



Message from Peg Christ Auxiliary President

Spring, quite reluctantly is creeping across the midlands. May, the month of beautiful and fragrant flowers, has coaxed Mother Nature to forgo that extraordinary winter we had and bring in our usual spring weather...FINALLY! The May of my childhood remembrances always started with the fun of making May baskets, giving them away to friends and neighbors and the joy of receiving the handmade baskets of candy and flowers. The past 5 weeks reminded me of those May basket days as we had our yearly "thank you fest" at Jennie recognizing all those who work and volunteer to make our hospital widely known for the saying Jennie Cares.

March 6th was National Doctors Day and our medical and surgical care providers were thanked for their service to Jennie with a meal. Next, we the Volunteers were honored during National Volunteer Month with surprise gifts presented to us during our work shift—these gifts came from various hospital departments. It's great to be a volunteer when these thank yous roll in.

Next came Nurses Day, May 6th, which ushers in National Hospital Week. Meal delights were scheduled for all health care providers to attend. They enjoyed the trail mix bar, pasta bar, a breakfast and an ice cream social.

The volunteers participated as we prepared and delivered goodie bags for each hospital and outpatient service, doctors offices and clinics affiliated with Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital. All this festive giving was to celebrate and show gratitude to all who choose and value health care work and take pride in making Jennie Edmundson a premier health care institution.

Upcoming Super Sitters Classes



Wednesday, June 19

Wednesday, July 31

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Classroom 2HA (Doctor's Building)

Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital

\$40 per child (ages 10-14)

(fee includes a light breakfast, lunch, and Babysitting Book)

The class will focus on caring for, and keeping children and infants safe and entertained while in a babysitting setting.

This is a popular class, RSVP today to reserve a space!

712.396.6040 or robin.spitznagle@nmhs.org



Save the Date
Auxiliary Picnic - August 26th
Look for your formal invitation in July.

Foundation Update from Tara Slevin

Vice President of Development and Volunteer Services

As summer rolls in, things are heating up for Wheels of Courage and Spirit of Courage. Committee chairs and volunteers are hard at work organizing every detail for the car show, recipient gatherings, celebrations, golf tournament, dinner and auction. Thanks to the dedication of the women and men who share their time, talent and resources, 2019 is shaping up to be another strong year for the Jennie Edmundson Foundation. Funds raised from these important events will help us continue to support our cancer patients, who are uninsured and/or underinsured. 100% of the proceeds assist patients by paying for medications and treatments as well as everyday living expenses such as groceries, rent, and gas. Without this type of help, many of these vulnerable members of our community would simply forgo treatment and/or medications.

In addition to the incredible team busy planning and implementing our signature events, we are also thankful for our philanthropic partners helping fund our charitable patient care programs and initiatives. Two programs we are very proud of: Caring For Our Communities and our partnership with Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa Affiliate to provide mammograms and breast services which are featured in this edition. Together, we are helping to break down the barriers for under resourced individuals to access care.

I am also humbled by the generosity and kindness of our employees, physicians, volunteers and community donors as well as our friends at the Iowa Hospital Association for their generous contributions to help support those affected by the most recent flooding. The devastation is heartbreaking and many of our fellow co-workers and volunteers continue to deal with the loss of their homes and personal belongings. In addition to financial support, our Jennie Family continues to provide comfort and assistance. While the situations differ, the common thread throughout each story is their incredible strength, courage and determination!

What an honor it is to be a part of this organization and the work we are blessed to be involved with each and every day! Thank you! Tara

In Remembrance

On May 22nd, a memorial service was held in the Chapel honoring the memory of former Methodist Jennie Edmundson Volunteers, Staff and a Spirit of Courage Recipient. We are so grateful to have been a part of their lives.



Those honored were:

Spirit of Courage Recipient:

Jose Hernandez

Volunteers

Bonna Brooks

Theresa Buchanan

Eloise Haight

Bonnie Harris

Mary Kahler

Jane Scherle

Employees

Lydia Campbell (Teen Vol)

Karen Fort

Bonnie Green

Emil Vampola

A Warm Welcome to our New Volunteers



Sandy Whittington
Lobby / Projects



Tammy Jensen
Gift Shop



Maggie Renfeld
East Lobby



Gordie Renfeld
West Lobby



Heather Jones
Behavioral Health



Hannah Sellers
Emergency Department



Connie Booton
East Lobby



Jade Whannell
Teen Volunteer

THANK YOU!

