

The Right Reasons

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A CAMPAIGN UPDATE FOR FRIENDS OF LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Emergency Department to Expand

Visit Lawrence Memorial Hospital's emergency department on any weekend at midnight and the need for an expanded emergency department becomes apparent quickly.

The \$40 million expansion project at LMH includes plans to expand and relocate the hospital's emergency department. "In the past eight years, we have experienced a significant increase in the number of patients in our emergency department," says Dana Hale, vice president of nursing services. "This expansion will provide more privacy, comfort and efficiency for patients, their families and staff."

In 2005, the number of patient visits rose to over 30,000, up from 15,000 several years ago. The last renovation of the emergency department was in 1996.

"Patient care will benefit by a decrease in waiting times and lengths of stay," says Joan Harvey, director of the emergency department. "The expansion will improve privacy and confidentiality between patients and physicians, and it will improve LMH's ability to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Privacy Act (HIPAA)."

The proposed expansion will nearly double the size of the current emergency department, allowing for increased private rooms, larger waiting areas and improved layout to accommodate medical staff and equipment. The emergency department will be relocated from the north side of the hospital to the east side, giving it more visibility and access for patients.

The expansion also includes the addition of a covered ambulance bay. Currently patients are exposed to the elements when being transferred from ambulance to the emergency department.

"Only two hospitals in the Kansas City region see more emergency department patients than LMH," says Scott Robinson, M.D., medical director of the emergency department.

"Often the emergency department is the only area of our hospital that people encounter. The department has great personnel — we just need a facility that reflects the quality of care that patients receive."

For more information on the emergency department expansion and how you can help LMH to be the *best* community hospital in the U.S., contact Kathy Clausing, vice president and chief development officer, at 749-6134.

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—DANA HALE, VICE PRESIDENT
OF NURSING SERVICES



Dana Hale

FACTS AT A GLANCE

- The number of patient visits to the emergency department has grown to more than 30,000 per year.
- Proposed renovations to the hospital include a new emergency department, a new surgery department, new birthing rooms, and all private patient rooms.
- This capital campaign will support Lawrence Memorial Hospital's \$35-\$40 million campus expansion effort.
- This is the first major campaign in our community hospital's 85-year history.
- LMH receives no city or county tax funds.
- LMH provided \$3 million in charitable care in 2003 and nearly \$4 million in charitable care in 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Introducing Our Physician Chairs

*Drs. Dale and Patricia Denning • Dr. Scott and Nancy Thellman
Dr. Scott and Linda Robinson • Dr. Phillip and Phoebe Godwin*



Dale and Patricia Denning

Dale Denning, M.D., and Patricia Denning, M.D. have been Lawrence residents since 1989. Dale is a general surgeon with General Surgery, P.A., works with the Wound Healing Center and recently started the Lawrence Vein Center. Patricia specializes in internal medicine and presently serves as chief of staff at Watkins Health Center. Both attended Kansas State University and earned their medical degrees at KU Med Center. They completed internal medicine residencies

at KU-affiliated hospitals in Wichita where Dale also completed five years of general surgery training.

Dale is an assistant troop leader for the Boy Scouts of America. He also is involved with LINK, the United Way and Corpus Christi Catholic Church, and he previously served as chief of surgery and on the Board for Visiting Nurses Association. Patricia is serving her fourth year on the LMH Endowment Association Board of Directors, has been a volunteer physician

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—PATRICIA DENNING

with Health Care Access since 1990, has spent the last five years on the Douglas County Dental Clinic Board and previously was part of Leadership Lawrence, in addition to practicing medicine. Dale and Patricia have three children: Patrick, a sophomore majoring in engineering at K-State; Bryant, a junior at Lawrence High School; and Elise, an eighth grader at Southwest Junior High.

