

# FOUNDATION FORWARD

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

William Newton Hospital staff have a central role in many of the life changing moments of our lives. They are here when our children are born, when we have tests, are ill and in need of treatments, through accidents and ER visits and when we are at end of life. These last few months have been especially exhausting for our people. Donors have given gifts large and small to thank them for staying steady in these difficult times and to add a bit brightness to the long days. With Thankful Thursdays that recognize individuals, donut days and special treats, and a special take home meal to make life a little easier, donors have given in different ways to show appreciation to the WNMH staff. Our strength as a hospital and a community is in our people. Throughout this pandemic the WNH staff has continued to give great care to the community through nursing shortages, burnout, extra shift hours and patient rudeness in addition to dealing with all the same personal concerns and stressors that you and I have. They have been amazing and I am very thankful for them and proud of them.



**Joan Cales**  
WNH Board Member

## UPLIFTING NEWS

+ We'd like to give a big shoutout to all of our employees for sticking with us through this current wave of the pandemic, but we'd especially like to recognize **Anthony Hann** in maintenance and **Rachel Livingston** in home health/OB who went above and beyond a few weeks ago to help take care of their fellow coworkers. The kitchen was shortstaffed, so Anthony stepped in to help wash dishes. Rachel provided some comfort in the form of food by delivering bags of chips to departments. She said she saw a busy front lobby and "saw everyone running around doing the best they could and I felt bad that I couldn't do much to help. So over my lunch I went to the store and got some chips and chocolate to take around just as hopefully a small perk in a chaotic day." We're proud to have people like Anthony and Rachel on our team, along with all of our donors who continue to support us from outside the building.



## CLOWNING AROUND

Thank you to Craig & Diana Duncan for donating four Red Skelton paintings to the hospital. The paintings are currently on display in the William Newton Pediatrics office.



+ **Celebrate with us!** Feb 25 is the 95th anniversary of William Newton Hospital's dedication. If you haven't already, go ahead and follow our Facebook page - William Newton Healthcare Foundation. We will be posting a few fun peaks at some recent and upcoming projects and recognizing 95 years of providing quality care in the Winfield community!

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# THANKFUL THURSDAYS

Our most recent Thankful Thursday winners are **Dana Lowe**, Pharmacy, **Melissa Berry**, Business Office, **Micah Norris**, IT, **Steven Kramp**, Cath Lab, **Susana Bowling**, Ambulatory, **Debbie Watt**, HeartMenders, **Shellie Suttles**, ER, **Laura Thielen**, WN Hillside Family Medicine, and **Lori Snider**, Cardio-Respiratory. They chose gifts cards to Shindigs, El Maguey, ReJuvv Spa, Walmart, Wheat State Wine, Co., Walnut Valley Meat Market, and Pizza Ranch. Thank you to our anonymous employee donor who is choosing to continue making Thankful Thursdays possible at WNH!



## WNHCARES.ORG AND WNHFOUNDATION.ORG GOT A FACELIFT!

Have you seen our new website yet? Both the hospital and foundation websites were completely redesigned and migrated to a new host. Not only was the hospital site migrated and redesigned, the foundation site was migrated to act as a subpage of the hospital site rather than a standalone, so now it's easier to find all your foundation and hospital information in one spot!

### Some of the new features include:

- + Enhanced mobile experience – All content is available on mobile and optimized for smartphone viewing
- + UserWay Accessibility tool – In the lower left-hand corner, there is an adaptive tool to assist users who are visually impaired
- + Shared calendaring – Education, Foundation, Community, etc.
- + Cohesive branding – Foundation site is now incorporated in to Hospital site
- + Patient testimonials – New feature on hospital homepage, with a link to submit a review on Google
- + New candidate experience – Our new recruiting site is live, making the job application process easier
- + New employee assessment experience – For onboarding and annual testing, this is now on a new learning management tool with potential for expanding internal education.

To view either site, use the same web address. Simply go to **www.wnhcares.org** or **www.wnhfoundation.org** (you may need to refresh the page, tap F5 on your keyboard). A quick note: this website, like most of today's newer websites, is not compatible with Internet Explorer. If you use Internet Explorer regularly and have issues viewing the website, switch your browser to Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome. Otherwise, it should work on your desktop or any mobile web browser.

A note from marketing: we are still working on certain aspects of the site and it is possible we may have missed information or some items are not fully functional yet. As you are viewing our new site, if you come across anything that looks weird or maybe isn't displaying like it should, please let us know and we will make a note to get it fixed!

WILLIAM NEWTON HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

Enhancing the quality of life in our community.

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WILLIAM NEWTON HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

William Newton Healthcare Foundation believes quality healthcare starts with a strong foundation. It is our mission to support William Newton Hospital and our healthcare community.

