Strong partnership leads to wonderful experience

Healing and recovering from an illness or injury requires a strong partnership between patients and their healthcare providers. Dr. Josh Pruitt, MD, Medical Director, JRMC Emergency Department says that, “Good health requires people to take responsibility for their own health and make good choices. While we as physicians and all healthcare providers can be a resource for healthy decision making, it is imperative that people become accountable for their own health and knowledgeable about their own disease processes.”

Charlene George has always known this but a recent fall brought this to reality for her even more. She values good health, in fact, she always has. Her mother used to tell her, “Your body is a temple, take good care of it.” Charlene says, “I guess I always remember that. I grew up in a healthy environment and keeping healthy has always been very important to me. I keep active and I believe that is what helped me recover so well from my injury.”

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What an exciting few years it’s been here at Jones Regional Medical Center. We have made amazing strides in providing accessible, quality healthcare. All of the communities we serve have come together to see that a new hospital was built and the recent expansion project was complete. Your generous giving has played a tremendous role in the expansion of services that we now offer. We could not have done any of this without the philanthropic support of so many wonderful people. Whether gifts are large or small, all make a difference!

While so many things have been done to strengthen healthcare in our service area, funding and reimbursement cuts are our current reality. It is nearly impossible to provide all of the healthcare we would like to because of inadequate resources. Because of this situation, rural Iowa continues to be in jeopardy of losing access to high quality healthcare.

To help continue our mission of providing great healthcare close to home, we’ve developed the Jones Regional Medical Center Legacy Society. We’ve already had several individuals take the bold step to be a part of the original Legacy Society. What this means is they’ve included JRMC in their estate plans. This support brings us much closer to a sustainable future in providing quality healthcare and being able to just continue to do the right thing for our patients and families.

I would encourage you to thoughtfully consider including the JRMC Foundation in your estate plans and becoming a member of our Legacy Society, so that together, we can ensure high quality healthcare is available for generations to come.

Yours in health,

Eric Briesemeister
CEO, JRMC
Charlene is 85 years old and has exercised three times a week with friends at the Lawrence Community Center since 1982.

On March 31, she broke her femur, had surgery and came to Jones Regional for inpatient therapy and skilled nursing as part of her road to recovery, which also included a partnership in her healthcare, which she was very active in.

Both she and her husband Bob, still appreciate all that Jones Regional was able to provide, including a very caring staff, clean room and facility, good tasting, healthy food, therapy, both occupational and physical therapy and home health care.

Outside of a bit of pain and getting tired a little easier, she is back to normal. I’m just slowing down a little bit. “I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else, the care I received throughout the entire journey, from the Emergency Room to Home Health care and everything in between, was simply wonderful. I felt so comfortable and well cared for. It was just a wonderful experience!”

The outstanding care received is just one reason that Bob and Charlene have chosen to be a part of the newly formed Jones Regional Medical Center Legacy Society. They both believe in supporting their community, they value quality, accessible healthcare and feel privileged to be able to support it.
Grand Opening & Journey to Health Fair

Jones Regional Medical Center celebrated a Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting and Journey to Health Fair on Monday, May 9. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony began at 1 p.m. followed by the Health Fair from 3 – 6 p.m.

An estimated 400 visitors took a self-guided tour of the new and expanded facility including the new Center for Specialty Medicine, surgery suite, infusion center, and cardiopulmonary rehab and therapy departments during the Journey to Health Fair.

The Health Fair included Women’s Health, Heart Healthy Cooking, Surgery Services, Blood Pressure Checks, Posture Assessment and the Bike Helmet Giveaway as well as information on Provider Specialists, Smoking Cessation, Proper Medication Disposal, Hospital Based Skilled Nursing Care, Skin Cancer Screening, UnityPoint at Home, Neck & Shoulder Massages, Emergency Preparedness, CPR Demonstrations, and Infusion Lab.

The expansion project included the addition of nearly 20,000 square feet to house outpatient specialty clinics with 18 exam rooms, an Infusion Center and laboratory services. A renovation of 11,000 square feet for expansion of the emergency department, the addition of 4 prep/recovery rooms to the surgical department, renovation to triple the current space of the rehabilitation area and doubling the current pharmacy space, were also included in the project.

OUTPATIENT SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Cancer Care
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Counseling Services
- Diabetes Education
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- Eye Care
- Family Health
- Gastroenterology
- Heart Care
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Save the Date!
Saturday, October 22  9am at Wapsi State Park

Join us for a beautiful fall stroll through Wapsi State Park for our third annual Pink in the Park. Proceeds benefit the Jones Regional Medical Center 3D Mammography project in the fight against breast cancer. Register online at getmeregistered.com, search Pink in the Park.

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