“Expanding the hospital is important to our community because most everyone who lives in Lawrence will need the hospital at some time,” Patricia says. *“When it’s my time, I certainly hope we have excellent facilities along with a strong medical staff — and I expect the same for my patients.”*

“It’s very important to give back to the community through the hospital,” Dale says. *“It’s a vested interest for me and for my family, friends and neighbors. Since the hospital receives no tax money from the city, we feel the need to contribute so that our community hospital can be competitive in the current medical climate.”*



Scott Thellman, M.D. is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon who began his practice in Lawrence in 1994 when he established Lawrence Plastic Surgery. Scott received his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed a residency in general surgery at Vanderbilt University, where he earned a fellowship with the Vanderbilt University Hospital Burn Center and completed an additional residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Since joining the medical staff at LMH, Scott has served as chief of surgery, and is currently serving his fourth year on the LMHEA Board of Directors and his fifth year on the Board of Managers for Lawrence Surgery Center.

Scott and Nancy Thellman

Scott and his wife, Nancy, a minister at Plymouth Congregational Church, both are heavily involved with the Stepping Out Against Breast Cancer dance. Nancy chaired last year's event, which raised \$53,000. Scott, Nancy and their three children, Scotty, Katy and Connor, all pitched in to make it a success. Nancy is also on the Board of Directors for Lawrence Presbyterian Manor and the Family Selection Committee for the Habitat for Humanity Board in Lawrence.

"I believe we need to make this hospital the best it can be," Scott says. ***"I want it to be that way because this is where I do my work. This is where my patients are, and this is where I'll be or my family will be if we are sick."***

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—SCOTT THELLMAN

Scott and Nancy want to make sure the hospital has the resources and technology that their family and his patients need. ***"As doctors, the quality of our practice is related to the quality of the hospital,"*** Scott says. ***"You can be the best doctor in the world, but if you are associated with a second-rate hospital then you are only a second-rate doctor and not the best you can be."***

Scott says the question he gets asked the most is, *Why not just borrow the \$40 million for the needed expansion?* He explains that the hospital is like an individual and it has a limited capacity to borrow. ***"It is essential to raise money for the hospital. It's for desperately needed space and for upgraded facilities that we need in order to be a regional competitor. It's for necessary improvements to keep up with the growing demands of the community so that we can continue to give the best care here at home."***

"We have first-rate physicians who could practice anywhere, but they chose to come to Lawrence," he continues. ***"I love the tight medical community, living in Lawrence and working closely with other physicians who are impressed by the hospital. What we do, we do well, and we need to continue that tradition."***



Our physicians and staff go above and beyond to provide excellent, compassionate care for patients of all ages. Pictured here is Damon Bell-Perico with Marilee McGinness, M.D.



Scott and Linda Robinson

Scott Robinson, M.D., and his wife, Linda, are both dedicated to serving the people of Lawrence. Scott is medical director of LMH's emergency department, as well as medical director of Lawrence/Douglas County Fire and Medical. He also serves on the LMHEA Board of Directors. Linda is serves on the USD 497 Board of Education.

Each earned two degrees from the University of Kansas — Scott earned his undergraduate and medical degrees, Linda earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education and counseling, respectively. Their son, Bret, attends KU and their daughter, Erin, is a student at Free State High School.

"We are involved in this campaign because it is crucial to preserving the high quality of patient care that LMH is known for," Scott says. *"The medical staff and the care they give at LMH is outstanding and we need the facility to reflect that."*



Phillip and Phoebe Godwin

Contributing to LMH is nothing new to Phillip Godwin, M.D., and his wife, Phoebe. While at LMH, Phillip established the anesthesiology department, served as chief of anesthesiology, chief of staff, ICU director, chair of quality assurance, and respiratory care director. He retired in 1999. Phoebe also worked at LMH as a registered nurse.

Currently, Phillip is involved with Kiwanis, United Methodist Men, CHECK, Cottonwood and Douglas County Hospice. Phoebe is active in the United Methodist Church, Garden Club and P.E.O. They have three children and three grandchildren, and they have lived in Old West Lawrence since 1967.

Phoebe puts it simply, *"We are involved in the campaign because we believe in LMH."*

Phillip adds, *"LMH has to remain competitive with the other hospitals in the region. These improvements will help LMH to achieve its goal of being the best community hospital in the U.S."*

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CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

- Beverly Smith Billings
- Sandy and Mark Praeger, M.D.

