

CONNECTIONS

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR REGIONAL COMMUNITY



February 2020

February promotion supports Morrison House

Throughout the month of February the community is invited to bring spare change to the Rebecca A. Morrison House. The “Pennies from the Heart for the Home with the Heart” campaign is aimed at increasing awareness and support for the home, which provides family members of patients at Salina Regional Health Center from out of town a place to stay.

Cancer patients from around the region receiving outpatient treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center also stay at the Morrison House. There is no charge for guests. The service is supported entirely by donation.

Spare change and money of any denomination can be brought to the home at 513 S. 8th Street during daytime hours. Staff members will gladly give tours of the home to anyone interested. Collection points also have been established in the main lobbies of the hospital and Cancer Center.

Few events in life cause more turmoil to families than when a loved one is in the hospital. Sheri Balli recalls when her mother Ethel Ricketts of Russell was hospitalized in 2012 with liver failure. Balli’s siblings and extended family from a wide region around the state wanted to be nearby as her health deteriorated.

“We started out staying in motels and were eating out all the time before we found out about the Morrison House,” Balli recalls. “When we started using the Morrison House we were amazed at how nice and comfortable the home was. We were able to use the kitchen to prepare meals and many of the home’s other amenities. It meant so much for our family to be able to stay nearby mom before she went home and later died.”

Balli, who now lives in Salina and is manager at Great Clips on Ohio Street, is supporting this year’s “Pennies from the Heart” promotion by collecting donations at both her store and its sister store on Ninth Street.

“My family was extremely grateful for the Morrison House and I’m happy to be able to support this cause today.”



Bring your spare change or donation of any amount to the Morrison House at 513 S. 8th to support the “Pennies from the Heart for the Home with a Heart” campaign during the month of February.

Dane G. Hansen Foundation grant supports KU expansion

A \$600,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation is supporting the \$3.4 million expansion project at the Salina Health Education Center, which serves as the home for the Salina campuses of the KU School of Medicine and KU School of Nursing.

Construction for the project, which will renovate 15,871 square feet of vacant office space already connected to the facility, is underway and expected to be completed late this year. The effort is needed to accommodate expanding class sizes for the school of nursing. The Salina Regional Health Foundation and KU Endowment are partnering to raise funds for the project.

Dane Hansen was a successful businessman and entrepreneur from Logan, Kansas, who left a portion of his estate to form a foundation that would benefit people and communities in Northwest Kansas. The Hansen Foundation has been a strong supporter in establishing the KU Schools of Nursing and Medicine in Salina, which have a mission of training doctors and nurses who are interested in serving rural areas. Since KU's inception in Salina the foundation has contributed more than \$4.5 million in funding to support faculty, capital projects, equipment and scholarships.

"The trustees saw this new, smaller medical school in Salina as an opportunity to attract physicians and nurses with a desire to practice in a rural setting," said Robert Hartman, president of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation board of trustees. "Access to health care is a critical element to the health of any community, but particularly for rural communities. In addition to our support of this campus, we have made numerous grants to rural hospitals, and we also fund a number of scholarships for nurses and other health professionals that want to work in Northwest Kansas."



Dane G. Hansen
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Grant allows purchase of new maternal/fetal monitors

A recent grant through the Salina Regional Health Foundation is enabling the Birth Center at Salina Regional Health Center to purchase new maternal/fetal monitoring technology that is often critical to positive patient outcomes.

The Monica Novii system from GE offers wireless connectivity, which allows greater freedom of movement and improved accuracy of monitoring labor progress. The technology also provides improved accuracy for larger women.

Previous generations of the technology were worn with the use of a belt and cabled into a machine. The new wireless technology can even be worn in the shower if desired.

"This technology will give us another option to provide patients with the safest care," said Stephanie Buchholz-Jones, clinical coordinator in



The Monica Novii wireless maternal/fetal monitoring system from GE will soon be available to patients in the Birth Center at Salina Regional Health Center. Implementation of the technology is being supported by a Foundation grant.

the Birth Center at Salina Regional. "We're excited to be able to offer this and grateful for the Foundation's support."

