

The Scholarship Committee is dedicated to establishing a \$30,000 endowment in Sarah's honor and to date, we have successfully raised two-thirds of the funds needed to achieve this goal. Funding will support our ongoing commitment to honoring Sarah's legacy by presenting scholarships annually to Franklin County applicants who best exemplify her dedication and commitment to health care for all.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Dr. Sarah A. Kemble Memorial Scholarship Fund, please make your check payable to:

**Sarah Kemble Scholarship Fund
c/o Greenfield Savings Bank
Main Street
Greenfield, MA 01301**

(This is a tax-deductible charitable donation)

We will send you a confirmation of your donation

**Thank you on Behalf of
the Scholarship Committee**

Dr. Sarah A. Kemble Memorial Scholarship



"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

Albert Schweitzer

Sarah Kemble, MD, MPH, died of cancer at her home on December 13, 2017. She was 59 years old. Her life was committed to social justice and the development of quality health services for underserved children, adults and families in rural Franklin County where she lived. Health care is a right, not a privilege.

Sarah worked tirelessly with a grassroots committee to establish the Community Health Center of Franklin County in 1995 in Turners Falls, MA. She served in numerous health center roles including Executive Director, Medical Director and Primary Care Physician until 2011. During her tenure, Sarah spearheaded the opening of a second site in November of 2006, the Desmond Callan Health Center in Orange and two school-based clinics at the Mohawk and Pioneer Regional High Schools. In 2018, the health center moved to a new site in downtown Greenfield. Both health centers offer primary health and dental care, behavioral health care, nutrition, transportation, and outreach services.



Dr. Kemble wore many hats and will be remembered as a leader, advocate, activist, educator, mentor, and clinician. She found time to participate on many New England regional and local health care organizations. Her public service was far-reaching. In 2011, she testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Primary Care and Aging hearing titled "Is Poverty a Death Sentence?".

In 2014, as Chief Medical Officer for the VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System in Northampton, she observed what she believed were "systemic dangerous practices" resulting in inferior care for veterans. It was her final wish to complete a 23-page affidavit documenting her clinical experiences at the facility. She died five days after the release of the report. Both WCVB-TV (Boston) and WWLP (Chicopee) investigative teams, as well as local newspapers, followed the story of the investigation of the Northampton facility by the VA Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection in Washington, D.C.



In 2018, the Community Health Center of Franklin County established the "Dr. Sarah A. Kemble Memorial Scholarship." Each year, in honor of Dr. Kemble's legacy, the scholarship committee will award three scholarships to promising high school seniors and veterans who are pursuing careers in health care.

2018 Scholarship Recipients

- EL graduated from the Pioneer Valley High School. She is attending Elms College in Chicopee and plans to pursue a career in nursing.
- BC is currently attending Fitchburg State University. A graduate of Mohawk Regional High School, she is studying pediatric nursing.
- EH graduated from Greenfield High School and is studying biomedical engineering at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Her goal is to pursue a career in medicine.

2019 Scholarship Recipients

- JH, a graduate of Mohawk Regional High School. He is studying nursing at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.
- AB graduated from Mahar Regional High School. She is attending Worcester State University to pursue her dream of becoming a neonatal nurse.
- NF graduated from Mohawk Regional High School and is enrolled in the Health Sciences Program at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She plans to continue her studies in medicine.