

HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS May 2015

Montrose Memorial Continues to Adapt and Evolve

This year, National Hospital Week is celebrated May 10-16. While this is an opportunity to remember the value of your community hospital and the many dedicated people that staff it, I'd like to remind everyone that Montrose Memorial is much more than a hospital. It is a regionally focused integrated health care system with many sophisticated capabilities and a medical staff comprised of nearly 100 physicians and other healthcare professionals.



Your local health care system includes an acute rehabilitation unit, a family center, cardiology, a joint replacement center, radiation and medical oncology, and extensive physical, occupational and speech therapy services. All of this, in addition to busy emergency, surgical and radiological services. Your local health care system, which is licensed for 75 inpatient beds, provides 23 medical and surgical specialties and is a level 3 trauma center. Last year, there were 2,900 admissions, 101,903 outpatients and 17,652 ER visits. In total, medical services were delivered to 55,000 people. In an effort to continually evolve and adapt, a successful multiyear joint venture relationship with St. Mary's Hospital and radiation therapy physicians was followed April 1st of this year with the launching of a Montrose based CareFlight program which is a regional fully integrated helicopter air ambulance service. This collaboration provides regional residents and visitors access to emergency helicopter transport service as needed.

Having worked in several rural hospital systems, I can assure you that Montrose Memorial takes a back seat to none. This system attracts top-notch medical professionals and volunteers, including the nine-member Board of Directors, all of whom live and work in Montrose. The board has added four new faces in the last two years, and I am grateful for their governance oversight and strategic guidance.

I have heard from many local business leaders that our community's strong health care system is as much a draw to the community as the strong school system. We've also heard from the talented medical professionals employed by or associated with Montrose Memorial that they are here in order to be part of a progressive organization while living in a beautiful place.

I, and the Board of Directors, take the role of being one of the largest economic engines for the community and region seriously. Montrose Memorial had a \$90 million operating budget last year, and the system's balance sheet continues to be strengthened including stronger cash reserves and lower debt. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3), excess proceeds are used to enhance services and provide extensive community benefit. In 2014, this benefit included providing more than \$10 million in charitable care alone, not to mention the many community education and other non-compensated services that are offered. Additionally, \$34 million in salaries is injected into the community annually.

To meet the needs of the community, we value your input simply give us a call or stop by and give us your feedback. We need to hear that we are meeting your needs and expectations.

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