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“I am retired military and been all over the world. I’ve never had such a great experience as I did today at Texas Health Stephenville. I am so thankful for the professionalism I experienced. Everyone made me feel like I was their only patient, which I know I wasn’t. Thank you so much!”

– Grateful patient at Texas Health Stephenville

Each day, we hear from patients singing the praises of their experiences at a Texas Health Resources hospital. They are always grateful for the outstanding medical care they receive, but they are most thankful for the dedication and care they experience from their caregivers. It’s what sets Texas Health Resources apart. We strive for a culture that supports the entire person – body, mind, and spirit.

At the Foundation, it is our honor to support these hospitals, raising funds for important projects and community services that make it easier for our caregivers to do what they do. In each issue of InTouch magazine, we provide a glimpse of the projects we support and the incredible people who help support us. But you can be assured that every day, each person in the Texas Health Resources system is giving their all to serve the people of North Texas. And we couldn’t do it without you.



Examples of generosity can be seen throughout this magazine. On Page 4, you’ll read about the generous donors to the Jane and John Justin Tower at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth. On Page 10, we feature Puttin’ on the Pink, back this year and netting more than \$208,000 for the Wellness for Life program! And, thanks to the gifts from our donors, construction soon begins on the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Family Center at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano. Read more on Page 13.

Without you, our donors, these important projects would not be possible. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the health of our North Texas neighbors.

Laura

Laura McWhorter
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P.S. from Laura: I’m so excited to introduce Lynne as our new Foundation Board Chair. Thanks for your service Lynne!

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Life-Changing Care for Mothers and Babies

Texas Health Resources is dedicated to improving the health of North Texas families by taking extraordinary care of women and their babies. Hundreds of thousands of little ones have greeted the world in our delivery rooms, welcomed by loving parents, and surrounded by dedicated health professionals.

As we look forward to years of service to babies and families, we must plan now for the inevitable growth. That planning includes two life-changing capital improvement projects that need your support.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas is undergoing a \$56 million renovation of the Margot Perot Center for Women and Infants – the leading healthcare facility for women and children in North Texas. Project improvements impact the entire facility, with upgrades in technology, medical equipment, and expanding floorplans.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano offers the only Level IV NICU in Collin County, and because of this, we anticipate a greater demand for services in the future. To better serve our tiniest patients and their families, Texas Health Plano is building a new NICU Family Center to provide extra comfort, space, and privacy for them during their stay.

If you'd like to help with either of these family-focused efforts, please contact Vickie Ramsey at VictoriaRamsey@TexasHealth.org for the Margot Perot renovation or Sarah Higdon Humphrey at SarahHigdon@TexasHealth.org for the Plano NICU Family Center.

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Heard Around the System

"I wanted to extend a thank you to Carlos in the Bedford ER triage. I brought my 14-year-old daughter in for an evaluation. After sitting in the waiting room, my daughter requested to leave. Carlos was able to convince my daughter to stay and worked quickly to get her evaluated. His actions that night could have potentially saved my daughter's life. From an eternally grateful mother, I'd like to thank him for his caring actions."

— Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Hurst-Euless-Bedford

"My 90-year-old father was admitted to Texas Health Kaufman via the ER. The doctor and every member of the ER were responsive and extremely capable. He spent some of his last days in your facility. I feel compelled to share the compassion and care he received. All those who attended to him were amazing, particularly his nurses, Allison and Maria. Dr. McMahon was a Godsend and helped me navigate a very difficult time with my father's care. When I decided to take him home, your staff bent over backward to get him released and home that night. Having been in several hospitals with Dad these past couple of years, I can tell you Texas Health Kaufman is special. You obviously have a wonderful culture with staff that truly care for patients like family. I am so thankful for the excellent care that was provided to my dad and the support that all the staff gave me during such a difficult time."

— Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Kaufman

"I had a knee replacement at Texas Health Dallas. From start to finish, the service and treatment I received was absolutely world class. Dr Champine and the hospital staff were outstanding. My daytime nurse was Zylo, otherwise known as "Z." He made my stay the best I have ever had in a hospital. He was extremely professional and on-point with everything he did. These were the best nurses I have ever come across. Keep up the great people skills because that love and service makes us customers for life."

— Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas

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Texas Health Fort Worth Justin Tower: The Triumph of a Community

A legacy of giving, a legacy of caring, donors support the promise of the Justin Tower.

A dream became a reality on Monday, April 4, with the opening of the Jane and John Justin Tower at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth.

Joseph DeLeon, president of Texas Health Fort Worth, summed up the historic occasion by saying, "As the region and our service area continues to grow, the Jane and John Justin Tower gives Texas Health Fort Worth the ability to take care of populations with services that will be demanded across our community. That's the reason we are so excited to open Justin Tower to its first patient today."

At a special preview celebration for donors of the Justin Tower, DeLeon reminded attendees about the work that went on behind the scenes to bring the Justin Tower to fruition. "All of the planning has been done with the patient experience in mind – offering patients and families not only quality medical care, but spaces that are conducive to healing and wellbeing."

The history of Texas Health Fort Worth is one of continued expansion and renovation as the hospital has grown to meet the community's healthcare needs. Behind new patient rooms, diagnostic areas, equipment, and new technology, have been loyal donors whose financial support has been steadfast. The Justin Tower is no exception.

Leading efforts to identify and rally potential donors to support Justin Tower was the campaign steering committee. Lynn Montgomery served as committee chair, and serving alongside Lynn were Dr. Lee Bloemendal, Mike Guyton, Pat Hawkins, Dee Kelly, Jr., Bill Lamkin, Anne Paup, and Dr. Greg Smith.

At the donor celebration, Laura McWhorter, president of the Texas Health Resources Foundation, thanked those attending by saying, "We celebrate you for helping us achieve this huge undertaking. With the support of our generous donors, like the Jane and John Justin Foundation

and all of you, our ability to care for patients, implement new treatments, and educate the next generation of physicians is possible."



Laura McWhorter, President of Texas Health Resources Foundation; Barclay Berdan, CEO of Texas Health Resources; Karen Cramer, Foundation Board Trustee; Joseph DeLeon, President of Texas Health Fort Worth.

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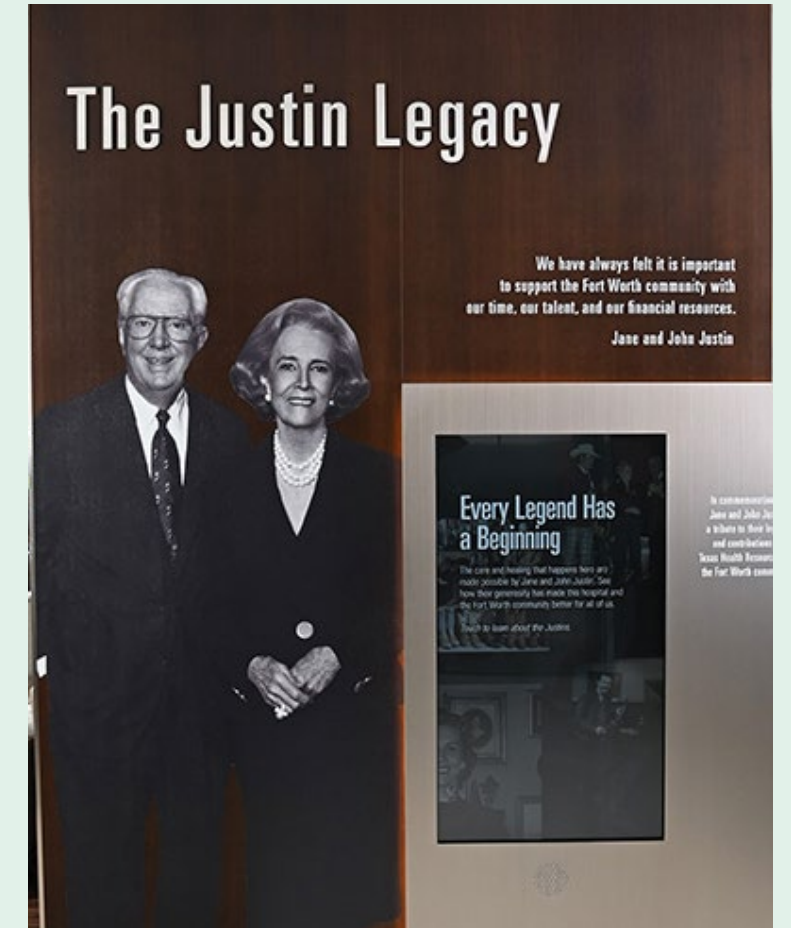
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Mr. and Mrs. Fort Worth

A tribute to Jane and John Justin, whose philanthropy made possible their namesake tower.

