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Endowment established for Hospice of Salina

A new endowment established with the Salina Regional Health Foundation for Hospice of Salina will help strengthen the not-for-profit organization so many in the community have come to lean on when life's end is near. Patients who have a terminal illness can be referred to hospice for nursing services, medications and equipment suitable for their care needs.

Hospice of Salina provides services to address all symptoms of a disease, with a special emphasis on controlling patient pain and discomfort while understanding the psychological and spiritual end of life needs are just as significant.

No one is ever denied Hospice of Salina services based on ability to pay. While Medicare, Medicaid and some private health insurances provide coverage for hospice care, many times patients are simply unable to pay.

As an endowment, only gain earned from principal gifts is ever used to support future programing, which allows bequests to strengthen and grow over time.

"This endowment is important for the future of Hospice of Salina," says Todd Davidson, Chair of the Hospice of Salina Board of Directors. "It uses the strengths and recognition of the hospital Foundation to allow those who would like to give a legacy gift that option. As a non-profit organization, it's sometimes difficult to have operating revenue cover expenses and this endowment will help secure the organization's future."

Contact the Foundation for more information on this gift giving opportunity by calling (785) 452-6088.



The Kaye Pogue Hospice Center provides state-of-the-art care for those with terminal illness and are no longer able to stay at home.

Service Auxiliary earns KHA Gold Award



The Salina Regional Service Auxiliary earned the Gold Award from the Kansas Hospital Association in November for its efforts to enhance hospital services and support health care education scholarships. In 2009 more than \$65,000 was raised for various projects as a result of the group's efforts.

Tom Martin and
Jeannette Wooster
accept the KHA
Gold Award.

"It's a nice honor that we've received annually for as long as anyone can remember," Auxiliary president Jeannette Wooster said. "It's something we strive for each year."

Activities increase breast cancer awareness, local support

A large number of events during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October helped increase local awareness for the disease and support for victims undergoing treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

Salina Downtown hosted the Avon Army of Women March and enlistment for women willing to participate in future research and sponsored an Art Bra Contest with proceeds going to the Cancer Center. Fast Focus hosted a Pink Bra Picture promotion, Rocking M Radio promoted “Save the Racks” billiard and “Flop’em While They’re Hot” poker tournaments - all of which raised funds for breast cancer treatment at the Cancer Center.

For the second year, Long-McArthur Ford sponsored a ladies night out at the dealership and made a \$10,000 donation to the Cancer Center after meeting its goal for vehicle sales during the month. Long-McArthur salesmen also agreed to shave their heads for reaching the goal.

The Cancer Center also held its annual Breast Cancer Forum at the Ramada Inn Hotel & Conference Center. There, women heard from a local breast cancer survivor and local physicians about the latest early detection tests and treatments available to fight the disease.

“Every year more and more people step forward to get involved in increasing local breast cancer awareness and support,” says Linda Hinnenkamp, cancer outreach coordinator. “It really gives you a sense for the emotional impact this disease has on the community.”



ABOVE: Attendees of the annual Breast Cancer Forum learn how digital mammography can be superior to film studies. LEFT: Participants created entries for the Art Bra Contest after the Avon Army of Women March in downtown Salina.



Memorial enhances aesthetics of cafeteria

Four large landscape photographs now grace the walls of the cafeteria in the new patient tower made possible by memorial contributions through Larry and



Many have been captivated by the memorial prints donated by Larry and Barbara Marshall located in the new cafeteria of the hospital.

Barbara Marshall in memory of Lee and Myrna Marshall and Ward and Bertha Marshall, Larry's parents and grandparents. The prints feature the photographic work of Gary Haines, a Colorado based artist who specializes in outdoor photography. Three prints feature scenes from Arches National Park and the Canyonlands near Moab, Utah, while a fourth, dedicated to Delano and Madelene Pinkham, features a vibrant mountainscape of the San Juan Mountains.