Neither sleet, nor snow, nor gloom of night, kept this year's attendees from venturing out for Dance to the Beat on its rescheduled date of March 2nd. Despite the less than favorable weather conditions, 200 people came out in support of this fundraiser for cardiovascular patients at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital. The event raised more than \$19,000 for cardiac patients in need! Attendees danced the night away to the sounds of Taxi Driver, a local band favorite. Plans for 2020 are well underway. You can even expect to see some welcome changes. One thing that won't be changing is the band...Taxi Driver has already been booked. This is sizing up to be even bigger and better than in years past. Mark your calendars for February 29th. You can expect to see a Save the Date announcement in the next edition of the Edmundsonian.

Auxiliary Board Awards

Judy Williams

March 2019 Board Award Recipient



Our March Board Award recipient has been a volunteer since 2016 – a relatively new volunteer in the scheme of things! Since 2016 she has volunteered over 300 hours through various means. Her first Jennie volunteer work was actually at the Spirit of Courage golf outing, when she and a friend worked one of the specialty holes. She returned for another year on the course in 2017 before becoming an active volunteer within the hospital. She tried out a couple areas finally landing on supporting the Volunteer Office on a weekly basis. She has been a regular supporter of the Breast Health Center as they partner with Leach Camper Sales at the annual Boat and RV shows at the MAC and the former Century Link Center by manning an information booth. In addition to these duties she also holds an important position on the board. Our March Board Award recipient is also our Corresponding Secretary. Once we learn that you are sick, hospitalized, or just need a note, Judy Williams is advised and a card is quickly placed in the mail. Obviously a very important role. Congratulations Judy!

Marilyn Newland

May 2019 Board Award Recipient



Our May Board Award recipient has been a volunteer since 2014 – and in that time, she has done a lot. Since 2014 she has volunteered just shy of 1000 hours. Volunteering at least 4 times a month, but usually more, in the hospital. She has also helped with the Spirit of Courage in numerous ways. She has been on the Auction Committee procuring auction items from local businesses, in addition to helping out at both the Golf Outing and the Gala. She has assisted with identifying potential donors who might contribute to deserving Foundation projects. She has helped with Wheels of Courage and Pink Out and she serves as an officer of the Auxiliary. May's Board Award recipient is Marilyn Newland who is Vice President of Administrative and Family Services. This means she is responsible for coordinating our Annual Meeting in April and our picnic in August, as well as oversight of our Office Resource Volunteers, Sewing Committee and hours tracking, among other duties. Congratulations to Marilyn, our May Board Award recipient.

Volunteers of the Month

Claudia Schafer—January 2019



Our January Volunteer of the Month is Claudia Schafer. Claudia became interested in volunteering after seeing a feature on TV about volunteers rocking babies. Well, our hospital doesn't have that need, but we certainly did have other volunteer opportunities. Since starting in the fall of 2016, Claudia has volunteered over 1,200 hours which equates to at least two or three times a week in either the East or West Lobby offering information or wayfinding to our guests. In addition to working the Lobby Desks, Claudia recently took on a leadership role with the Auxiliary where she serves as Vice President of Youth Services. This position is responsible for oversight of

the Teen Volunteers (including Scholarship review and selection), Adopt a School (our partnership with Hoover Elementary), and Super Sitters. Congratulations to Claudia Schafer our very busy January Volunteer.

Mike Damgaard—February 2019



Mike Damgaard is our February Volunteer of the Month. Mike joined the volunteer ranks in September of 2017. Since then he has volunteered at least once a week if not more in the West Lobby offering information, directions and escorts to patients and guests. In addition to volunteering within the hospital, Mike also assisted as a golf caddy this past August at the annual Spirit of Courage golf outing. In spite of the early morning rain, photos indicate he and his team still managed to have a good time! Mike has been a great addition to our volunteer roster. He is flexible and willing to assist with filling

last minute openings. Congratulations to Mike Damgaard, our February Volunteer of the Month.

Volunteer of the Month—cont.

JoEllen Darrington

March 2019 Volunteer of the Month



JoEllen Darrington is our March Volunteer of the Month. You'll find JoEllen working 3 to 4 afternoons a month in Jennie's Gift Shop. JoEllen began volunteering in February 2013. Since then, she has volunteered just over 800 hours. In addition to the Gift Shop she has helped support the Spirit of Courage by assisting with player registration at the Golf Outing; auction item logistics at the Mid America Center; and wine pull sales at the Gala. JoEllen has been quite the recruiter lately as well. Thanks to her encouragement, both Connie Rankin and Jackie Masker started volunteering in the Gift Shop late last year. Congratulations to JoEllen Darrington, our March Volunteer of the Month.

