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National Hospital Week

Each time you wear your badge, you are expected to provide the best possible care to our patients, visitors and to one another...and you always exceed our expectations. The last few months have been no exception. While amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we have come together to serve the healthcare needs in our community.

To our Jennie family - thank you for always representing the "Meaning of Care". Together, we make Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital a place of excellence and an exemplary leader in Iowa healthcare.

To celebrate National Hospital Week, the Jennie Edmundson Foundation put together a video to celebrate our MJE Healthcare Heroes. You might even spot some people you know! Take a peak at our video on YouTube, it's really quite nice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJ49VXye7TY>



Pandemic Notes

by Peg Christ, Auxiliary President

"It just doesn't seem right with the world if I don't head to Jennie to do my volunteering." This lament has been echoed by many of our volunteers over the past two months as we

reach them by phone, checking to see if they are well or need assistance. I've also heard that we are missed. A number of hospital staff have said "we really miss our volunteers and all they do for us!"

One thing this virus has taught the world - how important our health care providers are to us. The Coronavirus has raised our understanding of the need and value of health care workers to a new and dramatic level. How best to appreciate their service? One comparison is to the wartime combat medic. Medics advance right along with troops to the front lines, to the threat and terror it holds, ready to assist the wounded despite the carnage and threat to life that engulfs them. Besides that fear, our heroes endure the concern of bringing the threat home to loved ones.

Now is the time of year when we praise and reward our doctors, nurses and all our health care providers. In the past, volunteers have put together "thank you" goodie bags and personally delivered them to every office, clinic, unit and department affiliated with "Jennie". This year we are unable to do that, but wish them to know we owe them our gratitude and admiration for all they do under such uniquely trying circumstances. Thanks you!

Calling All Seamstresses

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to throw us curve balls when it comes to PPE (personal protective equipment). Our latest need is for cloth scrub hats. Disposable surgical hats are on back order and actually come from China. The back order status could be a very long period of time so the Surgical Services team is looking for homemade options. At right are options for both long and short hair. If you have the time and talent to make these, we are looking for 100% cotton fabric hats that can withstand multiple washings. Staff go through 20+ hats a day, so we will need a significant supply. I've found instructions on [Youtube.com/watch?v=mNyTTA2QLIY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNyTTA2QLIY) or www.twelvebees.ca that look quite easy. Please call the Foundation office at 712-396-6040 for any assistance.





Upcoming Events:

June 8th

Medical Office Building Opens!!!

June 17th

Division Heads - Teleconference

9am - 11am

Please RSVP for call in number

June 25

Chaplains - Teleconference

9am - 10am

Please RSVP for call in number

July 4th

Independence Day

Office Closed - It's Saturday silly,
of course the office is closed



Celebration of Life

May is a month to honor and memorialize our loved ones. Here at the Jennie Edmundson Foundation we typically designate the last Friday in May as a time of remembrance when we host a Celebration of Life service to honor staff and volunteers who passed through the year.

With current restrictions, this year's memorial service had to be cancelled. While we still mourn their loss, we find comfort in sharing stories and remembering the impact each has made. For some, their service started decades ago, while others recently joined our Jennie Family. We feel blessed and thankful to have shared in their lives. Please help us honor the individuals listed in the graphic below, and learn more about each at: <https://www.jehfoundation.org/news/7/>

We Remember:

Volunteers

Jon Bordon | Donald Rex Croson
Gayle Eyberg | Marylea Schwenn Hall
Janice Knott | Lillie Manhart
Virginia Nelson | Kathy Nielsen
Judy Ravlin | Rosie Schlemmer
Father Tan Tran | Rodney Whitman

Staff

Dale Miller | John Raymer

COVID-19 and the Foundation

by Katie Kyker, Director of Development

I hope this message finds you well! I miss seeing your smiling faces around the hospital and look forward to seeing all of you once you are able to volunteer again.

The last few months have been quite a crazy time around the hospital. I arrived back from maternity leave in March and quickly learned things were about to change!

