

# CONNECTIONS

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR REGIONAL COMMUNITY



Winter 2023

## Fe for a Cure 5K raises record support for Cancer Center

The 8th annual Fe for a Cure 5K Race/Walk held in September brought in a record amount of support for patients undergoing treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. This year 791 registered participants, including runners, walkers and Couch Potatoes raised more than \$26,000 through their registrations, donations and ribbon sign purchases. After the race, an anonymous donor pledged an additional \$30,000 towards the cause, which brought the total to more than \$56,000 – a new record.

Thanks to the event's sponsors, 100 percent of registrations collected are directed to support patient programs and services at the Cancer Center.

Funds are used to support a variety of programs and services including: Masonic Cancer Alliance annual membership; Patient Meal Program; Appearance Center; Nutrition Supplements; Rebecca A. Morrison House patient accommodations; Transportation Assistance; and more!

This year's event featured a new route that started and finished at the Cancer Center on Santa Fe Avenue – passing through historic Salina Downtown and a couple of the community's iconic parks along the Smoky Hill River Channel. The event drew 228 participants from outside Salina, including 22 from out-of-state.

"We're incredibly thankful for the community's support for Fe for a Cure," said Marla McElderry, executive director of the Salina Regional Health Foundation. "We believe this event is positioned to grow even more in the future."

The event is a signature fundraiser for the Cancer Center and is presented annually by the Salina Regional Health Foundation, Meridian Media and North Salina Community Development.



Fe for a Cure featured a new route that started and finished at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center on Santa Fe Avenue this year. Stay tuned for information about next year's race by following on Facebook at [facebook.com/FeForACure](https://facebook.com/FeForACure).

## Service Auxiliary to hold homes tour fundraiser Dec. 10

The Salina Regional Health Center Service Auxiliary has organized a *Holiday Parade of Homes Tour*, Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The tour will include five homes:

- \* Brenda & Nyle Miller –  
1332 Shoreline Dr.
- \* Gabe Grant & Dan Komiya –  
119 Overhill Rd.
- \* Courtney Johnson – 126 S. Kansas
- \* Jeannette Butler – 2042 Edward
- \* Rebecca A. Morrison House –  
513 S. 8th Street

Tickets are \$15 per person and required for ages 13 and older. Tickets provide access to all of the homes on the tour. They can be purchased on the day of the tour at any of the homes or in advance at the Salina Regional Health Center Gift Shop. Call Jeannette Butler, SRHC Service Auxiliary board member, at (785) 826-9654 for more information.

“It’s the first *Parade of Homes* we’ve been able to host since COVID,” Butler said. “Traditionally this has been a major fundraiser for the Service Auxiliary and many individuals and groups like to attend these events.”

The Morrison House will be serving refreshments throughout the afternoon. Participants are welcome to view the homes in any order they choose. All proceeds will benefit the Morrison House and the Service Auxiliary’s efforts to purchase new furniture for the hospital’s surgery waiting area.

## CHIP grant supports Salina Grace’s services for homeless

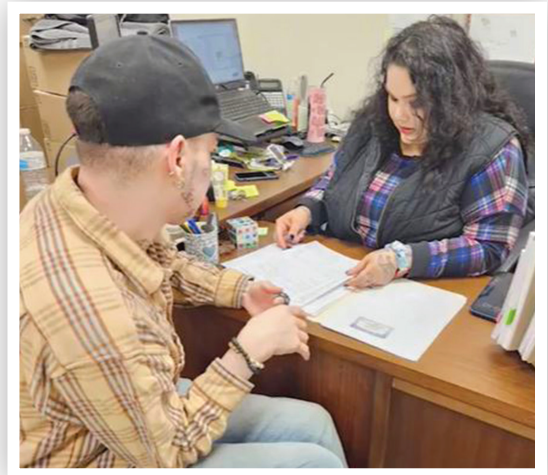
A recent \$45,000 Community Health Investment Program (CHIP) grant to Salina Grace is helping provide security services for the organization’s Winter Emergency Shelter and Community Resource Center – aimed at helping the homeless.

Salina Grace has long operated a low-barrier winter homeless shelter to provide an option to those who won’t, or can’t, stay at other community shelters, which require guests to be alcohol and drug free. This year the organization also opened a Community Resource Center – day shelter – to provide case management services to link homeless with transportation and other community resources for addiction and mental health issues.

“Many times these individuals are overwhelmed and lack understanding of the services we have available in the community, and our case managers can help them access the services they need,” said Chad Young, executive director for Salina Grace. “We’re so thankful that the Foundation sees and understands the need for these services, and the need to provide security in these settings.”



The Rebecca A. Morrison House at 513 S. 8th Street, Salina, is one of the stops on this year’s holiday homes tour December 10th. Refreshments will be served at the Morrison House. Snow is not guaranteed!



Salina Grace opened its Community Resource Center – a day shelter for area homeless – with case management services, earlier this year.

# Olivia's Playground lit up for the holidays once again

Center Street Park – home to Olivia's Playground – was lit up for the holidays on November 18th to coincide with Salina Downtown's Parade of Lights festivities. This marks the third year the Salina Regional Health Foundation has featured the holiday lighting display at the park.

The attraction is widely enjoyed by the community and will remain through the New Year. The best way to view the display is on foot using the walking/running trail that winds around the park.

Features include Elf Village, Penguin Park, Secret Gardens, 12 Days of Christmas, Winter Magic, a large ornament that is a popular spot for family photos, lighted arches and a large "Peace on Earth" globe.

Center Street Park is located at the intersection of Center and Fourth streets in central Salina. The effort is supported by the Don C. and Florence M. McCune Foundation and the Sid and Susy Reitz family.



Many families enjoy visiting Olivia's Playground to see the various Christmas light displays and snap holiday portraits. The lighted arches were added to the display last year.

## Holiday Giving

Consider the Salina Regional Health Foundation in your year-end giving. Here are a few options:



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