

The Right Reasons

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A CAMPAIGN UPDATE FOR FRIENDS OF LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A New Year's Greeting



Kathy Clausing

Each new year signals a new beginning — a chance to hope, to build on our accomplishments, to stretch ourselves to try something new. It's a fresh opportunity to revisit what's most important while looking to the future.

Come to think of it, those are the very reasons for our community hospital's expansion project. They also may be the very reasons for your involvement in our building campaign.

Since Lawrence Memorial Hospital opened its doors in 1921, Lawrence and the surrounding area have seen much change. One thing remains the same, however: our commitment to serving the health care needs our community. As our community grows, so do its health care needs.

Speaking of new beginnings, this campaign update focuses on our maternal/child unit.

As a mother, I understand the need for expert and compassionate care, plenty of room, and up-to-date equipment and technology — all of which are key parts of this project.

Our building campaign is not just about raising money, but about investing in health care for us right now and for generations to come. Gifts of any size are important, and every dollar goes directly to patient care areas. If you have questions about becoming involved, please contact me at 749-6134.

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy 2006.

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—KATHY CLAUSING, VICE PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Focus on LMH's Maternal/Child Unit

Becoming parents is one of the most spectacular events in a couple's life. It is the beginning of hope for the future and the fulfillment of a dream that most couples have even before they are pregnant. Parents will tell you that the journey begins months before the birth. Joys, fears, insecurities and questions begin the moment a couple discovers they are expecting a child. Everything from picking out nursery furniture to taking childbirth classes to deciding who the doctor will be are all part of the anticipation and excitement.

At Lawrence Memorial Hospital, the staff knows that the miracle of birth is all about the journey, and creating wonderful experiences for the whole family is our first priority. From pre-delivery classes including childbirth preparation, sibling involvement and breastfeeding education to the pre-admission experience and postpartum support, the staff associated with maternity care at LMH works very hard to meet these needs and expectations.

“Our patients expect safe care,” says Isabel Schmedemann, director of the maternal-child department, “but most of all, they expect a wonderful experience. We know that as nurses and physicians, we play a big part in making the birth experience a positive one.”

With the growth we have experienced during the last decade — and the growth we expect in the future — the maternal-child department has a great need for expansion. More patient rooms and additional space will enable us to develop new programs and to keep growing along with our community. The maternity staff is proud to say, “Your experience is our business, one miracle at a time.”

FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Eight years ago, 750 babies were born at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. In 2004, that number was 1,129. More than 1,200 babies were born here in 2005. The growing population in our service area includes many more young families.
- Proposed renovations to the hospital include new birthing rooms, all private patient rooms, a new surgery department, and a new emergency department.
- 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 Working Chairs

Beverly Smith Billings • Mark and Sandy Praeger



Beverly Smith Billings

Bev Smith Billings is president of Alvamar, Inc. and has been president and managing broker of Alvamar Realty, Inc. since 1991. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Kansas and was a doctoral candidate in psychology at KU. She has served on the LMH Endowment Association Board of Directors since 2004.

"I learned from my husband, Bob, how important Lawrence Memorial Hospital is to our community, and to us as human beings," she says. "My involvement with the hospital and with this campaign is a way to carry on his legacy."

Serving the community is part of Bev's nature. She currently serves on the Kansas University Endowment Association Board

of Trustees, and advisory boards for Women Philanthropists for KU and Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center. She also has served on boards and committees for Douglas County Senior Services, Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence Children's Choir and Kansas International.

Bev has been named a KU Woman of Distinction and is in The University of Kansas Women's Hall of Fame. She is a founding member of the Emily Taylor and Marilyn Stokstad

Women's Leadership Lecture, and she co-chaired the 2005 Bonnie Henrickson Scholarship Fund.

In recognition of her husband Bob's 23 years of service to the hospital and through the generous support of the community, the Bob Billings Cardiac

Evaluation Unit/Chest Pain Center was established at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in 2005.

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—BEV SMITH BILLINGS

"Bob believed and I believe it's our responsibility to do the very best for our community, and our hospital touches everyone's life in one way or another," Bev says. "In the final analysis, you want to know you can have the very best care right here at home."



