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Mobile medical unit to begin service

Thanks to the generosity of donors, a mobile medical unit that will allow Maury Regional Health to extend basic health care services in local communities is expected to begin operation in January.

For the past nine months, the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation has conducted a campaign to fund the purchase and operation of the mobile unit—a 38-foot recreational vehicle (RV) that has been customized with two exam rooms and a laboratory area and is wheelchair accessible.

The mobile unit will be unveiled to donors in early January and the organization anticipates it will be in operation in the southern Middle Tennessee region by late January.

The inspiration for the development of the new mobile unit was to provide primary care services to at-risk and underserved populations who lack access or



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2018 medical staff officers announced

Medical staff officers for MRMC in 2018 are pictured below. See page 2 for the MRMC Medical Staff Executive Committee and medical staff officers for affiliate facilities.



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MAURY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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MRMC 2018 MEDICAL STAFF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Officers

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Diagnostic Services Department

(Pathology, Radiation Oncology & Radiology)

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(All Medicine disciplines & Pediatrics)

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(All Surgery disciplines, Anesthesiology & OB-GYN)

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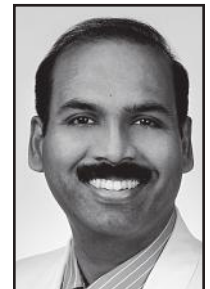
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HERRERA, M.D.
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James Webb

MAURY REGIONAL MEDICAL GROUP

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IN MEMORY

Jone Lewis passed away November 25. She was a registered nurse in Critical Care from 1988 to 2003.

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Kidd named regional operations director for MRMG



KIDD

Dawn Kidd has accepted the position of regional operations director for Maury Regional Medical Group (MRMG), according to MRMG CEO Mike Fecher. Regional operations directors are responsible for the success of physician practices by assisting with strategies and budgets and aiding practice managers with managing operations and ensuring implementation of policies. Kidd's areas of responsibility include the MRMG practices of hospital medicine, critical care, pulmonology and infectious disease.

Kidd has more than 14 years of experience in medical practice management and finance. She has served as manager of Maury Regional Urgent Care for the past year. She attended Motlow State Community College and the University of Tennessee.

"Dawn has performed very well as manager for our urgent care practice over the past year. We are pleased that she has accepted the position of regional operations director," said Fecher.

Schatz promoted to EMS assistant director



SCHATZ

Amanda Schatz has been promoted to assistant director for Maury Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS), according to EMS Director Brian Hupp.

Schatz joined Maury Regional EMS in 2003 and has experience as a dispatcher, paramedic and education supervisor. She most recently served as the department's training manager. She has also worked as a paramedic with Wayne Medical Center EMS and as an instructor coordinator at Columbia State Community College. She holds an associate's degree from Columbia State Community College, is licensed as an EMT-paramedic and is a certified American Heart Association instructor.

"In each of the roles she has undertaken for our EMS department, Amanda has performed well. We are very pleased that she has accepted this leadership role," said Hupp.

Physician joins medical staff



DR. FARNEN

David A. Farnen, D.P.M., a specialist in podiatry, recently joined the medical staff at MRMC. Dr. Farnen is associated with Advanced Foot & Ankle Care Centers (AFACC).

Dr. Farnen received his doctor of podiatric medicine degree from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. He completed a residency in podiatric surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School Podiatric Residency Program in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. Farnen sees patients by appointment in AFACC offices at 1413 Hatcher Lane in Columbia and at 5073 Columbia Pike, Suite 230, in Spring Hill. For more information, call 931.388.9922.

MRMC re-accredited as Chest Pain Center

The American College of Cardiology has recognized MRMC for treatment of patients who may be experiencing a heart attack. MRMC has been re-accredited as a Chest Pain Center with Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI). This is the ninth year that MRMC has maintained chest pain center accreditation.

The accreditation ensures that consistent, high quality processes are utilized across the continuum of care, which assist organizations in reducing variations of care, decreasing door-to-balloon time, lowering length of stay, sustaining consistent process improvements, decreasing readmission and maximizing reimbursements.

“Achieving accreditation takes an entire team across the continuum of care working diligently every day to provide outstanding care for our heart patients,” said CEO Alan Watson. “We appreciate the commitment of our physicians and staff members who care for patients with chest pain.”

