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Expansion of Pediatric Services to Permit Caring for Kids Close to Home

Access to Childhood Medical Specialists Will Enhance Services for Children of the Community

Stormont-Vail HealthCare has undertaken an expansion of pediatric services at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center. The expanded service will greatly benefit not only the patients whose growing and developing bodies have specialized needs, but also their families.

The expanded pediatric services include the complete renovation of the 5-East wing of the health center's South Tower in 2010 (the 5-West space occupied by the current Pediatric Department was fully renovated in late 2008). The remodel will include a six-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and seven adolescent/young adult rooms. All of the post-renovation pediatric/adolescent beds will be housed in private rooms (some pre-renovation pediatric rooms were semi-private). The private rooms are expected to increase patient satisfaction as well as be more family-friendly.

When the pediatric hospitalist program was started, a goal of Dr. Steve Crouch, medical director of the program, was to care for sick children in their own community. This objective is now being carried forward into the next phase of pediatric excellence for Stormont-Vail HealthCare. The pediatric hospitalist program has been expanded under the leadership of Dr. Crouch, with the addition of Dr. Kirsten Evans and Dr. Una Scruggs. These full-time pediatric hospitalists are also supported by several other pediatricians who take call to provide around-the-clock pediatric hospital coverage.

In October 2009, a four-bed PICU was

opened under the direction of Dr. Melissa Gowans, pediatric intensivist and medical director of the PICU. The current unit is housed in a temporary location on the second floor of the health center near Adult Critical Care. Equipped with the same equipment as adult critical care rooms, the unit is staffed with nurses and other staff specializing in pediatric care. The PICU will move to the 5-East wing after the renovation of that space is completed.

The pediatric hospitalists and the PICU staff are also supported by Dr. Jo-Ann Harris, pediatric infectious disease specialist, Dr. Lynn Casey, pediatric endocrinologist, and Dr. Jakica Tancabelic, pediatric oncologist. These pediatric subspecialists treat the inpatient population at Stormont-Vail as well as conduct private practices serving children in the community. Other experienced pediatric subspecialists are [*\(Pediatric Expansion, continued on page 3\)*](#)



Foundation Sponsors 2010 Excellence in Nursing Awards

The Stormont-Vail Foundation was the proud sponsor of the 2010 Stormont-Vail HealthCare Excellence in Nursing Awards. The awards were presented to recipients on Jan. 14, 2010, in the auditorium of Stormont-Vail's Pozez Education Center. The awards recognize and celebrate outstanding professional work by Stormont-Vail HealthCare patient care staff.

Fifteen award winners were chosen from a large number of high quality nominations. The Selection Committee included Lori Bacon, Gwendolyn Courter, Bernie Becker, Carol Perry, Connie Pritchard, Don Schepker, Roberta Schilling, Carol Sidlinger, and Steve Wanamaker. The Selection Committee had the difficult task of selecting awardees who were both highly qualified and accomplished caregivers. While the task was challenging, it also provided a sense of gratification and appreciation for the importance of the work done at Stormont-Vail and the quality and compassion with which patient care services are delivered.

The Excellence in Nursing Awards was initiated to recognize Stormont-Vail HealthCare employees for outstanding work in patient care and community service. Awards in a variety of categories recognize staff for direct patient care, strong leadership and interpersonal skills, inspiring others through their service as mentors and preceptors and performing community service.

Physicians, nurses, colleagues, mentors and friends submitted nominations.

The award recipients received cash awards from the Foundation, as well as a certificate and a beautiful etched crystal and metal recognition piece marking their achievement. The Distinguished Community Service award also includes the opportunity for the recipient to designate a \$250 contribution from the Foundation to a charitable organization chosen by the award winner.

The 2010 Excellence in Nursing Award recipients are:

Excellence in Nursing Practice

Lana Harris – Cancer Center

Kim Scamman – NIC

Excellence in Nursing Leadership

Debra Salisbury – NIC

Excellence in Nursing Mentorship

Jean Pope – PACU

Helen Sands – 6-North

Excellence in Nursing Preceptorship

Rhonda Palmer – 7-North

Excellence in Licensed Practical Nursing

Janelle Lolley – Cotton-O'Neil Nephrology Clinic

Joyce Shaver – 5-North

Excellence in Patient Care

Jan Baker – Stormont-Vail West

Jay Clinkenbeard – 6-West

Mindy Cunningham – 7-North

Sabrina Robinson – CVOPC

Distinguished Community Service

Tracy Jones – Critical Care

Rising Star

Erica Bletscher – 4-West

Allison Hanna – 5-North

Jim Parrish Named to the Topeka Business Hall of Fame

The Stormont-Vail Foundation congratulates Board Member Jim Parrish on his induction to the Topeka Business Hall of Fame. Jim is being honored for his career excellence and achievements as well as dedication to our community. He is head of investment groups that own several lodging properties in Topeka and Concordia. He served in the Kansas House in 1973 and 1974 and in the Kansas Senate from 1975 until 1980. Congratulations to this Stormont-Vail Foundation supporter on this high honor.

