

## **Hospital Happenings**

January 2010

As we start out 2010 with our New Year's resolutions, I always like to look back to see what we have accomplished in the previous year. 2009 was a successful and promising year for Montrose Memorial Hospital and I'd like to highlight some of the accomplishments for you. Our new CEO, Dave Hample, started in January and took over with strong leadership, a listening ear, and compassion for our patients and employees. He makes daily rounds throughout the hospital and has devoted much of his time to enhancing and developing relationships in our hospital and community. Under his leadership, trust has grown, services have expanded and patient satisfaction has hit an all time high. In addition, three new board members joined our leadership team as well as our new CFO, Steve Wilson.

After another successful Health Fair with over 4,000 participants, we successfully implemented Digital Mammography to enhance our Mammography services. As a reminder, with digital mammography, x-ray images are displayed on a computer workstation allowing the radiologist to magnify or optimize a particular area and adjust the contrast of the image. Since the digital mammogram doesn't need to be developed, the technologist can immediately verify that the images are clear and complete, thus shortening your exam time.

In July, MMH was the first hospital in the state to acquire the *da Vinci® Si™* Surgical System. Surgeons at MMH are primarily using the *da Vinci Si* system for prostate cancer surgery, hysterectomies and some general surgery. Benefits of surgery with the *da Vinci Si* include; shorter hospitalization, reduced pain, faster recovery times, smaller incisions and the ability to resume normal activities sooner.

The year of 2009 was another busy year recruiting physicians and care providers to our area. We are excited to have two new certified nurse midwives and the following physicians join our active medical staff:

- William Faragher, M.D., Physiatry
- Robert Bell, D.O., Family Medicine
- Jennifer Haley, M.D., Dermatology
- Collin Sharp, M.D., General Surgery
- Rhonda Parker, D.O., Orthopaedic Surgery
- Shad Saunders, M.D., Ophthalmology
- Sarah Schutte, M.D., OB/Gynecology
- Matt Cotham, M.D., Emergency Medicine

In addition, we provided several community education classes, developed a successful pain clinic with a focus on relieving back pain, and worked closely with Montrose Health and Human Services to educate the community about the H1N1 flu virus.

As we look forward to 2010 and the unknown that Healthcare reform will bring, we thank our Friends and Family for your support of Montrose Memorial Hospital and assure you that we will continue to let our mission *to provide healthcare services to our communities with excellent service, compassion and fiscal responsibility* guide us through these turbulent and changing times.