Jane and John Justin are legendary in Fort Worth and beyond. The Texas Health Resources Foundation is grateful to the Jane & John Justin Foundation, the organization that carries on their vision, for their generous lead gift for the new tower at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth. The name, the Jane and John Justin Tower, will forever honor the impact that the couple made on Fort Worth.

To tell their story, Roy Topham, Executive Director of the Jane & John Justin Foundation, had the idea to create an interactive kiosk located at Justin Tower to display the pictures and videos collected over a lifetime.

"We are lucky to have great photos and footage of Jane and John from many stages in their lives," said Topham. "We wanted to give the community the opportunity to get to know this wonderful couple who are so instrumental in the history of Fort Worth."

"We are extremely humbled by the gift to name the Jane and John Justin Tower and honored to be the chosen site for the Jane and John Justin Legacy Kiosk," said Joseph DeLeon, President of Texas Health Fort Worth. "We are proud to provide compassionate, advanced care for the people we serve in honor of Jane and John."



Members of the Jane & John Justin Foundation Board of Trustees, along with their family.

Geesbreght Family Lounge, honoring the life and legacy of Dr. John Geesbreght

For 45 years, John Geesbreght, M.D. guided the emergency department at Texas Health Fort Worth, serving as medical director. During his long, successful career, he helped Texas Health Fort Worth's ER and trauma programs achieving regional and national recognition for innovative, quality care. To his wife Priscilla, he was a loving partner who helped raise a family of which he was tremendously proud. To his children and grandchildren, he was a cherished role model, mentor, and supporter. Dr. Geesbreght passed away on Aug. 4, 2019. Dr. Geesbreght and Priscilla had decided to make a financial gift to the Jane and John Justin Tower at Texas Health Fort Worth. After Dr. Geesbreght's passing, his family decided to honor his life and his legacy of caring by designating their gift to fund the beautiful and welcoming Geesbreght Family Lounge located on the ground floor.

We asked Priscilla and one of their sons, Alex, to share their thoughts about their gift, the man they knew as husband and father, and the legacy he left through the thousands of people to whom he provided care.

What led your family to make a financial gift to support the Justin Tower?

Priscilla: Giving to Texas Health Resources, specifically the Justin Tower project, was a tangible way to honor John's beloved hospital. The fulfillment it brought him for 45 years is immeasurable. John's commitment to his doctors, nurses, and medical staff was well known. Among a few other hand-picked opportunities, giving to the Justin Tower was an obvious choice.

Alex: Before he passed away, mom and dad decided together to make a financial gift to the Justin Tower. For as long as I can remember, they searched with open eyes for specific opportunities to help a group or an individual. Their philosophy was focused, my dad didn't believe in just giving to an organization without knowing where the funds were going and how they were going to be used. He never had any doubts about Texas Health Resources. The gift to the Justin Tower was significant and emblematic of the faith my parents had in the stewards of those funds. They knew their financial gift would be put to good use and would benefit the hospital, the community, and the patients.

How did your family feel when you first saw the Geesbreght Family Lounge?

Priscilla: The beauty of the space filled me with unexpected emotion, and the tears came. John would have been very touched. I wish he could have seen the completed project. He would have been in awe, as I certainly was. The seating configurations for family and friends of loved ones in the hospital are thoughtfully arranged, comfortable, and lovely. The art commissioned from local artisans is so beautiful and Texas worthy.

Andrew Geesbreght, Priscilla Geesbreght, and Alex Geesbreght.



Alex: We were delighted with the space. My brother Andrew, my mom, and I went in and were just at a loss for words. It was unexpected, more special and touching than I think any of us thought it would be. It was extremely well done and nice. The time we spent together in the Geesbreght Family Lounge was very meaningful.

