



# Auxiliary News

The Geary Community Hospital Auxiliary newsletter

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## GCH Auxiliary Scholarship Committee Awards Recipients



Picture l-r: Jolene Stackhouse, Ashley Visser (her two daughters), Gail Stein, Connie Peck and Cynthia Castro-Garay

The GCH Auxiliary Scholarship Committee was pleased to announce and present their recipients for the 2017-2018 school year.

A total of five scholarship recipients were selected, including one who received a scholarship the year prior, who is graduating that respective semester. Each student will receive \$500 per semester.

### The 2017-18 scholarship recipients are:

Ashley Visser – Attending Manhattan Area Technical College

Cynthia Castro – Garay – Attending Washburn University

Sayde Myers – Attending Manhattan Area Technical College

Ryan Coffman – Attending Kansas University

Taralyn Guthrie – Attending James Madison

## President Connie's News & Notes



Greetings GCH Auxiliary Members!

It's hard to believe summer is almost in full swing! Before we know it, fall will be just around the corner, and it will be time for the annual Fall Auxiliary Membership Luncheon.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 19, 11:45 a.m. fellowship followed by lunch at 12:00 p.m. in the Medical Arts II Conference Room. Invitations will be sent in the mail in the near future.

The state Hospital Auxiliaries of Kansas annual meeting is also taking place in the fall. This year the meeting will be held in Wichita Wednesday, September 6 – Friday, September 8. If you're interested in attending, please contact me to sign up.

On a membership note, we are happy to see some recent growth and would like to welcome our newest members to the team. Please give a warm welcome for new members Kathy Harris and Lori Thompson.

If you see them working at an information desk or the Gift Shop, please make sure to stop by, introduce yourself and say hello.

I am not sure if we can say this enough, but thank YOU for all you do for Geary Community Hospital and our community. You are the icing on the cake that makes this hospital an outstanding choice for healthcare needs. Keep up the great work!

Blessings,  
Connie

Connie Peck, President

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# From Joe's Desk

## *Children's Mercy Agreement*



Greetings GCH Family,

It is an exciting week for us as Geary Community Hospital! Last week we made a public announcement about the agreement with Children's Mercy Kansas City to establish a pediatric specialty clinic on the GCH campus.

We are excited to take another step forward by formally announcing our plans for the project. This project will benefit the children and families of Geary County and the surrounding Flint Hills region.

The 7,000 square foot clinic space will be located in the lower level area at GCH and include twelve exam rooms, three dictation pods, two treatment rooms, height/weight rooms, restrooms, a nurses station, and reception area.

Children's Mercy physicians have seen cardiology and endocrine/diabetes patients in Junction City for several years.

"Growing in Junction City has been a priority for Children's Mercy. Thanks to the generous support of donors, we are able to begin growing sooner than anticipated. Some of the new services we will be adding first through telemedicine potentially include developmental and behavioral services, gastroenterology, neurology and rheumatology," said Dr. Stacy Doyle, Vice President, Ambulatory Services at Children's Mercy.

Children's Mercy specialists have traveled to the Junction City area for many years and the need for a more substantial and permanent presence has become clear. Our population of children has grown and the demand for services has increased the last few years. The establishment of additional clinics here at GCH will elevate the level of pediatric specialty expertise and enhance the continuum of pediatric healthcare available to children locally and in this region of the state.

The four major project partners are Children's Mercy Kansas City, Geary Community Hospital, the R2B4 Bramlage Family Foundation and the Geary Community Healthcare Foundation. The R2B4 Bramlage Family Foundation and Geary Community Healthcare Foundation have been committed to making lives better for kids and families in Junction City for many years. Their support brings an opportunity for us to really move forward and provide new services to the area that are not available anywhere in the Flint Hills region.

Construction on the project will begin in the next few weeks with a projected completion date of spring, 2018.

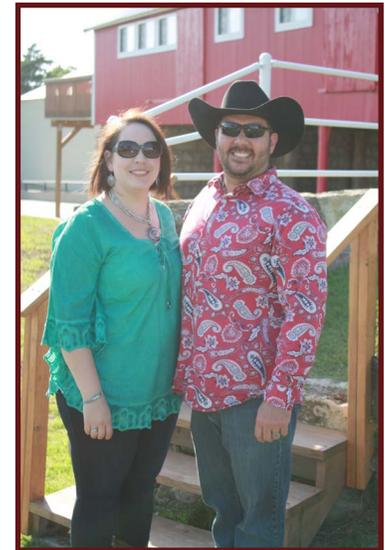
All the best,

Joe

## Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats



*Above l-r: Roscoe and  
Patty Maycroft*



*Above l-r: Harmony and  
Kyle Ibarra*

*Children's Mercy Hospital representatives joined in on the fundraising festivities Friday evening. Above: first row l-r: Jenea Oliver, Jeniffer Everett-Magee; second row l-r: Michelle McMillan, Stacy Doyle; third row l-r: Denise Dickerson, Scott Gage*

The Geary Community Healthcare Foundation held their 15th annual country and western fundraising event, Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats on Friday, June 9th at Bob and Lynn Small's big red country barn, and raised \$18,276 to support the Children's Mercy Clinics at Geary Community Hospital project. One hundred forty guests enjoyed a BBQ meal prepared by Cox Brothers BBQ and a frozen dessert bar by FroYo Junction.

