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IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR REGIONAL COMMUNITY



September 2022

\$1 million donation given to CCCC tech building

Salina Regional Health Center, the Salina Regional Health Foundation and the Foundation's Community Health Investment Program have made a combined donation of \$1 million to Cloud County Community College's Technical Education and Innovation Center. Project groundbreaking is planned for late this year with a completion in the spring of 2024.

The facility will house the academic programs of Nursing and Allied Health, Renewable Energy, and Agricultural and Industrial Technology.

"We want to support the continued growth of nursing education in north central Kansas," said Joel Phelps, President/CEO at Salina Regional Health Center. "We're all invested in the Concordia community's success and the mission that Cloud County Community College accomplishes is aligned with Salina Regional Health Center's mission as well."

Cloud County's nursing program offers a two-year associate's degree that provides students with the education to become certified as registered nurses. The college also partners with the University of Kansas and Ottawa University to offer concurrent Bachelor of Science in Nursing options through the universities for those interested in attaining bachelor's degrees.

The school's long-time relationship with Salina Regional and its affiliate hospitals in Concordia and Abilene has allowed nursing students to receive a portion of their clinical training experiences at the hospitals.

"We are so excited and appreciative of this generous gift from our partners at Salina Regional Health Center and the Salina Regional Health Foundation," said Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County Community College President. "We have had a long standing relationship with them, and we are thrilled to continue our partnership for years to come."



An architectural rendering shows the front entrance of the new Technical Education and Innovation Center at Cloud County Community College. Salina Regional Health Center and the Salina Regional Health Foundation partnered to provide \$1 million in support of the project, which is planned for completion in the spring of 2024.

Grant supports purchase of pediatric simulator

Patient simulators allow staff members to develop skills and practice competencies without the fear of having real life at stake. A new pediatric simulator purchased for Salina Regional Health Center's Organizational Development department was enabled by a Salina Regional Health Foundation \$49,500 grant.

The new simulator is capable of simulating lifelike emotions through dynamic facial expressions, movement and speech.

"He can track you with his eyes and turn his head, sheds tears, has facial expressions and authentic voice sounds," said Tina Hill, education coordinator at Salina Regional. "He creates very authentic practice scenarios that can be scarier for staff because it's not normal for kids to present serious health issues."

The simulator, named Grant, provides life-like simulation for respiration, including pneumonia conditions, heart rate and telemetry, IV placement, intubation, chest tube and tracheotomy placement and many other critical care scenarios. Staff members are also able to use the same monitors and defibrillators used in the hospital's patient care departments to manage care.

"That allows staff members to become more familiar with the equipment and technology they actually use on the patient floors," Hill said.

The simulator is used to train nurses, medical students, nursing students, pharmacists, respiratory therapists and others on treating the pediatric population. He also is used for all Pediatric Advanced Life Support classes, nursing annual education and other specific courses for pediatric staff.



Diana Cruz, RN, checks the blood pressure on a new pediatric patient simulator, thanks to a \$49,500 Salina Regional Health Foundation grant.

12 new AEDs to be placed in public areas of hospital, office buildings



Greg Brockway, emergency preparedness coordinator at Salina Regional Health Center, demonstrates a new automated external defibrillator that will be placed in the hospital's cafeteria.

When someone falls into cardiac arrest, time is precious. Brain, heart and other cells begin to die within minutes without an adequate supply of oxygen-rich blood flow.

That was the premise behind a recent \$23,000 Salina Regional Health Foundation grant that purchased 12 new automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed in public areas of the hospital and several of the hospital's other office buildings around Salina. New AEDs will soon be located in public areas on the hospital's main campus, Tammy Walker Cancer Center, StatCare, Urgent Care, COMCARE Ohio, COMCARE Santa Fe, Salina Medical Arts Building, Salina Regional's Operational Services Building, and hospital security officers will have their own dedicated unit.

The new AEDs are designed to be used by anyone with no special training required. Voice prompts and pictures show rescuers how to place the devices and even monitor the quality of CPR compressions being given.

"Many times a shock from a defibrillator is the only thing that will bring these victims back," said Greg Brockway, emergency preparedness coordinator at Salina Regional. "Even in a health care facility, crash carts with defibrillators may be more than a few minutes away."

New scholarships support technical positions

Everyone knows about the nationwide shortage of nurses, but there's a number of other healthcare positions that also are in short supply. New scholarships offered by the Salina Regional Health Foundation are aimed at supporting and attracting surgical and radiologic technologists, and respiratory therapists, who are interested in joining the team at Salina Regional Health Center or one of its affiliates.

The effort will award up to two, \$3,000 scholarships per year for students in each field of study who have been



Chandler Loomis, radiology technologist at Salina Regional, prepares for a CT Scan.

accepted into an accredited program in surgical technology, radiologic technology or respiratory therapy. Radiologic technology and respiratory therapy are two-year degrees, while surgical technology is a one-year program. Students will be required to fulfill a one-year tie of service after completion for each year they receive the scholarships.

"Students have to apply for the scholarship, go through an interview process and become employed following completion," said Pilar LaPointe, Talent Acquisition director at Salina Regional. "These positions provide rewarding careers and competitive pay." Find out more by visiting the "Careers" page at www.srhc.com and click on "Scholarships."

Fe for a Cure 5K Race/Walk makes a comeback Sept. 17

After a two year reprieve due to COVID-19, the Fe for a Cure 5K Race/Walk supporting cancer patients undergoing treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center is back. The event will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, on Santa Fe Avenue starting and finishing on the Kansas Wesleyan University campus. Register and find all the details online at feforacure.com.

Thanks to the support of the event's sponsors, 100% of registrations collected will be directed to support patients at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. Entry fees are \$25 for ages 12 and older and \$10 for ages 11 and younger. All who register will receive a commemorative race t-shirt. Cancer survivors who register will receive specially designated t-shirts. Those who can't attend, but would like to support the event and receive a t-shirt can register as a "Couch Potato."

A Corporate Challenge is included with the event, which will recognize small, mid-size and large companies with the most participants in the race/walk.

After the race enjoy pancakes, live music by the Blades, medals and more on the KWU campus.

You can also find the latest announcements at Facebook.com/feforacure.



Participants leave the start of Fe for a Cure 5K Race/Walk in 2019. This year marks the 7th time the event will be held.

Save the date! ✂

Fe for a Cure
Tammy Walker Cancer Center
Event Schedule

Friday, Sept. 16

7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Early Packet Pick-up at KWU Student Activities Center. In-person registrations welcome.

Saturday, Sept. 17

7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Onsite registration and Packet Pick-up at KWU.

Saturday, Sept. 17 continued

8:15 a.m.

Cancer Survivor's Lap

8:45 a.m.

Pre-race announcements

9 a.m.

Race begins

Post-race

Pancakes, music, medals



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