Steve Padilla

April 2019 Volunteer of the Month



Steve Padilla, our April Volunteer of the Month, spends most Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in Cardiac Rehab volunteering. As a graduate of the Cardiac program, Steve knows how vulnerable the patients can feel when they first enter the program. Steve coaches and encourages each patient as they go through their exercises. A former coach and athletic director, he's a natural at being a cheerleader for the patients in the cardiac rehab area. His experience at Jennie was so good, he wanted to give back, so a volunteer position was created especially for him. Since starting in June 2017, Steve has volunteered over 500 hours. During the summer months he cuts back on his volunteering, as Mondays are reserved for golf. Congratulations and a big thank you to Steve.

Teen Volunteer "Senior Spotlight"



Johanna Castillo Aguirre
 Lewis Central High School
 University of Iowa
 Major: Neuroscience / Pre-Dentistry



Cassie Davis
 Abraham Lincoln High School
 Clarkson College
 Degree in Science and Medical Imaging



Jordan Finnegin
 Treynor High School
 University of Iowa
 Major: Nursing



Peyton Fox
 Underwood High School
 Clarkson College
 Major: Nursing



Elizabeth Hoffman
 Underwood High School
 Iowa State University
 Major: Biology



Jeannette Juarez
 Abraham Lincoln High School
 Iowa Western Community College
 Major: Criminal Justice



Joy Koenig
 Underwood High School
 Nebraska Wesleyan University
 Major: Nursing



Sarah Stephens
 Lewis Central High School
 Iowa Western Community College
 Major: Nursing

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

Care Begins with Knowing Where to Turn

By Nick Schinker

People with complex and often chronic diseases who don't have insurance, are underinsured, have behavioral health issues, cannot afford or simply don't have a primary care doctor commonly show up at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital Emergency Department. But the ER isn't always the best place to serve their recurrent needs.

That is when Caring For Our Communities (CFOC) steps in. Created in 2012, CFOC helps people find an appropriate level of health care, take advantage of existing community resources, obtain health-related education, gain access to affordable medications, and navigate the healthcare exchange.

CFOC is based at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital and stretches throughout southwest Iowa. With the addition of a Community Health Worker, people in need of medical or behavioral healthcare have a touchpoint who knows how to navigate the healthcare system to better address each individual's needs.

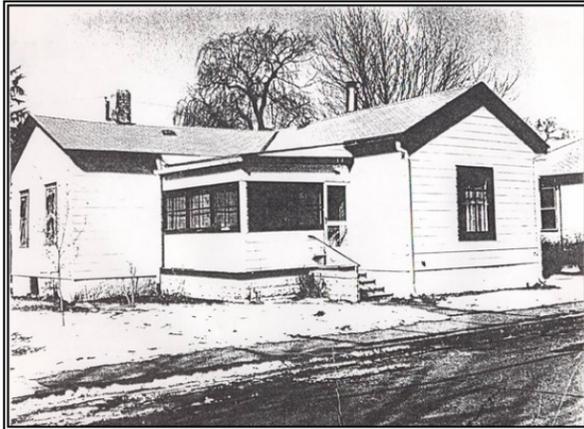
Philanthropy is the cornerstone of CFOC. "We could not function without the generous financial support of the communities we serve," says CFOC Program Director Lorrie Reddish. "It enables us to provide a growing number of services to an ever-expanding population in need."

Each year, more than 30 key stakeholders and community partners take part in the CFOC effort to link high-risk individuals with available local resources. Lead organizations include:

- Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital
- The Jennie Edmundson Hospital Foundation
- Connections Area Agency on Aging
- Heartland Family Services
- Horizon Behavioral Health Agency
- Iowa legal Aid
- Methodist Physicians Clinic
- All Care (Community) Health Center
- Pottawattamie County Public Health Department

"The people helped through CFOC are often the most vulnerable, simply because they don't know where to turn," says Tara Slevin, Vice President of Volunteer Services and Foundation for Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital. "Thanks to the financial support we receive, CFOC will not only point them in the right direction, it can help them turn their lives around."

Through the Years—Jennie Edmundson Hospital a Pictorial Review



Established in 1886 this two room cottage at 312 Williams, was leased by the Faith Band Women, (know as the Women's Christian Association today) as the first site of the hospital.



