

Memorial Cornerstone

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THE FOUNDATION STILL STANDS

As you are well aware, Memorial Health System (MHS) is now an affiliate of Salina Regional Health Care as of January 1, 2022. What does this mean for the Memorial Health Foundation? The answer; it doesn't change a thing!

The Memorial Health Foundation (MHF) still exists under an active Board of Directors (BOD). Dr. Steven Schwarting was nominated in September 2021 to act as the BOD Chair. Other BOD members include, Tony Geiger, Millie Fink, Kent Wyatt, Dr. Dennis Biggs, Dale Koop, Jennifer Waite, and Anita Miller. Harold Courtois, MHS CEO, Elgin Glanzer, MHS CFO, and Andrea Taylor, MHS COO are all active members of the Foundation as well. The Foundation also got a new Director, Haley Jones, in September as well with Kim Stivers, previous Community Affairs Director, relocating to Oklahoma.

As we continue to move forward into 2022, Memorial Health Foundation will look to improve on several projects that already exist, and find new ways to build opportunities for Memorial Health System and the community it supports.

The Memorial View Walking Trail is one example of the many ongoing projects. Although the trail is active and we have many walkers using it, the land in which it sits is far from being done. There are many plans for the future of the trail!

It is our hope that you as a community member will find importance in supporting the many things our MHF plans to do in order to support its community.



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NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING, HALEY JONES



Dear Reader,

Hello! I am so excited to be able to introduce myself to you as the new Foundation Director.

Just a little bit about myself so you can get to know me:

I have lived in Abilene my entire life. I am a proud Cowgirl from the class of 99. My son, Jayshaun, also graduated from Abilene High School, which is a neat thing to share with him. It was certainly interesting to be sitting on the other side of the table with a couple of my old teachers that were now his. He is now a college student at Hutchinson Community College hoping to further his skills in the communications field. I just have the one son, but I also have two fur babies.

My husband, Larry, is a Lead Supervisor in the kitchen at Russell Stover's. He works crazy, long hours which doesn't help our dating life being "empty nesters" that we are now.

I graduated from K-State in 2012 with a Family Studies and Human Services degree. Which basically translates to: I like to help people. I only landed in that area after my advisor shared with me how difficult it would be to follow my ultimate passion which was somewhere in the design area. She told me those students spent many late nights in the design studio. I was a non-traditional student with all the boxes checked. Married—check. Mother—check. Commuting from Abilene—check. Working part-time—check. I love art in all forms. The position I hold with MHS now, not only being the Foundation Director, but also the Director of Marketing, definitely feeds my creative soul!

I have worked with for Memorial Health System for eight years now, and I am happy to say I have gained experience in several departments that I believe will help me to be successful in this new position. I am excited for the challenge to learn more in this new role, and take both our Marketing Department and the Foundation to another level of success!

Foundation Projects



Projects that need continued support and/or we hope to build upon, now and in the future, are the following:

- ◆ Radiology—3D Mammography
- ◆ Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine—Aqua Therapy
- ◆ Village Manor—Resident Storm Shelter
- ◆ Heartland Health Care Clinic and the Hospital Cafeteria—Remodeling Needs (to accommodate the growth for more doctors, patients, patient families, and employees)
- ◆ Valet Parking— Hospital Parking Lot (to accommodate patients with the long walk to the main entrance)
- ◆ Lactation Pods—Hospital Lobby
- ◆ Transportation Program through OCK

MEMORIAL VIEW WALKING TRAIL

As was mentioned on the first page of this newsletter, one of our major projects in progress is the walking trail. If you have been lucky enough to visit the Rose Garden at Eisenhower Park and have seen how beautiful it is in full bloom, then you can picture the look we are going for with the new walking trail. We not only want to provide a place where one can take a casual walk, but it can be a place to relax and take in the surroundings. Children will be provided a place to play while adults enjoy their daily exercise routine. Dogs are welcome! Pet waste stations have recently been installed so that you may pick up after your pets. Soft lighting has been added and will provide access to the trail at any hour. All of these features and more take time and money, but it is our hope that the community will want to support the future of the trail!



Gavin Runyon Wins the Football Raffle!

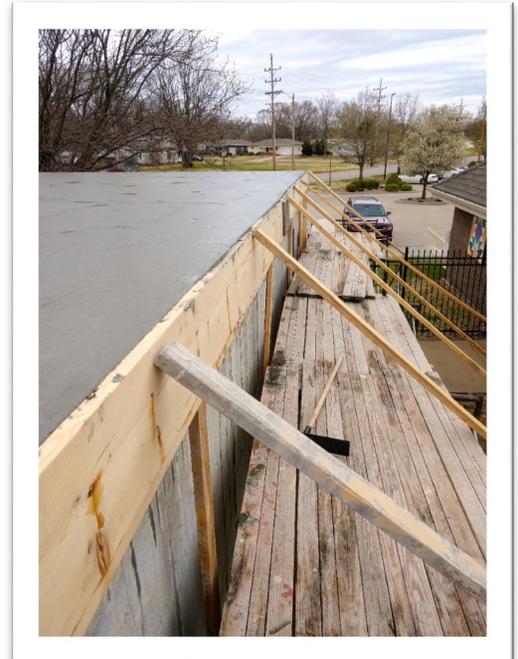
Gavin is a local high school student who has lived in Abilene his whole life. When asked, “Are you a Bears fan, a Cody Whitehair fan, or do you just love football?” He replied that he likes football and because Cody is from Abilene, he likes him too! The Foundation wants to thank all those who participated in the raffle. Your efforts to help us raise money get us closer to buying playground equipment for the walking trail!

Village Manor Storm Shelter

The storm shelter at Village Manor has been an ongoing conversation that finally became a reality with the help of some very large grants from Sunderland Foundation in the amount of \$95,000.00, The Brown Memorial Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00, and FEMA in the amount of \$397,482.00. Overall, the project will total around \$530,000.00 to complete.

On October of 2021, Protection Shelters broke ground on the construction site on the open land just West of Village Manor. Footings were put in place and the concrete was poured. The crew returned in November to frame the walls and pour more concrete.

As you may recollect, in true fashion, Kansas couldn't decide what season it wanted to be in. Weather controls a lot of what builders are able to do. Not only is it *not* ideal to work in the unforgiving elements for the workers, but concrete literally needs the right situations in order to set correctly. It was not until late March that the crew was able to continue moving forward with the work on the shelter, and it was at that time the floor was poured. After 28 days of proper setting, the roof was poured in April.



Expected completion date for the storm shelter is the first part of July 2022.

Memorial Health Foundation needs your donation.....



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