“We’ve wanted to do something at the hospital for quite some time and when the new tower was completed this opportunity presented itself,” said Larry Marshall who has visited all of these places along with his wife. “I like to collect art, especially western and southwestern themes and we picked these prints for their simplicity and the fact that you can easily appreciate them – even from long distances away.”

Memorial gifts directed to the Foundation are a fitting way to remember a loved one. Contact the Foundation by calling (785) 452-6088 for more information.

Foundation Philanthropists



Karlle Koelling (L) and Jordan Pieschl (R) presented the Tammy Walker Cancer Center with a \$650 check from the proceeds raised at an Ell-Saline High School rummage sale. Twenty-five students worked to gather items for the sale, which was held to raise funds to assist local breast cancer awareness and treatment efforts.



Participants in the sixth annual Carl Willis Memorial Golf Tournament raised more than \$5,000 for the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. Carl was an avid golfer who enjoyed playing in memorial golf tournaments. Since his death from cancer in 2004 his family and friends have held the annual event in his honor at the Salina Municipal Golf Course.



Don Lamb and Sarah Benoit were among several Sunflower Bank employees who delivered Christmas trees to patients in the hospital to brighten their mood for the holidays. Sunflower Bank has made an annual tradition of delivering the trees just before Christmas time and employees enjoy hand decorating the trees in preparation for the event.

Salina Child Care anxiously anticipates Children's Center



Salina Child Care will be able to provide all of its services at one location when the Donna L. Vanier Children's Center opens.

The Salina Child Care Association currently provides care for about 80 children ages 2 weeks to 10 years split between two separate locations. As one of three organizations that will call the new Donna L. Vanier Children's Center home, the program is looking forward to when it will be able to combine all of its services at one location and increase available slots to serve more families in Salina.

The new Children's Center will allow Salina Child Care to expand its offering to serve about 120 children, which will help ease the lengthy waiting list for the precious few slots available.

The "Every Child Matters" capital campaign has already secured more than \$4.5 million for the \$6 million project. Contact the Foundation by calling (785) 452-6088 to find out how you can support the campaign to make the Donna L. Children's Center a reality.

Kansas Wesleyan Soccer auctions jerseys for breast cancer

Sabrina Albarran, a senior in nursing and a midfielder on the Kansas Wesleyan soccer team from California, has seen the impact breast cancer had on a friend and always wanted to do something to help those fighting the disease. So, in October when the team played Sterling, she and her teammates had special jerseys with pink trim made, to be worn and auctioned off in support of breast cancer treatment and education at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. The jerseys brought bids ranging from \$20 to \$150 from those who attended the game.

"We wanted the money we raised to help people locally, so that's why we chose to designate it to the Cancer Center," Albarran said.



KWU senior Sabrina Albarran against Sterling. (Photo courtesy Max Iselin Photography)

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Greetings and God's Blessing:

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church have selected your organization to be the recipient of our annual contribution to a cause we consider to be of great service to others. Only those who have need of accommodations at the Morrison House can truly appreciate what it means to have a wonderful, well maintained place to stay when a loved one is hospitalized.

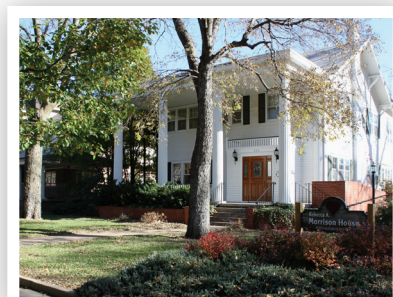
Three of our ladies were given the opportunity to tour your facility. What a peaceful, beautiful place.

Our intention is to make a yearly contribution. However, the amount of the contribution will vary. This gift represents a portion of the proceeds from a drawing for a quilt made and quilted by three women. We are thankful for their dedication and talent.

Please know that we appreciate the service you provide and wish you continued success in your endeavor to provide lodging for those needing to be close to the hospital.

Grace and Peace,

*Women of Zion Lutheran Church
Hanover, Kansas*



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