



*Complete the Dream...
Continue the Vision*

CLARA BARTON HOSPITAL AND FOUNDATION PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Hoisington Lutheran Hospital was erected in 1950 by the Lutheran Hospital Association to provide medical services to Central Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Hospital was dedicated on February 19, 1950; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the hospital's name was changed to Clara Barton Hospital as ownership transitioned to a non-profit organization and the management shifted to a local board of directors that was focused on improving medical access and capacity in our region; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Clara Barton Foundation was created to help finance and support the hospital and held its first meeting on July 10, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Clara Barton Foundation has played a huge role in the growth of the hospital and the recent 5,577 square foot addition that resulted from a \$1.4 million investment in our community; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the new board and foundation, Clara Barton Hospital currently employs 10 active medical staff and more than 200 people in and around Hoisington; and

WHEREAS, these jobs and the families they support are a huge piece of the Hoisington economy and Clara Barton's staff help to keep our community safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Clara Barton Hospital has experienced continued growth over the years and is known as an excellent regional healthcare facility that is recognized as a Level IV Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, this success would not be feasible without excellent leadership, a dedicated staff, committed volunteers, faithful board and foundation members and a supportive community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoisington and everyone in this region is fortunate to have a facility like Clara Barton Hospital in their region along with a committed foundation that is helping to continue the vision of those that initially built a hospital in Hoisington; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Clayton Williamson, the Mayor of the City of Hoisington, do hereby commend everyone that has played a role in Clara Barton Hospital's 65 years of service to our community. I am proud of the Clara Barton Foundation's 25 years of successful advocacy and fundraising for Clara Barton Hospital and am proud to proclaim July 10, 2015 as Clara Barton Hospital and Foundation Day in the City of Hoisington, and I urge all citizens to celebrate the efforts of the finest medical facility in Barton County; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to show appreciation to the valuable partners that promote the well-being of our community and region.

DATED this 22nd day of June, 2015.

signed, Donita Crutcher
Donita Crutcher, City Clerk

signed, Clayton Williamson
Clayton Williamson, Mayor

Clara Barton announces Blackwell to take CEO position



In a unanimous decision on Tuesday, April 21, the Board of Directors of Clara Barton Hospital expressed confidence in Jim Blackwell, promoting him to President and CEO of the Hoisington hospital.

Taking on this role is not a first for Blackwell, who served as interim CEO in 2006 and has been performing admirably in the role since January of this year. "Not many have proven their love for our facility like Jim," stated Troy Bailey, chairman of the board. "He has the experience, the values, and the reliability that Clara Barton needs to be able to continue to grow."

Blackwell's plan for Clara Barton is one of stability and growth. "This hospital has an incredibly bright future," he explains. "I have had the good fortune to have worked with four of the best administrators that practice in this industry. To continue to expand on their vision as well as those who have put their heart and faith in this organization is a privilege. More notably, it is an honor to represent this outstanding medical community and loyal employees."

"We've always concentrated on hiring the best,"

says Bailey, explaining the decision to promote Blackwell. "Since we already have the best people in place, it makes sense to hire from within." While Blackwell has already assumed President/CEO responsibilities, he will continue to be involved in financial operations and is still developing a strategy

to delegate some of his finance responsibilities, a strategy that may allow for even more advance-

ment for other employees within the Hospital.

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Colson leaves CEO position

Curt Colson, of Hoisington, offered his resignation as president and chief executive officer to the Board of Directors at Clara Barton Hospital, effective December 31, 2014.

Colson has taken the position of Regional Vice President for Great Plains Health Alliance. The family hasn't moved away, though.

"You will never know just how difficult of a decision it was to step down as CEO of Clara Barton Hospital. CBH is one of the most highly regarded Critical Access Hospitals in Kansas, and we have grown to love Hoisington," reports Colson. He, his wife, Liana, and their two children, Seth and Samantha, are staying in Hoisington. "That was one of the biggest considerations of this decision. We had

decided we wanted to stay a long time ago; this is a great community to raise a family in."

"I will truly miss working with the great team at Clara Barton. The physicians, physician assistants and all staff at CBH work extremely hard to ensure everyone receives the best care possible," says Colson. "Although providing quality healthcare can be exceedingly difficult, all successful hospitals must also be well managed and have strong visionary leaders. Jim Blackwell and Jane Schepmann have proven themselves to be two of the finest, most capable healthcare leaders in Kansas and the Board of Directors develop high-level strategic direction and remain fully committed to excellence in healthcare at Clara

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