PCI—also known as coronary angioplasty—is a nonsurgical procedure that opens narrowed or blocked coronary arteries. Hospitals that have earned accreditation with PCI have interventional services available around-the-clock.

Edwards to serve on THA board



DR. EDWARDS

Dr. Christopher Edwards, chief medical officer at Maury Regional Health, has been elected as the 2018 chairman of the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) Chief Medical Officer Society. His responsibilities include working with chief medical officers across the state on medical staff and quality issues affecting hospitals.

As chair, Dr. Edwards will serve on the THA board as the physician representative, working with board members to assist and guide the THA leadership in fulfilling its mission to lead members in advocacy for, and support of, community-based hospitals and health systems and assist them in delivering accessible, cost-effective quality health services.

Maury Regional Health CEO Alan Watson also serves as a member of the THA board in his role as past THA chairman.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 730,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. Services available at MRMC for heart care include Emergency Medical Services (EMS), emergency department, cardiac catheterization laboratory, cardiac diagnostics, inpatient cardiac unit and cardiac rehabilitation.

Mobile medical unit

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resources to obtain health care. The unit will be staffed by clinical specialists who will provide general primary care services as well as routine screenings, education about health conditions and coordinate referrals to appropriate providers.

Foundation Executive Director Joe Kilgore said, “Through the generosity of our donors, Maury Regional Health will touch the lives of residents throughout southern Middle Tennessee by improving access to health services. We raised more than \$300,000 enabling us to purchase the unit and have committed to providing an additional \$400,000 over five years for operational expenses. We are grateful for the support of our community.”

Major donors for the project include the Maury Regional Auxiliary, Mary and Con Vrailas, 2017 Mule Kick 5K, Suzanne and Houston Parks, Listerhill Credit Union, Dr. Eslick and Annie Daniel and Kristi and Greg Martin. Supporters include A-Z Office Resources, Clay Buttrey, Dr. David Craig, Dr. Sarah Essary, Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Dr. Rebecca Hawkins, Ed and Carrie Lancaster, Mounger & Moulder, PLLC, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Smith, Alan and Michele Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Williamson, Dr. Grace Wu, Darlene Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bishop, Mark and Kim Cashion, Dr. Wade and Jeanine Denney, Lace & Company, Connie Hardin, Carroll and Joe Kilgore, John and Adrienne Law, Dr. Christa Martin, Maury County Retired Teachers Association, Dr. B.I. Naddy and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walter.

Since its formation in 2006, the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation has funded nearly \$2 million in programs and services benefiting those in need throughout southern Middle Tennessee. Gifts to support the mobile medical unit may be made through the Foundation’s Community Health Fund at MauryRegionalFoundation.com. For more information, call 931.380.4075.

To learn more about the new mobile medical unit, contact the Population Health Department at 931.380.4031.

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS





Clinical nurse residency graduates

Several nurses recently completed the Clinical Nursing Residency program conducted by Nursing Professional Development. Instructor Tracy Ferguson (standing, far left) is pictured with graduates (seated, l-r) Josephine Yrabien, Tyler Owen, Kaleigh Belew, Patricia Karl; (standing, l-r) Kaleb Hinson, Laura Holzapfel, Megan Wright, Crystal Clement, Samantha Ballard, Cortney King, Amanda Petty, Amanda Runions and Lauren Stewart. Not pictured are Brittney Shell and Erica Wallace.

Retirees honored for service



BRUS

TERRY BRUS, a CT technologist in Imaging at MRMC, retired on December 22. She provided more than 13 years of service to the medical center.

“We are going to miss Terry, her beautiful smile and her kind, gentle ways. She has been a valuable asset to our department, a wonderful co-worker, friend and mentor to many. I am so happy for her to enjoy the next chapter of her life,”

said Imaging Director Pam Williams.



PUTNAM

CHERYL PUTNAM retired from MRMC on November 30. She was an application analyst III in Information Technology. She had worked at MRMC since 1989, providing more than 28 years of service.

“Cheryl was an extremely hard worker and had a wealth of knowledge from her years of service. She was dedicated to her peers and to the organization. She will be missed and we wish her

all the best in her retirement,” said Manager Warren Robinson.

KROGER GRANT SUPPORTS FOOD PANTRY

Kroger recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation Friends and Family Nutrition Fund, which finances a food pantry to meet the nutritional needs of patients who need assistance.