How does your family see the Justin Tower honoring Dr. Geesbreght's career and life? What do you want others to know about Dr. Geesbreght?

Priscilla: The plaque "Geesbreght Family Lounge" reflects John's belief in family being a priority in his life. He made time for each of our children and was a devoted husband, father and Popi. He was also dedicated to his professional family circle and gave of his energies and resources to be their loyal advocate.

Alex: The Geesbreght Family Lounge is a confluence of my dad's professional and personal lives that works perfectly in the space.

Alex, you also made a separate financial gift to the Justin Tower. Where did you designate your gift in the tower and why?

Alex: Yes. Carey, my wife, and I decided to give a gift to fund a nurse's station. We made the gift because I knew it was something important to my dad. This was something I knew my dad would have supported. The thing that always stood out to me was what an advocate my dad was for nurses and how appreciative he was for them. He often spoke about the reason an emergency department runs the way it does is because of the nurses.

What else would you like for us to know?

Priscilla: I was blessed to have been John's partner in life and raise our family together. He's gone, but not forgotten. His impact will long continue to be felt. I see our sons and daughters and our grandchildren carrying on the legacy of making a difference in both word and deed. That brings joy to my heart.

A Surgeon's Point of View: Olaide Ajayi, M.D., neurosurgeon, Texas Health Fort Worth

Olaide Ajayi, M.D., joined the medical staff at Texas Health Fort Worth five years ago. As a neurosurgeon, he and his patients will directly benefit from the new surgical operating rooms in the Jane and John Justin Tower. He says the neurosurgery program has evolved from being "robust" five years ago to one that has evolved and grown to include highly specialized services in stroke care.

"Practicing in the new Justin Tower gives me a front row seat to the thought that went into its design and the positive impact it will have on health care delivery in Fort Worth and Tarrant County, now and in to the future," said Dr. Ajayi. "It was an easy decision to support Justin Tower with my financial gift to fund the Pre-Op and Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU). This new centralized area will directly impact my patients when they are prepped for surgery and return to recover in the same area with

the same nurse. Through my gift, I know I'm contributing to Justin Tower's success in a small way."

With each OR being more than 1,000 square feet with the most technologically advanced equipment available, Dr. Ajayi says it provides surgeons with better and efficient ways to take care of patients.

The room design also incorporates cameras into the overhead headlights, allowing the surgeons to broadcast surgeries to screens outside the OR, providing an excellent teaching opportunity for residents and other students.

Looking forward, Dr. Ajayi says, "It's an exciting time to be at Texas Health Fort Worth. I don't see the excitement and momentum created by the Justin Tower abating anytime soon. The largest construction project in Texas Health Resource's history was completed so smoothly, especially during a pandemic, and it already has such a significant impact on the hospital and the community. The flame for the next best way to grow will continue to burn brightly."

Doctors on the medical staff practice independently and are not employees or agents of the hospital except for the resident doctors in the hospital's graduate medical education program.



The Power of Two

How two busy physicians give back full time.

One couple, two doctors, two decades, and two busy practices in Dallas. Two college-aged children. Power couple Lawrence Hum, M.D. and Jane Nokleberg, M.D. live life at full speed, each running separate practices, and each making a difference in the lives of thousands in the North Texas community.

Dr. Hum is an emergency medicine physician with Emergency Medicine Consultants of TeamHealth, the practice that manages all the emergency doctors at Texas Health Resources. Dr. Nokleberg is part of Walnut Hill OB/GYN, where she enjoys taking care of women, their health, and their babies.

So how do they possibly find time to help lead major fundraising initiatives at Texas Health Resources? They make the time because it's important to them to keep the legacy of Texas Health thriving in North Texas. "Texas Health Resources has been a great place for us to practice and mature in our practices and our lives," said Dr. Nokleberg. "Collectively, we want to keep Texas Health a center of excellence as an investment in the future for the people and the community around us."

Inspired by Their Mentors

It also allows them to give back to the mentors who invested in them when they came to Dallas to practice medicine. Recently, Dr. Hum led the fundraising campaign to establish a medical education fund at Texas Health in honor of Dr. A. Compton Broders, a clinical professor of emergency medicine for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, where he was instrumental in helping to develop the Emergency Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Broders made an impact in Dallas/Fort Worth for more than 40 years through his emergency medicine services and served



Lawrence Hum, M.D., Jane Nokleberg, M.D., Madeleine, and Jacob

in a number of leadership roles across Texas Health. He also was co-founder and Chief Operating Officer at Emergency Medicine Consultants, where Dr. Hum currently serves as Chief Medical Officer.