The silent auction raised \$3,300, and the live auction raised \$4,250, with a Sunset Cruise on Milford Lake for 8 donated by Tim Date - Milford Lake Marina; a Mexican Fiesta Dinner for 6 donated by Rex and Jolana Matney, a two-day turkey hunt donated by Brad Roether - Grandpa Boone's Cabins and Outfitters; BBQ ribs and pulled pork for 20 to 30 people donated by Good Wood BBQ - Lance Custer, Ken Dillon and Kenny Ziegler; and a baby bed bench created and donated by Craig Paxton. After dinner, guests danced to music by Nashville recording artist, Rusty Rierson.

This event would not be possible without generous corporate sponsors: 1420 KJCK Eagle Radio; Valley View Senior Life; KS State Bank; Godfrey's Indoor Shooting & Archery Ranges; Wealth Management & Trust Services - Central National Bank; and underwriters.

Bob and Lynn Small have graciously hosted Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats for six years. To express appreciation for their generosity, the Geary Community Healthcare Foundation presented them with a plaque, a decorative branding iron - BCCH with a cowboy hat, and a wall hanging of the brand to display in their big red country barn.

Commenting on the event, Executive Director, Jolana Montgomery-Matney said, "It was particularly special to have six representatives from Children's Mercy attend the event. A special thanks to them and all the supporters of Boot, Chaps and Cowboy Hats."

# Naccarato Family Welcomes Twins



On Thursday, April 20, Dr. Teran (GCH Family Medicine, MAB I) and Tiffany Naccarato (APRN 4th Flr. RHC) welcomed two new beautiful children into the world. Jovie Irene weighing 3 pounds 13 ounces and Paxton Gabriel weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces, sister and brother respectively, arrived at only 34 weeks and 4 days. Tiffany had a Cesarean section at GCH and was then transferred up to Stormont-Vail with the babies for precautionary reasons. The Naccarato's brought the babies home officially on Saturday, May 6 and joined their older siblings, Bryton and Everly. The entire family is doing well and adjusting to the new routine. Congratulations, Naccaratos!



## GCH Rago Radiology CT Attains Accreditation



*Picture l-r: Pat Small, Director of Radiology; Roanna Fultz, RT; Dr. Joe Stratton, GCH Chief Executive Officer*

The Rago Radiology Department at GCH was recently awarded accreditation in Computed Tomography (CT) by the American College of Radiology (ACR), the largest and oldest imaging accrediting body in the U.S. and a professional organization of 34,000 physicians.

“This achievement is another example of our commitment to deliver high quality care to our patients,” said Dr. Joe Stratton, GCH Chief Executive Officer. “It’s especially important to note this accreditation achievement is a voluntary effort on behalf of the GCH Radiology Department. We are proud they have gone above and beyond to ensure our patients are receiving the nationally-accepted standards of care.”

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. “This accreditation tells our patients and families they can expect to receive the best standard of care at GCH,” said Pat Small, RT and Director of Radiology. “Every aspect of the ACR accreditation process is overseen by board-certified, expert radiologists and medical physicists in advanced diagnostic imaging. There are several requirements and standards that have to be met before accreditation is awarded.”

“Roanna Fultz, one of our Radiology Technologists, was instrumental in getting us accredited in CT,” said Small. To achieve the ACR Gold Standard of Accreditation, Geary Community Hospital’s personnel qualifications, equipment requirements, quality assurance, and quality control procedures have gone through a rigorous review process and have met specific qualifications. “It’s a pretty extensive procedure to be accredited,” said Roanna Fultz RT. “We began the application in November, 2016 and throughout the process we’ve implemented additional protocols and standards required by the American College of Radiology.”

# Delivering Change: Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies

## Nursing Nook



**Delivering Change is very excited to finally have its first "Nursing Nook." A place for mothers to nurse, have shade, enjoy bottled water in a comfortable area which also includes a changing station.**

**Look for the Nursing Nook at community events!**

**Upcoming events where you will see the Nursing Nook:**

**Sundown Salute- June 30th to July 4th. Heritage Park**

**Geary County Free Fair- July 24-27th. 4-H Fair Grounds**

# Farmers Market

at Geary Community Hospital

# Thursdays

4-7 p.m.

*North curb of the front parking lot*

