



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, Jim Delaney, Suzan Haynes, and Lewis Young. Mark Lessard is the Foundation's Director.



Foundation Trustees: Kyle Beckwith - President; Bill Barger - Vice President; Lewis Young - Secretary; Meribeth Busenbark - Treasurer; Suzan Haynes, Jim Delaney, Mark Lessard - Foundation Director.

At 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. As of the summer of 2016, that challenge has been met, through the generosity of numerous donors. The wide-bore/short tube, state-of-the-art MRI currently serves PVCH's patient population two days a week, averaging just over nine exams per week. The Director of Radiology has been training with the Hays Medical Center staff for the past year and the goal is to add a third exam day per week.

The MRI's larger bore is able to accommodate patients up to 500 pounds and the short tube allows patients to see the opening from both ends while undergoing the exam. Both of these features help lessen the claustrophobia fears felt by some patients since they are not as confined as with traditional MRI procedures.

Additionally, the MRI's Cinema Vision system provides further patient comfort. The Cinema Vision system allows a patient to watch television or a DVD, or listen to music while having an MRI. Cinema Vision lets you watch a video through special goggles and the headset helps provide sound that helps to cancel out the MRI noise. It has been very well received by patients.

Golfers will be teeing off to help provide better health during Pawnee Valley Community Hospital's seventh annual "Tee Off For Better Health" benefit golf classic.



2015 Charity Gala "Moonlight Masquerade"



The four-person scramble tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Larned Country Club, and is limited to the first 18 teams registered. The entry fee is \$65 per person, and includes 18 holes of golf, a catered lunch and prizes. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Teams can pre-register by calling the PVCH Foundation office at (620) 285-8840 or by emailing mark.lessard@haysmed.com.

The Foundation's fourth annual Charity Gala, "Enchantment Under the Sea", is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Larned Community Center. Treasures and the mystery of the deep will await guests as they begin their journey with a social hour and hor d'oeuvres while bidding on an enticing array of silent auction items. Following a gourmet dinner, the live auction bidding will heat up while the guests enjoy a decadent dessert. After the auction, the evening will continue as "The Blades", a nine horn ensemble from Salina, will take the stage for a night of great music and dancing. Tickets will go on sale in September.

All proceeds from the Benefit Golf Classic and the Charity Gala will go towards the completion of the Healing Garden and for physician recruitment at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. The Healing Garden will provide a beautiful sanctuary for patients and their families during a patient's stay. This healing oasis will be filled with restorative features such as a resurfacing waterfall, a gazebo, trees, beautiful walking paths outlined with flowering plants, relaxing benches, and garden sculptures.

The Foundation's Donor Wall is 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+.

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, IV poles, Tango System, Isolation carts, along with the MRI and Cinema Vision.

Recent purchases include a new Ventilator/Bipap Unit and a Gynnie OB/GYN Stretcher. The Ventilator is used to assist patients who have COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), emphysema, or breathing difficulties. The Stretcher is used for patients who come into the Emergency Department requiring either a pelvic examination or to deliver a baby. The stretcher can be used for other patients coming into the ER as well. The new stretcher replaces a previous unit which was 24 years old and at the end of its life.

One of Foundation's outreach endeavors is "Ask the Expert", held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Meeting Room at PVCH. This is an opportunity for healthcare professionals to discuss important health related topics in their field of expertise and answer questions from the audience. Recent topics have included, PVCH's Patient Family Advocacy Committee, Avera eCare, Occupational Therapy, Sleep Apnea awareness, and Seasonal allergies.

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 across from the Donor Wall.

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. Ninety-three leaves have been purchased so far; nine in the past five months.

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.



MRI at PVCH



6th Annual Golf Classic



Leaves of Life Legacy Tree



PVCH Foundation's Donor Wall



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