"As my mentor, Dr. Broders made an investment in me and the ability to pay it forward is important to Jane and myself," says Dr. Hum.

Dr. Nokleberg is co-chair of the physician campaign for the Margot Perot Center renovation at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. She accepted the role, in part, out of respect for her mentors, Dr. Henry Estess and Dr. David Bookout, who co-founded her practice. "I came into a mature practice with quality doctors who could teach me more about medicine and life skills. It's important to embrace where we've been and how far we've come. As my mother taught me, what you give back, you receive tenfold."

Dr. Nokleberg says the time is now to devote to the giving campaigns at Texas Health Resources, such as the Margot Perot Center renovation project. "After the pandemic we've faced, it's clear to see how important it is to serve the health and well-being of the community. It doesn't matter how big or small the gift. It is worth it to contribute to the families of North Texas and impact their futures."

Dr. Nokleberg has worked at the Margot Perot Center for Women and Infants for 23 years and is thrilled to see the facility improve to meet the health care needs of the growing Metroplex area. The renovation project includes upgrading labor and delivery and surgical rooms, along with equipment and technology enhancements. These will allow the 40-year old center to accommodate growing patient needs for complex procedures and aid in the attraction and retention of top-quality physicians and medical staff.

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Double Impact

The couple's loyalty to Texas Health Resources is clearly backed by their gifts of leadership and history of contributions. "We are committed to giving back to the institution that has given so much to us," says Dr. Hum. "We are more than two physicians who rent space at the hospital. We are partners in success with the entire healthcare system. Their success is our success, for today and for future patients, physicians, and the entire community."

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Puttin' on the Pink Fashion Show Wows



Survivor model
Wendy Wright

After a two-year hiatus, fashion fans and dedicated donors gathered once again for the Texas Health Resources Foundation's annual Puttin' on the Pink Luncheon and Fashion Show. Featuring NBC 5 anchor Brittney Johnson as the emcee, the event highlighted the latest designs from fashion sponsor, Neiman Marcus, all while supporting a life-changing cause.

Hosted by the Kupferle Health Board, proceeds from the Puttin' on the Pink event support the Texas Health Resources Wellness for Life® program, mobile units that provide life-saving services at no cost to underserved women in Fort Worth and surrounding areas. Through the Wellness for Life® program, women can receive digital screening mammograms, breast diagnostic procedures, cervical cancer screenings, colon cancer screenings, cardiovascular risk assessments, and bone density screenings.

This year's event honored Lyn Walsh and Beverly Branch, founders of the Careity Foundation, with the annual Doris Klabzuba Altruism Award for unselfish commitment to philanthropy in women's health. The event also recognized philanthropist Louella Martin as the Honorary Chair. Through the generous support of attendees and sponsors, more than \$208,000 net was raised for the Wellness for Life® program.

Special thanks to Event Chair Ashley Peeders and the rest of the event committee. Without your dedication, this event would not be possible!

Please plan on joining us next year as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Puttin' on the Pink in style!



Above: Lyn Walsh, Laura McWhorter, Beverly Branch



Left: 2022 Puttin' on the Pink Chair Ashley Peeders with family and friends.



Teresa Hubbard, Therese Moncrief, Debbie Reynolds, Louella Martin, Lou Ann Blaylock, Joan Davis, Rose Bradshaw, Laura McWhorter



Survivors Walk the Walk

Each year, a highlight of Puttin' on the Pink is the Survivor Model fashion show. This year featured 13 cancer survivors proudly walking the runway as survivors of this dreaded disease. One of the models, Fred Pecina, said, "A cancer diagnosis will bring you to your knees, force you to slow down, narrow your focus, and make you realize God is in control, not you."

Each one of these survivors can remember the day – the hour – when they heard their diagnosis. One of the models is a 20-year survivor, another is waiting for that last test to show all clear. At least four of these models were in their 30s when first diagnosed, the youngest was 32. And every one of them carried the lessons from their fight forward into the next phase of their lives.

