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## Expanding Women's Services - Fifth Floor Renovation Project

By Jill Killion, Director of Foundation and Volunteer Services

Mothers in Council Bluffs and Western Iowa deserve exceptional women's healthcare services. Once complete, our expansion projects will establish Methodist Jennie Edmundson as the premier women's and birth services center in our region. The second floor of the new medical office building is now home to one of the most comprehensive women's service providers. The floor includes 25 exam rooms, four intake areas, nurses' stations, physician offices, two treatment rooms, two non-stress testing rooms and a diagnostic lab. The floor also includes intake and exam room space for maternal-fetal medicine specialists from the Methodist Women's Hospital Perinatal Center in Omaha, located off 192nd and West Dodge Road. The medical office building also features mammogram and bone density scanning, two ultrasound rooms and more.

Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital has listened to the needs of our community and has responded. We are expanding and renovating our 5th floor to create a state-of-the-art women's services center of excellence. When mothers and families are ready for their special day, we'll offer them the very best providers, amenities, and choices to ensure the safest and most comfortable delivery possible.

We believe that Western Iowa deserves first rate medical care in Council Bluffs and western Iowa. Through our partnership with Methodist Women's Hospital, we are excited to expand the scope of women's services to Council Bluffs and Western Iowa. No longer will families need to travel to Omaha to receive premier care. Mothers will be served with skill and pride in the comfort of their hometown.

Our Women's Services Center has been staffed with highly skilled Clinicians to give our mothers and new babies the most compassionate, current, and extraordinary care to accompany this amazing new center. The 5th floor facility, consisting of 18,000 square feet, will provide: 6 private labor and delivery rooms where mothers can labor in a comfortable and soothing, "feel at home" environment; 12 post-partum rooms; 4 spacious Level II NICU bays with dedicated space for consults; expanded space for educational opportunities; 3 Jacuzzi tubs for pain control during labor; a C-Section suite; an infant security system that ensures safety of our space and a larger waiting area for family and friends.

We are conducting a \$1M campaign to finish equipping the 5th floor Center with the final pieces, technology, and equipment that will distinguish the Methodist Jennie Edmundson Women's Services Center as the premier women's and birth services center in our region. With your help, we will give Council Bluffs and western Iowa mothers the extraordinary care and facilities they deserve. We hope we can count on your support for this campaign in the coming weeks.

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### Happy Birthday Jennie!

October 24th marks Jennie's 172nd birthday. As part of his will, J.D. Edmundson requested a bouquet of flowers be placed by Jennie's portrait on her birthday. This request has been honored each year since 1933. The portrait can be found outside of the West Lobby.





## Upcoming Events:

October 29

**Chaplains Meeting - call in**

November 2

**Auxiliary Board Meeting**

Virtual - call in

November 18

**Division Heads**

Volunteer Board Room

9:00am - 11:00am

November 19

**Chaplains Meeting -**

Call in

November 20

**Thanksgiving Chapel Service**

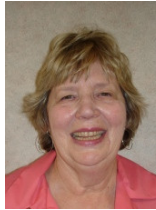
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November 26

Thanksgiving

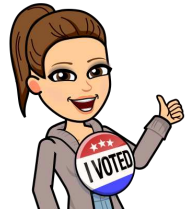
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Call the office at 712-396-6040 for more information!



## Election Time

by Peg Christ, Auxiliary President



Our life changing year, 2020, is drawing to a close. Highlighting this fall is a national election giving us the opportunity to exercise our voting privilege and also to affect the future healthcare in the US. In August, we celebrated 100 years of women's voting rights – a milestone in election history. Contemplating our voting duty many issues confront us. As a retired nurse, an elderly citizen, and a volunteer at Jennie, some health care topics are dear to me. They are: the future of Medicare, the funding and continuation of Medicaid, individual health care coverage, protection for pre-existing conditions and the cost of medicine.

Also, as a Jennie Volunteer I have a desire to see financial stability for our hospital. Questioning the candidates, studying their past statements, and viewing their actions on these topics should guide our decisions in the polling booth. I wish you a memorable election, peace and health in the remaining months of 2020, and thank you for voting.

## IHA 2020 - Virtual Conference

The Iowa Hospital Association Annual Meeting looked a lot different this year. What is usually the hustle and bustle of the Convention Center in Des Moines was turned into a virtual conference. More than 1,000 Iowa health care professionals and volunteers viewed the Iowa Hospital Association's 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting, Oct. 6-8. Annual meeting participants explored innovative approaches and perspectives through nearly 30 breakout sessions and engaged with more than 30 exhibitors.

Mark your calendars now for next year's IHA Annual Meeting, Oct. 5-7, 2021.



## Masks

We've had some very busy seamstresses assisting us with masks for staff, patients and visitors since April. It seems there isn't a week that goes by that we don't get a delivery of some kind from various donors. In fact, our very own Betsy Henry has made over 600 masks, and her donations continue to come in!!! In June when we sent out a plea for cotton surgical caps, our volunteers once again came to our rescue, with almost 500 caps being supplied. The Surgical Services team acts like it's Christmas morning every time more caps are delivered to their area. Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped us out this year - we REALLY appreciate it!!!



## Pink Out 2020

By Courtney Kay, Volunteer Coordinator

The Foundation would like to thank everyone who purchased Pink Out T-shirts this year. Buying and wearing the Pink Out shirts is especially important this year with our annual in-person events cancelled due to COVID. Pink Out 2020 sold 2,300 shirts and raised more than \$20,000! This year, the dollars raised are more important than ever. Proceeds help uninsured and under-insured patients throughout our community. While we were selected to receive a Komen grant (which speaks to the outstanding work we do), there are no funds available (which speaks to the environment in which we find ourselves). We are trying to meet more needs with fewer dollars and the mammograms we are able to provide our un- and under-insured patients is a testament to the level of care and compassion displayed by Jennie providers.



## Awards of Excellence

Methodist Health System

Big news at MJEH!

The hospital has recently received several awards for excellence. We were recently designated a **Breast Imaging Center of Excellence** by the American College of Radiology. Our Mammograms and our diagnostic tools are the best systems available to women in western Iowa. We were also named a **Screening Center of Excellence** by the GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer. Our low-dose CT screening is shown to be the only proven method to detect lung cancer at an early and treatable stage. And Finally, Jennie was also recognized for excellence in lactation care! Some pretty amazing awards.



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## **Blood Drive**

### **Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital**

Old Cardiac Rehab Room  
**Thursday, November 5, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

At this time we have about 40 volunteers who have returned to various service areas in the hospital. We have taken precautions to ensure their safety while working in the hospital. If you are growing tired of being at home and are interested in returning to volunteer, please contact Courtney at 396-6040 to discuss openings.