Topeka Active 20-30 Club Funds NIC Initiative

The Stormont-Vail Foundation was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Topeka Active 20-30 Club to assist with funding a Family Support Program for siblings of infants receiving care in Neonatal IntensiveCare. Heather Fosberg, LMSW and Family Support Specialist assigned to NIC/Maternal and Fetal Health, was instrumental in presenting the vision for a sibling support program and providing the impetus for the grant.

Some grant money was used to purchase "Premie" dolls to teach children and adolescents how to hold, diaper, feed and dress a premature infant. Additional grant money was spent to purchase a DVD camcorder and TV-DVD combination television so that siblings could receive a "virtual tour" of the NIC. Other educational/play materials foster confidence in the older child and define their role in the care and nurturing of their littlest brother or sister.

"Parents welcome the opportunity to involve their older

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Care Line – Connecting those who care with those who need care

Established in 1992 to provide emergency medical assistance to patients who have exhausted all other resources, the *Care Line* program helps when a patient has no other place to turn. The program is funded solely by charitable contributions, and each year the Foundation holds two campaigns to replenish the funds needed to support the *Care Line*.

The Stormont-Vail HealthCare employee campaign called the Joy of Caring, gives Stormont-Vail employees an opportunity to make one-time gifts or sign up for regular payroll deductions to provide support all year long to our patients in need. The public campaign, called the Friends of the *Care Line*, receives support from caring individuals throughout the community who believe in making a difference in the lives of patients in need.

Both campaigns will launch at the end of March 2010. Please consider pledging your support.

The *Care Line* provides emergency assistance in a variety of areas. The Fund supports a clothing bank for patients who come to Stormont-Vail with soiled, damaged or destroyed clothing and allows them to leave the hospital with clean clothes and dignity. It provides lodging for families of infants receiving care in Neonatal IntensiveCare allowing them to remain close to their babies. The *Care Line* provides prescription drug assistance to patients otherwise unable to afford vital medication and pays for transportation when a patient is discharged from the hospital and needs a ride home. These are just a few examples of the way the *Care Line* helps individuals who seek treatment at Stormont-Vail HealthCare, but need emergency assistance when they have no where else to turn.

During fiscal year 2009, the *Care Line* provided emergency medical assistance to nearly 4,000 patients and their families with almost 8,000 medical needs. The *Care Line* ensures emergency medical needs continue to be met, and offers patients the best possible opportunity for recovery and wellness.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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children and have embraced the sibling support initiative," said Fosberg.

A few of the significant objectives and benefits of the NIC sibling support program are:

- Educated brothers and sisters who feel involved and connected to the care requirements of a premature sibling.
- Children who experience reduced levels of stress because they are busy with activities that are educational, fun, and important.
- Children who understand their family unit remains intact and they are not being replaced by a premature sibling.

The Topeka Active 20-30 Club has regularly supported the Stormont-Vail Foundation and made significant contributions toward improving the health and quality of life for children under the age of 18. Their support is genuinely appreciated.

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brought in as needed to ensure children at Stormont-Vail receive the best possible care.

Initiation of the Adolescent/Young Adult unit recognizes the need for a treatment area focused on patients ages 16-24 in a location separate from the young and the elderly. While several hospitals in the U.S. have implemented such treatment areas, currently no such treatment center exists in Kansas, or in the Midwest region with the exception of St. Louis. Establishment of this new treatment area is expected to further patient satisfaction and improve the quality of care for this age demographic and their unique needs. These beds will also serve as general pediatric overflow during periods of high seasonal volume.

Nicki Bradbury, director of pediatrics, aims to provide all levels of care to sick children from this region. Many critically ill children had been sent to Kansas City area institutions (KU Medical Center and Children's Mercy). The more robust array of specialized pediatric services assembled at Stormont-Vail will enable families to stay closer to home, while still knowing their sick child is receiving the needed specialized pediatric services.

"Many patients will get to stay closer to home and not have to travel to the 'big city' just because they need ICU care," said Dr. Gowans. "These children and their families will be able to stay closer to their primary support system to help them through this stressful time. There are, of course, a subset of patients that will still need to go to Kansas City for sub-specialty support that we can't provide here. We are only starting out with four to six beds, and there will be times when we are full and will have to transfer patients just because of bed availability."

The Stormont-Vail Foundation is pleased to be supportive of the expansion of pediatric services at Stormont-Vail HealthCare. For more information on how you can support this effort, contact the Foundation at (785) 354-6851.

By the Numbers . . .

representative needs funded by the Foundation during the quarter.

- Recliner for Palliative Care Room \$1,285
- Reference Books for Trauma Services \$1,255
- Educational Workshop for NIC Staff \$944
- Craft and Scrapbooking Supplies for Family Members of NIC Patients \$678
- Rolling Cart for Books, Movies, Puzzles, etc. for NIC Department \$390
- Holiday Dinner for NIC Parents \$305

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Stormont-Vail Foundation Honor/Memorial List October 1 to December 31, 2009

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10th Annual BIG HEARTS
for little hearts
Golf Tournament
Monday, Sept. 20, 2010
Topeka Country Club