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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

You, as donors and partners in care, are critical to William Newton Hospital's ability to emerge on the other side of this crisis; and healthcare is at the epicenter of this crisis. As you can see from the list to the right, many community and corporate partners are giving back to the hospital, and we are so grateful. Whether you have given in the past, are giving now, or will consider giving in the future, YOU are appreciated, no matter how small or large your gift. Whether it is food for our staff or a multi-year pledge to the building project, or anything in between, #togetherwecan beat COVID and make our hospital even stronger for the future to come. I thought of you all when I read this quote from an Association of Healthcare Philanthropy article, "While philanthropic support may slow in the short term, just as it did during the crises of 1987, 2001, and 2008, *it is not going to stop.*" Our communities are known for helping others; it is woven deeply and inextricably into our hearts, actions, and lives. It is encouraging to see this spirit of giving even now.

Thank you for doing your part.

Annika Morris
 Annika Morris, WNHF Director

UPLIFTING NEWS

Highlighting WNHF donors:

- + Nearly 50 masks with HEPA filters were made by a group of ladies, including Bonnie Gatton, Betsy Drennan, Patricia Gangwere, Cheryl Barnett, & Daleen McDonald. More masks have been hand-made and donated to WNH staff by Kay Bradbury, Jeanene VanMeter, Kathleen Lewis, Kathy Wogelmuth and the Walnut Valley Quilters Guild, Kathy Tisdale, Vera Krueger, Jan Hathaway and friends, Gayla Dougherty and granddaughter, Chris Rogers, & Kathy Garlow
- + Thank you to the following employees who are giving to the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund through payroll deductions or PTO donations: Blake Boswell, Teresa Cramer, Steven Kramp, Dr. Todd Peters, Kylie Stamper, & Kelle Thompson
- + Dr. Jeryl Fullen, retiring in mid-June, is donating x-ray equipment and accessories to WNH.
- + Graves Drug donated 200 ear loop masks.

COVER PHOTO - NURSES DAY CELEBRATION

On May 6, hospital leaders and staff joined Larry Hatteberg (via Zoom) to unveil a plaque in the 2Central waiting area in memory of Larry's mother, who was the first graduate of the WNMH School of Nursing. Find a live video of the whole ceremony, and a separate video of Larry's remarks, on the WNHF Facebook page.

OFFICE HOURS

Annika and Brittney are working from home but are still available during normal business hours.

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IS IT SAFE TO VISIT THE HOSPITAL?

The hospital that YOU support is still here for you, even more now than ever. We wanted to assure you that it is safe to come to the hospital for any of your needs, such as labs, mammos, etc. WNH is conducting business as usual. As of May 4, we have started the elective surgeries back up, and hope to have all staff back to the hospital (including non-clinical) by June 1.

FAQ: Do you have a contained space for COVID-19 patients? Yes, we do.



Administrative Director of Ancillary Services Karen Adamson, RN, BSN, says, "The creative team of nurses and leaders at William Newton have created safe spaces for caring for COVID-19 persons under investigation or diagnosed with the illness. A separate Isolation Emergency Department (Iso/ED) is located on the east side of the

Hospital in the area once used as the Surgery Entrance. We ask that community members use the "call first" approach so that we are ready to greet patients with the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) at the Iso/ED entrance, keeping potentially infectious patients out of public areas. Our maintenance team has created a negative air flow throughout the Iso/ED so that new air is constantly being pulled into the area while old air is being sucked out. This decreases the viral load in the atmosphere and lessens the chance of cross contamination. The Iso/ED is equipped with all the tools and medications needed to care for our patients. It fully outfitted with vital sign monitors, IV essentials, PPE, an emergency cart, and other necessary medical supplies. Recently we have gained the ability to test for COVID within our hospital lab. Although supplies are short, we prioritize testing all patients suspected of having COVID-19 prior to admission. The test takes 45 minutes and is performed on our Cepheid Gene Expert: it tests for the RNA that is present on the virus and is very accurate. Although we have been fortunate to not have an inpatient test positive so far, we are ready for when we do. If an Iso/ED patient tests positive for the virus, they will be placed in one of three negative pressure rooms on our Med/Surg unit. These private rooms provide all of the comforts of our hospital rooms with the added protection of dedicated staff who are well-trained in infection control and PPE requirements. Again, negative air pressure in the rooms provides air exchanges constantly to decrease the risk to other patients. The plastic barriers that have been erected further separate non-infected staff and patients from those in the isolation area. All equipment and supplies are kept separated as well.

The dedicated team at William Newton is prepared to care for all our community members with the same level of excellence our community has come to expect."

For more information, please see www.wnhcares.org and/or www.covid.ks.gov

WILLIAM NEWTON NEWS WATCH

We're looking for guests! If you are interested in appearing on the show, email foundationdir@wnm.org. Interview slots are open to local businesses, WNHF donors, or WNH employees/departments.

There will not be an episode of William Newton News Watch this week, but don't forget to tune in for the next episode on Friday, May 22 @ 10:00am!

HIGHLIGHTING WNHF DONORS, CONTINUED

WILLY'S CARE CAB - COMING SOON!

A need for a golf cart for patient transport was recently identified by the WNH Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC), and the WNHF board stepped up to support the request. Greg & Joan Cales also donated a \$1,000 matching gift. After our #GivingTuesdayNow campaign asking for donations toward the golf cart, the Andreas family called in wanting to cover the entire remaining balance! The golf cart will be used to transport patients and visitors around WNH's main campus, and will come in especially handy when crossing 5th Ave during rainstorms. Thank you to the WNHF board, the Cales, and the Andreas Family Gift for making this goal a reality and for helping us improve the patient experience at WNH!

The H. L. Snyder Medical Foundation donated a bike for Heartmenders. Pictured is Jim Snyder using the bike during a HeartMenders session.



An anonymous donor donated meat/cheese trays and fruit trays to our staff on May 14. The donor says, "I believe that we owe it to the WNH staff for being on the front lines." Thank you for supporting WNH!