We have a unique opportunity to chart the course of our local healthcare as our hospital moves into its second century of care. Investing in community healthcare helps to ensure no matter what the healthcare system looks like, William Newton is ready to meet the challenge.

From career replacements to physician recruitment & scholarships, medical equipment to endowment, each area is essential to the future. You can be assured that your dollars are spent locally and as you direct.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING LOCAL HEALTHCARE

Betty Drennon Shows Off Her Piece of Art For A Piece of History. Her Heartiest Gift Ever! In The Fall, Unity x Artwork Will Be Featured Along With Other Great Partnerships In The Hall of William Newton Hospital.

UPCOMING EVENTS

95th Anniversary Of Our Dedication

FEB 16, 2022

WILLIAM NEWTON HOSPITAL

DEDICATION

Armitia Morris  
Director

Brittany Carson  
Administrative Assistant



# WELCOME OUR NEW LEADERS!



**Chris Graham**, MHA, has stepped into the role of Administrative Director of Ancillary Services. Graham, who moved to Winfield from Nebraska, joined the William Newton Hospital team in 2019 as the manager of the cardiovascular catheterization lab (or “cath lab”). Before getting into cardiology, Graham had previous experience leading ancillary departments. As a member of the hospital’s senior leadership team, Graham will oversee audiology, clinical laboratory, diagnostic imaging, pharmacy, rehabilitation, and respiratory departments. “There are a lot of great people in those areas, so my goal is to continue to build the relationships between those departments and grow ancillary services at WNH,” says Graham.

A new leader in one of Graham’s departments is **Megan Coffman**, MLT, laboratory manager. From Seminole, Oklahoma, Coffman stepped into this role in November. An experienced laboratory professional, Coffman has served in various roles as a lab technologist, lab technician, and laboratory supervisor since 2013. Coffman says her goal for the lab is to “provide quality and reliable results, and to create a healthy, happy work environment.”



Taking the reins from Graham in the cath lab is **Kadie Chittick**, BSN, RN. Kadie has been a registered nurse since 2014 and worked in various departments such as ICU and cath lab. She joined the William Newton Hospital cath lab team in November 2019 and assisted building the cardiology program. “She has been instrumental in policy development, process improvement, and patient education,” says William Newton Hospital Administrative Director of Cardiovascular Services Brandy Cuevas. “Kadie is a natural leader who will continue to make the cath lab a safe place for patients to get care.”

Chittick says her goal for the cath lab is to “continue the growth and development of our cardiovascular and interventional radiology programs while providing quality care to our patients.”

Also in support of cardiovascular services and other specialties is **Jackie Adrian**, RN. Adrian joined WNH in December as a clinic manager. She will lead the William Newton Cardiology, William Newton Orthopaedics, William Newton Foot & Ankle, and William Newton Interventional Radiology outpatient clinics located at the Physicians Pavilion and Winfield Healthcare Center in Winfield.



Adrian, originally from Iowa, moved here to work for William Newton Hospital. Adrian says she was referred by friend and fellow clinic manager **Harlene Hoyt**, who manages several primary care clinics within the WNH network. As a registered nurse, Adrian has several experiences that blend with the position including working in an operating room and cardiac floor with open heart and complicated vascular surgery.



The next William Newton Hospital staff member to be promoted was **Paul Swisher**, BSN, RN. Swisher assumed his leadership duties as ICU manager in early January 2022. Swisher has been a registered nurse since 2013 and is a Southwestern College graduate. He previously worked at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He moved to Winfield in summer 2021 to be closer to family and began working in the WNH intensive care unit in September.

“Paul has previous ICU leadership experience and brings a great perspective to William Newton Hospital,” says Debbie Marrs, BSN, RN, chief nursing officer. “He will be a great asset to the nurse manager team.”

Last but not least, **Rachel Livingston**, BSN, RN, is filling in as interim OB manager in addition to her role as Home Health Director. Rachel has been a nurse since 2011 after graduating from Kansas Wesleyan University. After graduation she went to work at Via Christi St Francis and then to Ponca City Medical Center. Rachel came to WNH in 2015 as a home health nurse and moved into the home health director position in 2018.



During her interim position, Rachel hopes to support the current OB staff as well as work diligently on obtaining new staff. Due to the department being without a manager for quite some time, she hopes to be able to hear the staff’s needs, assist in finding solutions, and carry their messages to administration.

Please join us in welcoming each of these skilled leaders! If you or someone you know is interested in joining the hospital’s growing team, visit [www.wnhcares.org/jobs](http://www.wnhcares.org/jobs).

# FEELING THE LOVE

We've received so many goodies from our community donors over the past several days, we're speechless! View all of our photos and join the conversation on our Facebook page - William Newton Healthcare Foundation.