“We are pleased to be able to support Maury Regional Health Care Foundation with this grant to help provide nutritious food to those in need of a healthy meal,” said Melissa Eads, corporate affairs manager for the Kroger Nashville division. “Our Zero Hunger Zero Waste plan calls for us to end hunger in our communities and eliminate waste in our company by 2025. We know that many times those with medical issues may struggle to afford basic needs like food, so the Foundation’s Friends and Family Nutrition Fund is aligned with our objectives at Kroger.”

Since the food pantry was established in 2012, nearly 1,300 Maury Regional Health patients have been provided food and nutritional supplements. Those supported include inpatients being discharged home, cancer patients, parents of infants in the neonatal intensive care unit, hospice patients and many others.

“I am humbled by the work of the staff who championed the development of this food pantry and who help dozens of families each month put food on the table,” said Foundation Executive Director Joe Kilgore. “So many of our friends and neighbors lack the resources to obtain proper nutrition and those experiencing a health crisis have an even greater need. This generous grant from Kroger will enable more families in southern Middle Tennessee to be served. I would like to thank Kroger for their support.”



EARN EXTRA MONEY

Refer a direct care RN, physical therapist or paramedic

Any Maury Regional Health employee (MRMC/MMC/WMC/LHC/MRMG) who refers an RN, physical therapist or paramedic who is hired as a full-time direct patient care RN, physical therapist or paramedic at any of the three medical centers (MRMC/MMC/WMC) is eligible to receive a \$2,000 referral bonus.

The guidelines, eligibility criteria pertaining to the incentive and forms to be completed by the referring employee and the applicant (RN, physical therapist or paramedic) are available in the Human Resources Department and on the intranet at Departments/Human Resources under the Recruitment Incentive link. Please note that the appropriate form must be completed by both parties (the referring employee and RN, physical therapist or paramedic) prior to the RN, physical therapist or paramedic's hire date in order to be eligible for the incentive.

There are a variety of circumstances that may impact the eligibility of the incentive. If you have questions, please email Nursing Recruiter Pam Whitaker or Human Resources Manager Robbie Gadams.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4

DIABETES EDUCATION GROUP: 11 a.m., Annex, call 540.4324

January 4

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Noon, Marshall Medical Center, call 540.4243

January 6

FREE CLASS - UNDERSTANDING BIRTH: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call 490.7046

January 8

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 4017

January 9

COPING WITH CANCER: 2 p.m., Cancer Center, call 490.7192

January 9

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP: 5 p.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 381.1111, 1275

January 9

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: 5:30 p.m., MRMC Chapel, call 540.4243

January 13

FREE CLASS – NEWBORN CARE: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

January 13

FREE CLASS – INFANT CPR: Noon, call 490.7046

January 15

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 5:30 p.m., Women's Center, call 540.4166

January 20

FREE CLASS – BREASTFEEDING: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

January 22

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 4017

January 25

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP: 10 a.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 698.7438

January 25

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP: 6 p.m., Annex, call 840.4446

January 27

FREE CLASS – JUST FOR SIBLINGS: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

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Courtney Belden
Crystal Bottoms
Mike Bunt
Danielle Corbin
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Laura Crockett

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Holiday drives benefit community

Maury Regional Health employees, physicians and volunteers provided holiday cheer to area children and families in December.

The annual Holiday Hugs program coordinated by the MRMC Auxiliary provided 679 elementary school students in Maury County with gifts of clothing. Employees, physicians and volunteers from MRMC and Maury Regional Medical Group (MRMG) participated in the gift drive, providing gifts of clothing with an estimated value of more than \$27,000.

For a second year, Lewis Health Center worked with the Lewis County school system to provide 43 children with coats and warm clothing.

Marshall Medical Center again conducted a food drive for a local food bank and provided gifts for residents at NHC Lewisburg and NHC Oakwood.

Wayne Medical Center continued a tradition of assisting families in the community. This year, four families and several individuals received gifts and monetary donations for food and bills.

MRMG CORE Physicians was a collection site for the Toys for Tots program.



Volunteers at MRMC sorted and packed Holiday Hugs gifts, which were delivered to schools by staff members from Plant Operations and Supply Chain. Pictured (l-r) are Don Anderson, Con Vrailas, Tommy Riker, Ray Turner, Suzanne Alverson, James Caruthers, Cindy Johnson, Ruby Race, Debbie Massey, John Massey and Calvin Hoover. For more photos of holiday activities at Maury Regional Health, see page 5.

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