

Nemaha Valley Health Care Foundation Capital Campaign



Together, we can ensure Nemaha Valley Community Hospital is the vital health care choice for our friends, family and neighbors for generations to come.

ABOUT US

Very few Americans doubt the 'get it done' attitude that has carried our country through two world wars, countless conflicts, economic downturns and most recently a pandemic. Through it all the proud citizens of Seneca and the surrounding communities made certain they would have the best medical care possible. In the early 1940's it was the ladies of the community who, when they learned the local doctors were leaving because of inadequate hospital facilities, marshalled the troops, formed a group of 40 women from every woman's group in town and made things happen. Through the boom years, the bust years, and the just average run of the mill years, the citizens of Seneca and the surrounding communities made certain that their health care was second to none.

- **1940** the dream begins. The new Seneca Hospital was not completed until 1943 due to a delay in construction because of World War II, the need to get new legislation passed at the state level and withdrawal of some Federal funds because of the war effort. Located at 6th and Nemaha it was managed by the Sisters of St. Joseph at Concordia.
- **1953** once again the ladies of Seneca rallied to promote a new addition to the hospital. In 1956 they upgraded the x-ray equipment. The hospital had prospered to this point, but rumblings of trouble could be heard. Hospital costs were increasing and finding physicians was becoming difficult.
- **1966** another renovation took place, against the odds, because of a lack of doctors and a decline in occupancy.
- **1969** because the hospital was losing money and in serious danger of closing a Non-Profit Corporation was formed to take over operation of the hospital and the name changed to Nemaha Valley Community Hospital.
- **1971** again renovations were needed to meet accreditation requirements.
- **1973** Great Plains Lutheran was hired to manage the hospital.
- **1979** two physician were recruited, Doctor James Lueger and Doctor Terry McGeeney. Finally in 1982 the demand for services increased to extend beyond the previous service area and the decision to build a new hospital is made.
- **1984** hospital management is taken over by St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center of Topeka. Plans for the new hospital are put on hold when the State denies the Certificate of Need. The Board of Trustees decides to proceed with the new hospital after many obstacles were eliminated.
- **1989** the new hospital is completed on Community Drive and hospital management is taken over by the NVCH Board of Trustees.
- **2010** a new addition was completed joining Seneca Family Practice with the hospital.

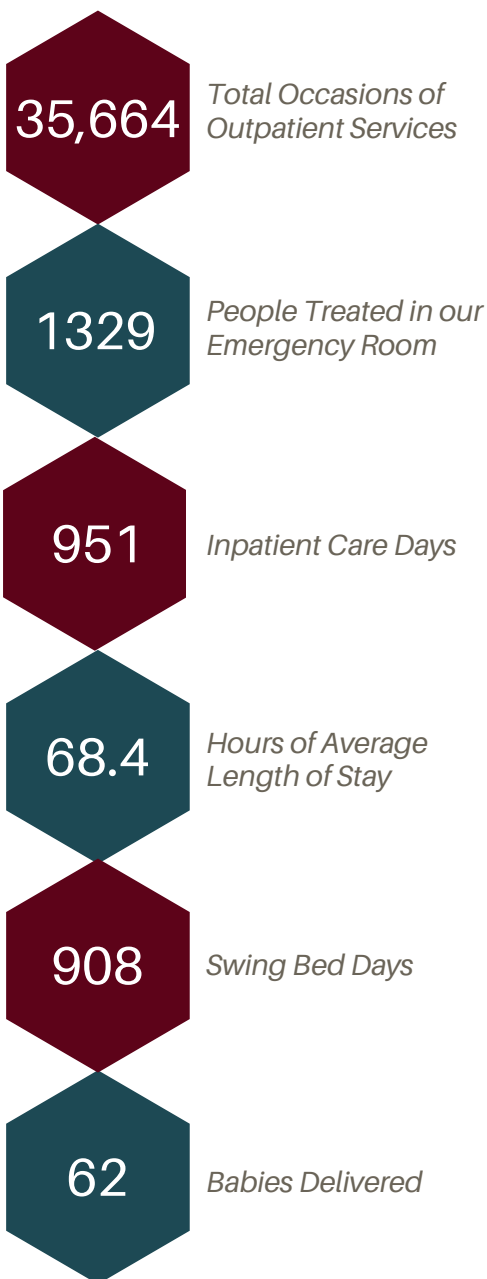
We all take pride in where we live, work and play. There are many reasons why we should all be proud of Seneca and the surrounding communities. Part of this pride includes caring for the health and well-being of our families, friends and neighbors. It takes an entire community to create a special, healthy place for all of us to thrive.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This information showcases some of our 2020 outreach efforts and partnerships that work together to ensure Nemaha County is a healthy, vibrant place to live, work and play.