Mark and Sandy Praeger

Directors, serving one year as president. She also was a founding member of three local boards: Health Care Access, the Haskell Indian Nations University Foundation and C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

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—SANDY PRAEGER

Sandy Praeger was elected as Kansas’ 24th commissioner of insurance in November 2002 and began serving in the position in January 2003. She was elected previously to the Kansas Senate in 1992, 1996 and 2000, and before that served one term in the Kansas House of Representatives. She served as mayor of Lawrence from 1986 to 1987, and on the Lawrence City Commission from 1985 to 1989.

Sandy was a member of the United Way of Douglas County Board of

In 1999 she received the prestigious Dr. Nathan B. Davis Award, given annually by the American Medical Association to individuals who have made a significant contribution to public health through elected and career government service.

Mark Praeger, M.D., is a board certified general surgeon and a member of the Lawrence

Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. After receiving his medical training at The University

of Kansas School of Medicine, Mark completed his residency at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colo. He spent four years in active military duty and began practice in 1977 when the Praegers returned to Lawrence. Mark served for seven years as chairman of the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Directors, was president of the Kansas chapter of the American College of Surgeons, and now serves on its national Board of Governors.

Both Sandy and Mark are graduates of The University of Kansas. They have two children: Gretchen, who lives in Chicago with her husband, Erik; and J.D., who lives in Denver with his wife, Sevrin, and two children of their own.

“Mark and I both feel passionately about Lawrence Memorial Hospital,” Sandy says. “Our hospital is an essential community service, and LMH goes the extra mile in determining the community’s needs and how to address them.”

CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

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

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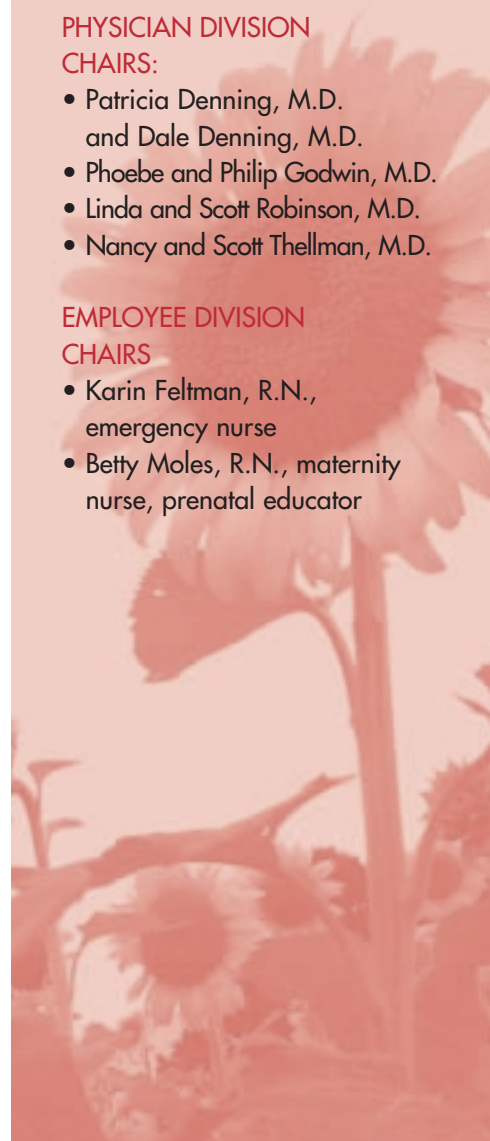
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Patient Spotlight

Bonnie Maddox, mother of three, says she has always had great care at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. After having three C-sections, all of which were right here at LMH, Bonnie lauds the proactive and caring staff as a key element to returning and choosing her hometown hospital.

“I chose LMH because I wanted to stay in my hometown,” Bonnie says. “I wanted my family to be able to be there with me.” The convenience of staying close to home allowed her husband, children and family to visit. “It was a comfort to know they were close by. Plus, I had excellent nurses who got me up and motivated so I could be around my kids immediately,” she says. “My entire experience was great.”

Bonnie feels that private rooms are necessary to be competitive with other hospitals. “Hospitals are competitive, particularly when it comes to maternity care and services. People expect a certain amount of care and luxury.”

Bonnie says her experience of visiting friends or relatives in other hospitals has made her aware of the excellent facilities at LMH. “It’s a measure of pride because many people don’t expect these kinds of amenities from a hospital in a city the size of Lawrence. But it turns out we have them right here at home.”



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