On Friday, January 28, **Lowell Elementary School** contacted us regarding some treats they had made for the hospital nurses. It was their community engagement day, and each class got to choose somewhere in the community to benefit. Three of the classes chose William Newton Hospital. They made goodie bags with Band-Aid people on the front, papier-mâché flowers, and recorded a personal thank you message for our nursing staff. **Holy Name Catholic School** also delivered treats, accompanied by adorable explanations of what all the treats represented, that we delivered to nurses with the goodie bags from Lowell.

Thank you to Lowell and Holy Name for their support of their local community hospital. WNH Director Annika Morris and WNH CEO Ben Quinton also had the opportunity to thank these classes in person, on what happened to be their 100th day of school!



Roses are red. Our auxiliaries wear blue. We think **Dillons** deserves a big thank you! William Newton Hospital received a delivery of 150 red roses last Friday afternoon. Administrators were busy passing out rose stems to many grateful healthcare workers. It brought a smile to faces, with a few even claiming, "this will be the only flower I get for Valentine's Day." Thank you to Dillons for thinking of your local hospital and clinics.



...and the love for our healthcare workers keeps on coming. Finally, we want to thank WNH Donors **Rod & Becky Long** who provided delicious cupcakes (made by **Oh My Ganache Cakes**) for William Newton Hospital employees in celebration of Valentine's Day. We're so grateful for all the sweet gifts we've received from our community over the past several days, and this Valentine's Day surprise was the icing on the cake!



## FREE COVID-19 SELF-TESTING KITS AVAILABLE

Free, FDA-approved COVID-19 self-testing kits are now available for all community members at each of William Newton Hospital's Rural Health Clinics. Get your QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 test at Health Professionals of Winfield, William Newton Hillside Family Medicine, Cedar Vale Community Rural Health Clinic, Dexter Community Rural Health Clinic, Moline Community Rural Health Clinic, or Tallgrass Rural Health Clinic. Please call your local clinic to make pick up arrangements. Learn more by visiting the William Newton Hospital Facebook page. Clinic hours and phone numbers can be found at [www.wnhcares.org/rural-health-clinics](http://www.wnhcares.org/rural-health-clinics)





## WINE-O TRAIL RUN

Wine-O registration is open! Spots are filling up fast. Early bird pricing (\$50) ends on February 18 at 9am. If you don't want to run or walk, or if it's sold out before you sign up, we are still looking for volunteers! Contact Brittney at 620-221-6275 to volunteer.



## VALENTINE'S DAY RAFFLE

**Doreen Kelley** was the lucky winner of a package valued at over \$230! Over \$450 was raised for the foundation. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, and to these local businesses who helped make it possible - Barns at Timber Creek Bed & Breakfast, Timber Creek Floral + Gifts, Walnut Valley Meat Market, Wheat State Wine Co., & Anonymous. Thank you for all the support!

## SPRING INTO ACTION FOR HEALTHCARE - DONATIONS NEEDED



Hello! My name is Maria Collins and I am currently a senior at Southwestern College working towards my Bachelor of Health Science and Biochemistry. I am also minoring in leadership and on the leadership team, so you might have seen me around town at our annual garage sale or even painting houses at our annual freshman workday. I am a pre-medical student and work as a medical assistant at Urgent Care of Cowley County in Winfield, so I understand how stressful these times can be as a healthcare professional. April is Stress Awareness Month, and I care so much about the mental health of healthcare workers in our community. I previously had the opportunity to work with the ethics manager for Ascension hospitals in Kansas during the initial COVID-19 shutdown. This opportunity opened my eyes to the morally distressing situations one can be placed in

on a daily basis at work. Oftentimes, we don't know what to do in these situations or even how to talk about it. After extensively researching various resources for coping with these feelings, I have resolved to create a community movement called Spring into Action for Healthcare that will be happening this April! The 3rd week of April will be devoted to creating awareness about moral distress and healthcare burnout. In addition, there will be lots of fun goodies and events happening that week as a way to appreciate our local healthcare providers who do so much for our community. My vision is to conclude the week with a community celebration in Winfield on Friday, April 22. Please save the date!

I would like to personally invite you to Spring Into Action for Healthcare this April and consider donating time or resources to say thank you and support our local healthcare workers. **We are currently in need of monetary donations to provide food and beverages for healthcare workers during the 3rd week of April at multiple facilities** including: William Newton Hospital, Family Care Center, Urgent Care of Cowley County, City-Cowley Cowley Health Department, William Newton Hillside Family Medicine, numerous providers at the Physicians Pavilion, and Dexter Community Rural Health Clinic. I am also working towards including all healthcare providers within the county. If you would like to support Cowley County's healthcare community in some way or have a business that would give food or product, **please contact me by phone (316) 209-6101 or email maria.collins@sckans.edu**. Thank you for your support and caring for the healthcare workers in your community!