No two models shared the same cancer, but they did share the same advice: **get tested because early detection is important to survival.**

Making a Difference

Meet John and Leahray Wroten

To say that John and Leahray Wroten are partial to Texas Health Resources would be an understatement. The Wrotens have been dedicated to Texas Health Resources, and John has served on the boards of Texas Health Plano and Texas Health Allen for more than 30 years. Together, they have volunteered hundreds of hours and raised millions of dollars by participating in capital campaigns for both campuses. Today, John Wroten serves as a trusted adviser to the leadership teams at both hospitals and is a member of the Texas Health Resources Collin County Community Impact Leadership Council.



In 2021, the couple made a life-saving decision to help the community of Allen and the North Texas area. The Wrotens provided the lead gift of \$300,000 to help Texas Health Allen secure its certification as a Primary Stroke Center. The certification will establish the hospital as the go-to medical facility in Allen and surrounding communities for people suffering a stroke, rather than transferring them to another hospital for care during a time when every second counts.



John and Leahray Wroten

"I became very frustrated that the ambulance service in Fairview had to divert patients from Texas Health Allen to a stroke-certified hospital," says John. "Time is critical for a stroke patient and even a one-minute delay can make a huge difference in the patient's outcome."

John's father died from a stroke at a young age, so he knows first-hand how necessary it is to provide prompt care to a stroke patient. The gift from the Wrotens will help the hospital acquire the necessary equipment for the stroke program, as well as other elements needed for official certification which should be completed in within the next year.

The Ties that Bind

Like many, it was a medical issue that led the Wrotens to a thorough appreciation of Texas Health Resource's healing hands, caring hearts motto. In 1993, Leahray went in for a routine procedure at Texas Health Plano and a chest x-ray was performed. Her doctor found a spot on the lower lobe of her lungs, and they decided to remove it immediately. Sitting with Leahray in the recovery room, John heard the nurse cry out, "Oh no!" and watched him run out of the room. Leahray was bleeding internally after the surgery, and the doctor had left the building. Hospital staff called him as he was driving on the North Dallas Tollway, and he turned the car around and came back to save her life.

Another time, Leahray suffered a heart attack and was sent from Texas Health Allen to Texas Health Plano for surgery. Again, the caring nurses and physicians on the medical staff performed a life-saving procedure on Leahray.

John admits he has a habit of "interrogating" the staff each time he accompanies Leahray to the hospital or visits a friend at Texas Health. "I continue to be amazed by the excellence of the hospital staff and the tenure of so many," he says. "Once they land at Texas Health Resources, they don't want to practice anywhere else."

Today, Leahray is 100% healthy and happy to talk about why the Texas Health Resources system means so much to her and her husband. "As you get older, you look for ways to leave a footprint. Texas Health Resources has made such a difference in our lives," she says.

"When you're blessed, you have a responsibility to help make the world a better place. That's the way we were brought up. A lot of people practice this – we are just one of many."

To learn more about the Texas Health Allen Primary Stroke Center and how you can contribute, please contact Sarah Higdon Humphrey at SarahHigdon@TexasHealth.org.

New NICU Family Center in the Works at Texas Health Plano

In 2000, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano opened an 18-bed Level II specialty care nursery. In 2005, the nursery expanded to a 45-bed Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Now, designated as a Level IV NICU and Level IV Maternal Center, the hospital has increased its ability to care for its patients, and with it, the need for expansion.

To meet the need, Texas Health Plano is planning a new NICU Family Center designed specifically with NICU families in mind. Being in the NICU is hard – hard for the baby and especially hard on the parents. The hospital's aim is to make that stay a little easier. The new NICU Family Resource Center will help families who are visiting from out of town, families with infants who spend several days or months in care, and families who are transitioning home and need additional training to care for their babies.



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"Our hospital saves lives every day, no matter the age," said Josh Floren, President of Texas Health Plano. "But our ability to help our tiniest and youngest patients sets this hospital apart, allowing us to serve more patients both close to Plano and further North."