At Jennie Edmundson, we strive to provide the best possible care to our patients, visitors and to one another and the last few months have been no exception. While amid the COVID-19 pandemic, our Jennie family has come together to serve the healthcare needs of our community. We wouldn't be able to do this without the help of our amazing volunteers! Although you cannot be here with us, we really appreciate all of the support you have provided us through monetary donations, your talents (I'm SO impressed by the amount of masks you have been able to make!!), providing treats for hospital staff, and everything else you have done to support our Jennie family.

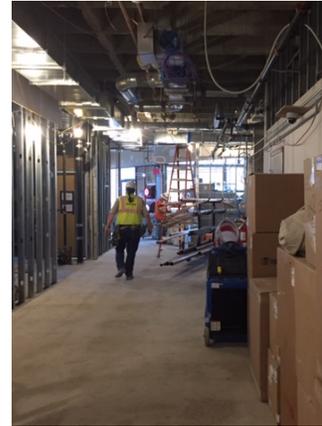
We are so grateful for this family and we thank each and every one of you for your dedication to Jennie.

Thank You



Women's Services Campus Update

by Jill Killion, Director Foundation and Volunteer Services



Families in Council Bluffs and western Iowa will have a beautiful new space to welcome their babies when the fifth floor renovation project is completed later this year. It was just a few short months ago that we "broke ground" on the Women's Services Floor. The \$10.75 million project will transform 18,000 square feet into an entire floor dedicated to women's services. A couple weeks ago I donned a hard hat and vest and inspected the progress for myself. It really has come a long way in a very short period of time. Upon completion, the women's services floor will feature:

- Six private labor rooms where moms can labor in a comfortable and soothing environment
- Three Jacuzzi tubs available for pain management
- 12 postpartum rooms for bonding with baby after delivery
- A cesarean section suite that offers moms the ability to do skin-to-skin immediately after surgery
- Four Level II NICU bays with a dedicated space for consults
- Expanded space for childbirth education, prenatal breastfeeding education and postpartum breastfeeding support
- A Safe Place infant security system
- A large waiting room area for family and friends

Above pictures from my tour (left to right) include:

- A mock up of one of the Labor and Delivery Rooms
- The wall unit highlighting all of the equipment plugins/ gases needed in a Labor and Delivery Room. Panels will cover the wall when not in use.
- Nurses station which is located right in between the Labor and Delivery wing on the east hallway and the Postpartum wing on the west hallway
- Hallway off the elevators looking toward the waiting room

With surgeries placed on hold due to Covid-19, the 4th floor has been closed for almost two months. Though this is not ideal from a revenue standpoint, the silver lining from all of this is, it has allowed construction to continue at a swift pace without disruption to patients on 4th!



New Senior Vice President of Operations

We are pleased to introduce the newest member of our management team David Burd, Senior Vice President of Operations. Dave was most recently CEO of Thayer County Health Services a critical access hospital in Hebron Nebraska. Dave interviewed with multiple groups to include physicians, ancillary and nursing department managers and a group from the Health System. Interview evaluations were overwhelmingly positive with a very dominant theme of "He fits our culture..." Dave started his position at MJE on May 4th. This gives him approximately 60 to 90 days of transition, before Donna Hubbell retires. We are very excited to welcome Dave to the Jennie family. He and his family are residing in Council Bluffs.



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Change Services Requested

Note to Volunteers: On a daily basis, we are reminded how important YOU are and how much your Jennie family misses seeing you! As excited as we are for your return, your safety is our TOP priority!! We also recognize that the decision and timeline for your return is yours alone...well, maybe some family pressures will weigh in! Some of you may be ready to return in mid-to-late June while others may choose to wait months or even a year. Whatever you decide, know we will respect your decision and continue to look for opportunities to stay connected through phone calls and emails. As we prepare for your return, the Volunteer Services Department wants you to feel comfortable when you return to volunteer. Additional safety training will be provided before you begin volunteering again. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us for additional information. We look forward to seeing you again real soon!