to support and inspire giving for a new Critical Care Transport vehicle.

— Joe Nartowicz  
President,  
St. Mary's Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary

### Vehicle details:

Regular ambulances typically have emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or paramedics on board who are trained to provide basic and advanced life support. In contrast, Critical Care Transport vehicles are staffed with highly trained health care professionals such as paramedics, registered nurses and respiratory therapists who have advanced training in critical care transport. The size and scope of the vehicle allows for this advanced team. Critical Care Transports are equipped with specialized medical equipment that goes beyond what is typically found in a regular ambulance. Critical Care Transports are designed to transport patients who require a higher level of care than what can be provided in a regular ambulance. The more advanced vehicles improve patient outcomes, expand access to specialized care and transport patients over longer distances more efficiently.

### Medical equipment on board:

- Defibrillator
- Temperature controlled pharmacy cabinet
- Specialized monitors for cardiac, oxygen, airway and blood pressure
- Transcutaneous and external pacemakers
- Mechanical ventilator
- Specialized pediatric size equipment
- Maternal fetal monitor
- Ultrasound
- Specialty gases
- Neonatal isolette
- IV pumps
- Space to accommodate advanced life care devices for cardiac patients (cardiac balloon pump, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), impella pump)



When a sick infant is born in our community, or a critically ill child presents to an emergency department, a standard ambulance is not enough. These special patients require a mobile ICU that can provide the specialized care required by our smallest of patients. These mobile ICUs must be immediately available and maintained with specialized equipment to provide the lifesaving support that we want all children in our community to receive.

— Ann Heerens, MD MBA CPE  
Neonatal Intensive Care Medical Director, Bon Secours Richmond

The Bon Secours Critical Care Transport team is a mobile ICU team serving the sickest adult and pediatric patients. They care for the most complex and sick adult and pediatric patients sometimes outside the scope of practice for a paramedic such as those adult patients on cardiac bypass machines or advanced ventilators between facilities. The team members' training includes advanced airway skills and an array of other skills and medications not standard for EMS. They also have direct access to the inpatient specialists for medical advice so that the patient receives the best care possible and has the best possible outcome. All adults and children deserve this expert level of care.

— Dr. Randy Geldreich  
Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Department and Critical Transport Medical Director

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Mary's Volunteer Auxiliary, a challenge gift of \$300,000 will match every dollar up to \$300,000 in support of the Critical Care Transport Campaign.

**Our goal** is to raise \$650,000 to fully fund the acquisition and outfitting of a NEW Critical Care Transport vehicle, ensuring that we can provide advanced medical care to those in critical need.

## Ways to support

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal. Your donation directly impacts our ability to provide life-saving care to those who need it most.

To donate online, visit [givebsmh.org/Richmond](https://givebsmh.org/Richmond).



To donate by check, please mail to:

**The Critical Care Transport Campaign**  
**Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation**

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A gift to Critical Care Transport Services is a commitment to those for whom minutes provide hope — lifesaving hope, which you can take great pride in supporting.