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital is a strong advocate for a healthier future for our county. Over the next year we will continue the work outlined in this report and offering programs and services aligned with our goals identified in our Strategic Plan. We will also use the findings of our most recent Community Health Needs Assessment as a roadmap for the continuation and expansion of community benefit programs and services for our community.

The value NVCH provides to our local communities is broader than the delivery of health care services. NVCH provides a strong economic foundation through investment in employees, infrastructure, buildings and equipment. In turn our dollars spent in the community grow the local economy by supporting other businesses and individuals.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

The Kansas Hospital Association's report on the importance of the healthcare sector to local economies¹ estimates there is a spill-over effect into other sectors of the economy of 31 cents for every dollar spent. In addition, an estimated .40 jobs are created for every job in the hospital.

- NVCH currently has **163 employees** which has a secondary impact of **+65.2 jobs**.
- The total direct **wages** paid for FY 2020 was **\$8,673,630** and the secondary impact of **+\$2,688,825 income generated in other businesses and industries**.

¹ Kansas Hospital Association, *Impact of Health Care in the Economy*, October 2020.

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP



Dr. James Lueger

The Nemaha Valley Community Hospital has been an important part of my life as a physician, member of the Board of Trustees, and now as Honorary Chairperson of the Investing in Our Families and Future Capital Campaign to raise funds for a much-needed addition.

I can attest to the fact that we have an excellent staff in every department throughout the hospital. The care and pursuit of excellence in quality medical care shown by everyone at the hospital makes it the wonderful place it is.

When I look back at the changes in health care since Joan and I returned home in 1979, it is truly amazing. In the early 1980's we had outgrown the 40-year-old hospital building located at 6th and Nemaha. The decision was made to build a new hospital at the current location. Now, 40 years later, we are faced with the same challenges. Changes are needed to continue to provide the excellent health care our community has come to expect.

The hospital has added new services and expanded many current services, including Respiratory Therapy, Radiology, Outpatient IV Therapy, and Mental Health Services. Most crucial is the need to enlarge the ER. Once again, we are running out of space! The need to expand and remodel our hospital to accommodate those changes and continue to offer the best possible care to this community is of vital importance to each of us.

I urge everyone to contribute what you can to make our Capital Campaign a success and the improved NVCH a reality.

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STATE OF CHANGE

A review of the history of NVCH provides insight into the process that leads to improvements in a hospital facility and why they are so crucial. The constant change in medical standards of care, new governmental regulations, and improvement in medical technology require us to continuously evaluate our services, equipment, physical plant, and staff.

These evaluations are essential for us to continue the level of services and quality of care necessary for a rural hospital. Today we are faced with many of the same decisions our parents and grandparents faced when making decisions about the hospital years ago. It is critical that some of the issues listed below be addressed promptly.

CRITICAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS

- The Emergency Room is too small to meet the needs of today's technology in addition to privacy and security requirements. We need additional space for privacy in the case of a major trauma situation, such as a serious accident or natural disaster. At times, trauma and critical patients must be moved to the hall or operating room because there is not enough space in the ER rooms for multiple staff to provide patient care.

Furthermore, attacks on health care professionals are a growing concern. It is critical we create 'safe' areas for our staff, patients, and visitors. We need secure rooms for patients who might be a threat to others or themselves. A patient and staff safety issue also exists because there is no line of sight from ER to nursing. This creates a problem for patients that might be waiting to get into the ER and staff cannot see them. Currently we use a camera and intercom system which places undue pressure on the staff to monitor it while caring for their existing patients.

The solution is to connect the ER and nursing floor so staff can accommodate the needs of patients in both areas. These concerns must be addressed as soon as possible.

- Decontamination facilities in our ER do not meet the standards established by the trauma council, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) or the State of Kansas.
- As we are pressed to update much of our Radiology equipment it is evident that a much larger space is required to meet the standards of the new CT, X-ray and other radiology equipment.
- Respiratory Therapy currently works out of an area designed to be storage closets.
- Surgery facilities do not meet standards for storage, scope cleaning or separation of clean/dirty work. A much larger space is needed to meet governmental regulatory demands.
- Patient bathrooms are too small to accommodate patients with walkers or wheelchairs.
- Over the past several years multiple new medical services have been added, each needing additional space for staff and equipment. The continued growth of NVCH demands that we move forward with the intended remodel and new construction project as soon as possible.

CRITICAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS

- Many of our mechanical systems are original equipment that are nearly 40 years old. They have outlived their life expectancy and are not suitable for meeting new air circulation and filtration demands.
 - All of the Air Handling Units (AHU) for the hospital have lived long past their life expectancy of 20 years. The equipment has been well taken care of, however, time is taking its toll and the equipment is running near the edge of failure. AHU #2 currently cannot keep up with supplying cold air and properly keeping the humidity down during the summer months. During the winter, humidity gets too high. This impacts infection control and can prevent surgical procedures and other treatments from occurring. R22 refrigerant is scarce. R22 production has ceased in the U.S. due to EPA concerns. This refrigerant comes from Mexico and is extremely expensive.
 - The boilers are operating on borrowed time. There have been several repairs over the last few years to keep them operational. The boilers need to be replaced. They provide all the heating for the air handling and hot water systems.
 - The hot water heater is also operating on borrowed time. The steam manifold has been repaired several times over the last eight years. It may not be repairable anymore. If so, the entire hot water heater will need to be replaced.
 - The current electrical system is grandfathered, however, major revisions will need to be made to segregate the emergency, life safety, and normal power circuits and bring it up to current code standards.
 - The medical air system is obsolete. However, it has long lived past its life expectancy. Repair parts for the pumps must come from Germany.

VISION OF BUILDING A STRONGER TOMORROW

- New nursing wing
 - 14 patient rooms
 - Private family room
 - Direct access to Emergency Department
- Enhance and expand
 - Surgery Department
 - Emergency Department
 - Radiology Department
 - Many other medical services
- Updated mechanical systems facility wide
- Increase safety measures facility wide for patients, staff and visitors

"In addition to an outstanding workforce, this organization has had the benefit of forward-thinking caretakers for many years. This is evident by their continued planning for the future and attention to current needs. We are growing. We are adding new services. Now we must invest in the continued success of the organization and the infrastructure needed. "

Kiley Floyd, NVCH CEO

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities provide a way for you to acknowledge someone, while making a meaningful contribution to your community and improving the quality of life for the entire region. There may be no finer way to honor the memory of a loved one, the accomplishments of a family member, or to permanently associate your own name with Nemaha Valley Community Hospital than through a sponsorship opportunity. Leaving a legacy serves present and succeeding generations with the precious gifts of inspiration, caring, and generosity.

Selected areas, rooms or even the building itself, can be named after a person or persons, organization or corporation to symbolize a commitment to our community. Nemaha Valley Community Hospital gratefully recognizes these key gifts through photographs and press releases to the news media, in newsletters, and by recognition on our Donor Wall of Honor.

The following is a list of sponsorship opportunities available. If you have a specific sponsorship area of interest to you, please contact Courtney Schmelzle at 785-336-0426 or 785-249-4590.

Building Sponsorship: \$1,000,000

~~Emergency Room: \$500,000~~

Surgery Wing: \$500,000

Imaging Wing: \$300,000

Nurses Station: \$250,000

Courtyard: \$200,000

Parking Lot: \$200,000

~~Family Room: \$100,000~~

Dining Area: \$100,000

~~CT Suite: \$100,000~~

X-Ray Suite: \$100,000

~~Cardiac Rehab Suite: \$50,000~~

Pulmonary Rehab Suite: \$50,000

Mammography Suite: \$50,000

Reception Area: \$50,000

Large Conference Room: \$50,000

Small Conference Room: \$25,000

Patient Rooms (14): \$25,000 (8 left)

Office (Varied): \$10,000

Donor Recognition

It is with special pride and an overwhelming sense of gratitude that the Nemaha Valley Health Care Foundation acknowledges those who have made our dream into a reality by establishing the following categories of giving. We thank each person, organization, corporation and foundation that has contributed to the success of the Nemaha Valley Health Care Foundation Capital Campaign.

WALL OF HONOR:

FOUNDER: \$1,000,000 +

VISIONARY: \$700,000-\$999,999

INNOVATOR: \$500,000-\$699,999

BENEFACTOR: \$300,000-\$499,999

DONOR WALL:

MOTIVATOR: \$100,000-\$299,999

CHAMPION: \$50,000-\$99,999

SPONSOR: \$25,000-\$49,999

PATRON: \$1,000-\$24,999

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Pledge Form

I (We) wish to make a contribution to **NEMAHA VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL** to complete the remodel and expansion project as approved by the NVCH Board of Trustees. Please make checks payable to: *NVHC Foundation*.

If this is a one-time donation, just fill in the amount and provide your name and address. If this is a multi-year pledge, please fill in the appropriate blanks.

Name(s) please print: _____

Donation Amount: _____

☐ One Time Donation

☐ Pledge payable over _____ years

Amount paid today: _____

2nd year payment: _____

3rd year payment: _____

4th year payment: _____

5th year payment: _____



Donor Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please record this donation as being from: (only if different than parties listed above)

☐ I/We wish to remain anonymous

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Please return this pledge to:

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
c/o Courtney Schmelzle
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