Grant supports Salina winter homeless shelter

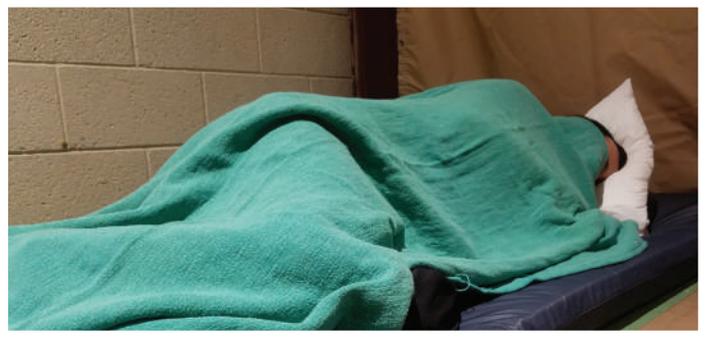
A \$25,000 grant through the Salina Regional Health Foundation's Community Health Investment Program (CHIP) is supporting Salina Grace, which provides a low barrier shelter to Salina's homeless during the winter months.

There are no requirements of those seeking shelter to participate in rehabilitative programming. Many of the homeless individuals targeted are struggling with alcohol or drug addiction, mental illness or other behavioral problems.

The shelter utilizes the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church gym and security is provided on site. Patrons can access hygiene and personal care items, coats and clothing, and receive a walking breakfast each morning.

The goal of Salina Grace is to provide an option to those who can't or won't stay at other community shelters and might feel the hospital or jail are the best options for getting out of the cold.

"We couldn't provide this service without the support of CHIP and many other individuals and foundations in the community," said Kim Brown, Salina Grace president. "Many of the people we serve do acknowledge they have problems, and we are able to refer them to other services in the community for help."



Salina Grace operates a low barrier homeless shelter during the winter months to provide an alternative to those with no place to stay. The program received \$25,000 in CHIP funding.

Gift annuities make attractive investment

With certificate of deposit interest rates still lower than many would like, some people are exploring investment alternatives.

Gift annuities have proven to be good investments for those who have a charitable intent, yet desire a disposable income stream. Under terms of a simple contract a donor can transfer cash, securities, land or other assets to the Salina Regional Health Foundation. In return the Foundation agrees to pay the donor a specified annuity as long as the annuitant is living.

Gift annuities offer a variety of benefits, including:

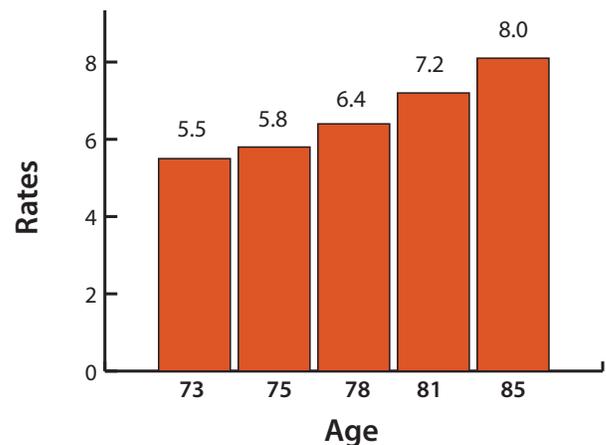
- High rates of return
- Lifetime income
- Charitable income tax deduction
- Partially tax-free income
- Satisfaction of helping others

As an example, let's say a husband and wife are 73 years old and 76 years old, and give \$10,000 to the Foundation through a gift annuity. In exchange for the gift, the Foundation will pay a 5 percent rate of return, or \$500 per year, on the gift annuity as long as either spouse is living. Single-life rates of return are even higher (See accompanying graph).

In addition, annuitants will receive a charitable income tax deduction for a portion of their gift. A portion of their annuity income also will be tax free for a period of years. This combines to make an effective pay-out rate of 7.2 percent.

Contact the Foundation at (785) 452-6088 to learn more about gift annuities. Actual calculations based upon your age and individual circumstances can be provided at no obligation.

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Director's Message



Tom Martin
Executive Director

It is four weeks into the New Year and two of my three resolutions have irreparably gone out the window. I am clinging, with determination, to the third, and it involves you. Perhaps by sharing it, our chances for fulfillment will increase. I want to make a difference, in someone's life, and I want you to join me.

Define difference. Well, it could take the form of a scholarship for a worthy nursing student, or safe, comfortable overnight accommodations, at the Morrison House, the purchase of a wheelchair for a child with special needs, or meds for an indigent cancer patient.

I think we will know what a difference looks like when we see it.

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