



Donors Provide Healthcare Growth & Technology For PVCH

As Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation enters into its fourth year of operations the organization continues to pave the way for healthcare advancements in Pawnee County.

Formed in 2012, the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation is a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to advance quality healthcare in Pawnee County. The PVCH Foundation, in partnership with its donors, seeks to meet both immediate and long range healthcare needs for the residents of Pawnee County. Private contributions strengthen its funding resources which helps provide quality programs, services, technologies and education for the citizens they serve.

The Foundation is guided by a group of local Trustees who have been selected for their leadership roles in the community along with their vision for the success of the PVCH Foundation. Each Trustee understands the value of quality healthcare for the citizens of Pawnee County and knows the importance of staying on top of the advancing healthcare needs in our community. The local individuals appointed as Foundation Trustees are: Bill Barger, Kyle Beckwith, Meribeth Busenbark, Suzan Haynes, John Hughes, Richard Josefiak and Lewis Young. Mark Lessard is the Foundation's Director.



Foundation Trustees: Suzan Haynes - President; Kyle Beckwith - Vice President; Meribeth Busenbark - Secretary; Lewis Young - Treasurer; Richard Josefiak, Bill Barger, John Hughes.

It was towards the end of 2013 that the PVCH Foundation Trustees were challenged with raising \$1.7 million dollars towards the purchase of a new MRI which included the construction of the MRI Suite at PVCH. Up until that point the MRI at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital was only available to patients once a week via a mobile unit while having to venture outside for testing in inclement weather. With an in-house MRI at PVCH patients could look forward to more MRI service days while also enjoying in-house accommodations during their scan.

As a way to kick off the challenge, the Community Hospital Committee members voted to donate a major gift of \$100,000 to the MRI Fund following the announcement of the Foundation's fundraising plans. While this donation was a substantial gift on its own, in making the donation the CHC doubled the amount of their contribution by taking advantage of the one-to-one matching gift being offered by an anonymous donor for the funding of the MRI.

In October 2014, a second Matching Fund Challenge was launched for the MRI Fund which would triple donors' contributions up to \$50,000. The extra matching funds came



New MRI at PVCH

from the Glenn and Elaine Mull Family Fund at Golden Belt Community Foundation. Prior to his passing, Glenn had served as a trustee on the PVCH Foundation and felt strongly that the community needed this medical service and diagnostic tool in the immediate area.

On December 9, 2014, a ribbon cutting for the new MRI was hosted by the PVCH Foundation. The MRI is now in full operation at PVCH and with the MRI in use the fundraising efforts continue as the Trustees strive to reach their funding goal.

The Foundation hosted the 6th Annual "Tee Off To Better Health" Golf Classic at the Larned Country Club September 27, 2015. Nineteen teams participated in this year's event raising \$5,821 for the MRI Fund.



6th Annual Golf Classic

The following month the Foundation held their third annual Charity Gala "Moonlight Masquerade". This memorable evening was attended by 191 Foundation supporters and included a social hour, dinner, live and silent auction and dancing. The event raised \$82,822 which has been earmarked for paying off the new MRI.

The new Healing Garden at PVCH continues to take shape with the completion of the walking path that leads out and around the garden. New park benches line the pathway so patients can sit and enjoy nature's healing properties. The garden's center berm features a "Precious Moments" grandmother and child statue conversing on a park bench. Fifteen trees along with a drip irrigation system and a privacy fence have been added to the garden. Funds continue to be raised towards the completion of this Foundation project which will one day see the completion of a waterfall, gazebo and pagoda.

The Foundation's new Donor Wall was installed January 2015, as a way to recognize those donors, who through accumulative gifts, have made generous contributions to healthcare in Pawnee County through the Foundation. Eight funding levels are recognized on the Donor Wall beginning with Builders at \$2,500 to \$9,999 all the way through Saints at \$1,000,000+.



Leaves of Life Legacy Tree

Over the past three years the Foundation has funded the following projects: a 64-Slice CT Scanner for the Pat Young Imaging Center, a Portable Ultra Sound Unit and an oncology hood in honor of Kathleen R.

(Hungate) Sivright, a 5-Part Lab Analyzer, a Dual Head Nuclear Camera used for both general and cardiac nuclear studies, SystemSURE Plus Luminometer which is used by environmental services and infection control, two Imaging Carts, a Patient Ceiling Lift for the CT Scanner, SARA Steady & SARA Plus Mobility Units and IV poles. Cinema Vision, Tango System, Isolation carts.

Another of the Foundation's outreach endeavors is "Ask the Expert", held in the morning from 9:30 - 10:30 in the hospital's café on the 2nd Monday of each month. This is an opportunity for healthcare professionals to discuss important health related topics in their field of expertise and answer questions from the audience.

The Foundation's Healthcare Stars program allows patients to honor associates for providing exceptional care during their stay at PVCH. A permanent recognition piece is displayed.

The Leaves of Life Legacy Tree allows individuals to honor loved ones with the purchase of an engraved honorary or memory leaf. This beautiful permanent sculpture can be viewed in the main corridor of the hospital and will grow as the leaves are sponsored. Eighty-four leaves have been purchased so far.

The future of healthcare in this area remains strong with the continued commitment and compassion of the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital healthcare team and the support of the community. You are invited to become a partner in healthcare through your financial support of the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation.

As the Foundation looks towards the future they know that their work is just beginning as they work to build and maintain healthcare excellence in Pawnee County.



PVCH Foundation's New Donor Wall



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2015 Charity Gala "Moonlight Masquerade"

