

Happy Valentine's Day from the Kishwaukee Health Foundation staff! Thank you for your continued support of DeKalb County Hospice, Kishwaukee Community Hospital and Valley West Community Hospital. It is YOU that helps us to provide the very best in health care to all our friends and neighbors throughout the year.

New Hospital Update

Construction progress is still on schedule, on budget and on scope according to Brad Copple, KCH and VWCH Administrator and Project Coordinator. We are still scheduled to take our first patient October 2, 2007. It will be here before you know it!



New Hospital Campaign

The New Kishwaukee Community Hospital campaign continues to soar. We have currently raised over \$8.8 million topping our goal of \$7 million.

For every dollar we go over goal, we can "buy down" our debt service by more than a dollar and a half! This helps free up dollars each fiscal year for reinvestment in equipment and technology advances as well as retaining and recruiting exceptional clinical and medical staff.

KHF Travel

Space is still available! Travel dates are September 11 to 21, 2007 for the National Parks of the Southwest plus Las Vegas trip. We will visit 5 spectacular national parks: Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon (north rim), Capital Reef and Arches.

Please join us for a preview party on March 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Kishwaukee Community Hospital Murphy AB.

Please contact Renee to RSVP or for more information.

Proceeds from our travel adventure will benefit DeKalb County Hospice, Kishwaukee Community Hospital, and Valley West Community Hospital.



KCH 100 - Friends for Life & VWCH Heart of the Hospital

We are kicking off our 2007 membership drives at Kishwaukee Community Hospital and Valley West Community Hospital.

Please keep an eye out for information on how to be apart of this worthwhile mission. Membership invitations and renewals will be mailed shortly.



Fare Well but Never Forgotten!

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to David Castle and Emerson Wells for serving on the Kishwaukee Health Foundation Board. We have seen remarkable growth across the Health System during their tenure. Their leadership and efforts on behalf of the Foundation and the New Hospital Campaign will long be remembered. Thank you!

Welcome and Welcome Back

New to the board are Gary Evans and Craig Mathey. Accepting renomination are John Corsiglia, Candy Cuneo, Virginia Larsen, Craig Stevenson and Dick Underwood. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Kishwaukee Health Foundation Board and to further support and promote our health care mission.

These donations allow us to serve and improve the health of our community by providing leading-edge technology and capital equipment for Kishwaukee Community Hospital and Valley West Community Hospital.

If you would like to make your tax deductible gift by phone, please call Renee Simons. Thank you for your continued support.

Picking Up the Pieces

After the funeral, the two surviving children went to work sorting through the papers of their deceased father, trying to get a handle on his financial situation. They discovered three things:

1. **Their dad, a retired human services worker, had accumulated remarkable wealth through conservative investments and frugal living;**
2. **Their dad had been generously supporting several charitable organizations;**
3. **Their dad had left behind no will or other instructions to guide them in the distribution of his estate.**

Faced with this situation, the children decided to give a portion of their inheritance to the organizations their father had supported during his lifetime. They had to make assumptions about which organizations to help, how much he would have wanted to give, and in what proportions.



Not knowing his wishes made a tough time tougher.

This is just one of several thorny issues the surviving family faces when a loved one dies without a will. In the midst of sorrow and time pressures, difficult decisions must be made. We at Kishwaukee Health Foundation, urge every friend and supporter to take the time to prepare a will...not only for yourself but for your family.

If you would like to include a bequest to the Kishwaukee Health Foundation and further assist our worthy mission, please contact Renee Simons.

Take a look at what's happening in community healthcare. Check out our web sites: www.dekalbcountyhospice.org, www.kishhospital.org and www.vwch.org. We've moved into the 21st century. We are accepting donations online at www.kishwaukee-health-foundation.org!

On behalf of the
KISHWAUKEE HEALTH FOUNDATION
Thank you for your support!

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