Later in 1886 the hospital moved to the McMahan House. This was the second location for the hospital.



1907 post card of new hospital on East Pierce



Inside the main entrance to Jennie Edmundson Hospital



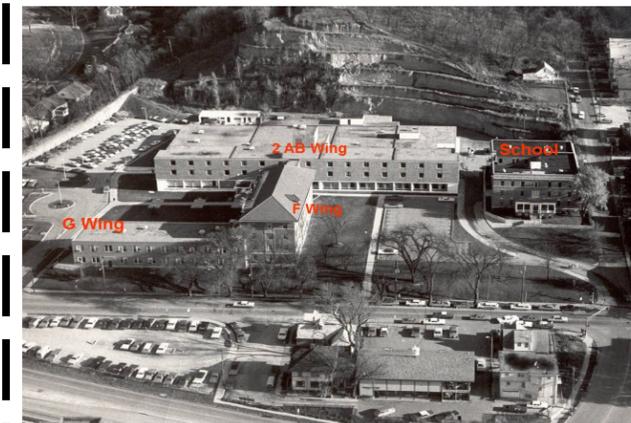
Laying the first brick of the F-wing in approximately 1920.



A later picture of the completed F-Wing .



View from Pierce Street facing front of hospital in 1951. In 1963 the original main entrance (in the background) was torn down to make room for the A/B wing (see below). In 1978 the School of Nursing (above right) was torn down to make way for the H-wing that houses 4th and 5th floors of the hospital as seen in the photo below right.



The 1980s and 1990s brought changes to the hospital's structure, including a new psychiatric wing, a chapel and an addition to surgery, which included a new loading dock and storage area. A 65,000 square foot addition, One Edmundson Place (pictured above) was completed in 1993. The Cancer Center was the focal point of the addition, which also included medical office space, expanded space for lab, medical records and a cafeteria; plus a 270 stall parking garage. In 1994, Jennie Edmundson Hospital became a corporate affiliate of Nebraska Methodist Health System. This affiliation has allowed Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital to work with other providers in Iowa and Nebraska to enhance regional access to specialized health care services. In 2016, the Cancer Center expanded it's footprint into the space between the garage and the office building with an addition that houses a state of the art Linear Accelerator. In the fall of 2018, ground was broken for a new medical office building, located directly across the street from MJEH. The building will provide space for primary care providers as well as an imaging suite and a new Urgent Care location with easy access and extended hours. Although the years have brought much change to our campus, the goal of the Faith Band and WCA remain the same as in 1884; to provide complete, compassionate medical care for generations to come.

Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa Grant Awarded

By Clodagh Slevin

Methodist Jennie Edmondson Hospital is pleased to share that we have once again been awarded a Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa grant. This grant is designed to provide free screening mammograms, diagnostic mammograms and breast ultrasounds to the women of southwest Iowa who are uninsured, underinsured, or those with a high deductible. Since 2011, our partnership with Komen has helped over 1,000 women with 684 screening mammograms, 374 diagnostic mammograms and 398 breast ultrasounds.

We have partnered with Audubon County Memorial Hospital and Clinics, Cass County Health System and Myrtue Medical Center ensuring that women can get their services done close to home. Our goal is to ensure that screening mammograms and diagnostic testing are accessible and affordable to all residents of southwest Iowa. If you or someone you know would like to schedule a Komen mammogram, please call 712-396-7600. The grant period runs through March 31, 2020.

On behalf of all of our partners in Southwest Iowa we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa team for awarding us this grant. Thanks to their continued support and leadership, our program continues to evolve, allowing us to meet the growing need for financial support as well as provide hope and comfort to hundreds of women each year.



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Council Bluffs, IA 51503
712.396.7600

Call the MJE Breast Health Center at 712.396.4117 to see if your local hospital is a participant in the Southwest Iowa program!

Do you or someone you know need help paying for a screening or diagnostic mammogram? No insurance? High deductible? High co-pay?
NO PROBLEM - CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR KOMEN MAMMOGRAM!

Methodist Jennie Edmondson Breast Health Center has partnered with Susan G. Komen Greater Iowa Affiliate to provide free mammograms and follow-up diagnostic testing to qualifying women in Iowa.

Suicide Prevention Community Event

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 - 6pm-8pm

Iowa Western Loft Hall

2700 College Ave. Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

6:00pm - Guest Speaker, Ciara Warden, LISW From Survivor to Professional



As a suicide attempt survivor, Ciara Warden shares her lived experience with mental illness and becoming a mental health professional. Through this narrative, Warden hopes to reduce stigma and provides a message of hope and resiliency.