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- Pam and Dolph Simons
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CHAIRS:

- Patricia Denning, M.D. and Dale Denning, M.D.
- Phoebe and Philip Godwin, M.D.
- Linda and Scott Robinson, M.D.
- Nancy and Scott Thellman, M.D.

EMPLOYEE DIVISION

CHAIRS

- Karin Feltman, R.N., emergency nurse
- Betty Moles, R.N., maternity nurse, prenatal educator

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL C.A.R.E.S.

- **Compassion:** Treating everyone with kindness and understanding, especially by advocating for the patient.
- **Accountability:** Embracing our role as a leading health care provider, employer and good citizen/contributor to the region's overall vitality.
- **Respect:** Demonstrating a high regard for the value and dignity of every patient, employee and physician.
- **Excellence:** Achieving the highest standards in health care quality and service, and in individual and organizational performance.
- **Stewardship:** Managing resources prudently and ethically to ensure the future ability to fulfill our mission with integrity.

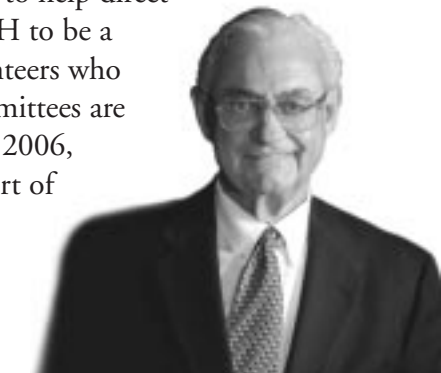
A personal note from 2006 LMHEA President Bob Georgeson

As a long-time Douglas County resident, I have seen our community benefit greatly from the successful efforts of the dedicated group of medical professionals at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. I have witnessed first-hand the numerous community volunteers who have worked together with the medical staff to enhance health resources and quality of life for all Douglas County residents. Constant upgrades in state-of-the-art medical equipment and services, combined with the successful recruitment of highly skilled medical staff, is what makes LMH a great community hospital.

“The contributions that we make now will continue to benefit all of us, as well as future generations.”

—BOB GEORGESON

Community volunteers have played a large role in the success at LMH. Through the Board of Trustees, a diverse and knowledgeable group of individuals volunteer their time and expertise to help direct the hospital's day-to-day activities, enabling LMH to be a competitive, regional health care provider. Volunteers who serve on the LMH Endowment Board and committees are another big part of our success. As president for 2006, I am not only honored but appreciate the support of the community and volunteers who share our vision for LMH and the LMH Endowment Association.



Bob Georgeson

This year our goals are to direct and support the hospital in the following ways:

- Promote and enhance the image of our community hospital and service areas;
- Successfully conclude the campaign, reaching our goal of raising \$8-10 million for the Lawrence Memorial Hospital expansion Capital Campaign;
- Increase the levels of financial support for our hospital, enabling LMH to obtain the best medical equipment and enhance programs to provide services our community needs;
- Assist the hospital in continuing to create goodwill and maintaining the image of excellence necessary to maximize our services as we face competition with other regional providers.

The contributions that we make now — through time or talent, or financially — will continue to benefit all of us, as well as future generations. I invite each of you to participate to the extent that you are able and thank you for supporting Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

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BALDWIN CITY DIVISION CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

- Bill and Sha Harmon

BALDWIN CITY DIVISION HONORARY CHAIRS

- Dan and Carolyn Lambert
- Ivy Hey

Beyond Lawrence:

LMH Impact on Baldwin City

- LMH operates Baldwin Family Practice, employing Kevin Hughes, M.D., David Jones, M.D., and their staff.
- During 2005, there were 9,000 patient visits to Baldwin Family Practice.
- There were 7,200 patient visits by Baldwin City residents at LMH during 2005.
- 51 LMH employees live in Baldwin City.
- Numerous LMH volunteers live in Baldwin City.
- LMH participates in the annual Baldwin City-Baker University Community Wellness Festival.
- LMH provides a variety of community education programs.
- LMH belongs to the Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce.
- The physician practice operating budget and salaries paid to people who live in Baldwin City account for LMH expenses of about \$2 million per year.
- LMH is a community hospital that provides state-of-the-art care and services to every patient, regardless of their ability to pay, without receiving any city or county tax dollars.