Ciara is a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) in Iowa and member of the American Association of Suicidology. Warden is employed at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) in the Grace Abbott School of Social Work and co-owns a private practice. At UNO, she serves as a full-time faculty member, the MSW Program Coordinator, and the school's Admissions Chair. Warden specializes in crisis issues, primarily suicide research, education, risk assessment, outreach, and grief and loss.

7:00pm - Panel Discussion

Each panelist will share their story before opening the floor for questions.

Dr. Sattar, Methodist Jennie Edmondson Psychiatric Department, Moderator

Ciara Warden

Community and Family Representatives

Attendance is FREE! Please RSVP to 712-396-6040 or jefoundation@nmhs.org by Friday, June 7 so we can plan for adequate space!



Celebrity Weekend

A benefit to help the Jennie Edmundson Hospital Cancer Center Charitable Patient Care Fund.

August 3-4, 2019



Golf Tournament: Saturday, August 3

Time: 8:00 AM Registration
9:00 AM Shotgun Start • Awards Banquet Follows Tournament

Location: Dodge Riverside Golf Club, Two Harrah's Boulevard, Council Bluffs, IA

Spirit of Courage Gala: Saturday, August 3

Time: 6:00 PM Cocktails, Silent Auction Opens
7:00 PM Dinner, Silent & Live Auction, Awards Ceremony, Entertainment

Each year we honor individuals who have had a cancer diagnosis to come and share their amazing stories. We are also joined by local and national sports and television celebrities who add excitement and humor! Join us as we honor Deb Bladt, Darcey Butts, Bobbi Calderon, and Bob Steele.

Location: Mid-America Center,
One Arena Way,
Council Bluffs, IA

2019 Award Recipients



Darcey Butts Deb Bladt Bobbi Calderon Bob Steele

No Limit Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament: Sunday, August 4

Time: 12:00 PM Registration
1:00 PM Tournament Starts

Location: Mid-America Center, One Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA

Please call 712.396.6040 or email jefoundation@nmhs.org with any questions.

Celebrating CB with the Wheels of Courage

The Celebrate CB Parade was held Saturday May 18th under a clear bright sunny sky. Foundation staff and volunteers joined the Wheels of Courage (WOC) team in distributing candy along the parade route. Over the winter, a yellow surf board was added to the Wheels of Courage van. To get a closer look at the van, and see all the WOC merchandise, be sure to swing by Quaker Steak and Lube on June 22 from 11 to 4 for the Wheels of Courage car show. Buy your chance to win this red 1999 Firebird for \$20 or buy 6 tickets for \$100. The Home Style Laundry Van below isn't a classic car, but it is owned by Bobbi Calderon one of this years Spirit of Courage Honorees! What an absolutely fun day!





933 East Pierce Street, Box 2C
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51502

Change Services Requested



1st, 2nd, and 3rd
place trophies!



13 Judging
Categories!

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Quaker Steak and Lube

3320 Mid America Dr • Council Bluffs, Iowa

11am - 4pm

Register by 11am • Judging begins at 12pm

Awards at 3pm

\$20 Registration Per Car

Pre-Register by June 7 to receive a free
t-shirt! Register by calling 712.396.7733 or
online at jehfoundation.org

Sponsorship opportunities available!

Special Awards

Outside Judging

JENNIE
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FOUNDATION



All proceeds benefit the Charitable Patient Care Fund.
For information call 712.396.7733 or visit jehfoundation.org.

Wheels of Courage

Upcoming Events

June 2019

- 19 Super Sitters, 8:30—3, Classroom 2HA
- 19 Division Heads, 9am, Volunteer Boardroom
- 22 Wheels of Courage, Quaker Steak & Lube
- 27 Chaplains Meeting; 8am, Cafeteria

July 2019

- 4 Office Closed—no volunteers
- 31 Super Sitters, 8:30—3, Classroom 2HA
- 17 Division Heads; 9am, Volunteer Boardroom
- 25 Chaplains Meeting, 8am, Cafeteria

August 2019

- 2-4 Spirit of Courage Celebrity Weekend
- 21 Division Heads, 9am, Volunteer Boardroom
- 15 RE/RVO, 10am—noon, Classroom 2HA
- 26 Auxiliary Summer Picnic, Watch for invitations
- 29 Chaplains Meeting, 8am, Cafeteria

Contact Us



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Give us a call for more information
about our services or about
volunteering.

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