That difference — the ability to help the tiniest patients — meant the world to Savannah and Chip Beringer. "We knew we wanted to be at Texas Health Plano because I had heard great things about their NICU. We had our first son, Henry, at Texas Health Plano in July of 2019, and I had a great experience," said Savannah. "So, when we became pregnant with our

second son, we knew that's where we wanted to be."

The Beringer's second son, Shepherd, came early at 33 weeks. "We knew we were in the absolute best place for him. We spent 55 days in the NICU, and the doctors, nurses, and therapists became like a second family."

To donate or learn more about the Texas Health Plano NICU Family Center, please contact Sarah Higdon Humphrey at SarahHigdon@TexasHealth.org or go to <https://www.texashealth.org/Foundation/Plano-NICU-Family-Resource-Center>.

Texas Health Denton Center Expands

Excitement is building at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton as it anticipates the opening of a \$128 million tower at the end of July. The 215,000-square-foot building will include a new women's center. The Center for Women's enhanced space will include a labor and delivery center housing 12 labor and delivery rooms, 29 postpartum and antepartum beds, and two dedicated surgical suites for C-sections.

"This project supports the Texas Health Mission of improving the health of the people in the communities we serve," said Jeff Reecer, president of Texas Health Denton. "And as the sole provider of OB and NICU services in Denton, our community depends on us. We are excited that this expansion will improve their experience when they are choosing where to bring their bundles of joy into the world."

The expansion will also include a breast center and spaces for physical therapy, cardiac rehab, support services, and a conference center. In addition, the expansion will add 10 Emergency



Department beds to the existing 28, including a seven-bay vertical ED fast-track area.

"This expansion will make sure we're prepared to handle any increase in

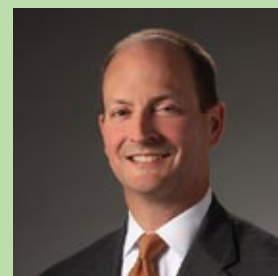
demands as the population in Denton County continues to increase," said Barclay Berdan, CEO of Texas Health Resources. "We hope those growing their family will consider joining ours."

Meet Our New Board Members

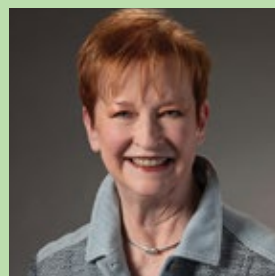
Texas Health Resources Foundation recently announced the appointment of four new board members. These trustees will help the Foundation in its mission to raise funds that support clinical, educational, and research programs across the Texas Health system.

Michael Appleman, Karen Cramer, Patricia De Leon, and Mark Gunnin began their terms in March. Each brings a depth of knowledge of the North Texas community and the needs of its citizens. With the addition of these leaders to the Foundation board, Texas Health Resources will continue to impact the community by providing services that go beyond the walls of the hospitals and clinics.

"We are blessed by the service of each board member. It is exciting to work with four new trustees who will bring diverse experience and knowledge as North Texas continues to grow at a rapid pace. Working alongside our board members we will help meet the needs of those in our community," said Laura McWhorter, President of the Texas Health Resources Foundation.



Michael Appleman



Karen Cramer



Patricia De Leon



Mark Gunnin

Neurotrauma Program First in Nation to Earn Prestigious Recognition

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth is the first facility in the U.S. to earn The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Neurotrauma Certification. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a healthcare organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care and demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards.

The recent certification recognizes Texas Health Resources' commitment to providing high-acuity neuroscience services. In addition, the certification also



recognizes healthcare clinical programs for clinical outcomes of neurotrauma patients, performance measures to identify opportunities to improve care, as well as processes to educate and prepare patients and their caregivers for discharge.

Employees Rally to Raise Funds

Texas Health employees gave from the heart during the recent Texas Health Together Employee Giving Campaign, surpassing the \$1 million goal to raise nearly \$1.3 million! The Texas Health Together campaign invites employees to give back to support the greatest needs at Texas Health and in the communities we are privileged to serve.



Employees had fun giving during the Texas Health Together campaign.

Jack Germaine, an employee donor to the campaign said, "I have been very blessed work with great people and for an organization that has such direct impact on our community. The Texas Health Together Employee Giving Campaign made it easy to give something back to

support our caregivers and the people, who are in need, in our community."

Thank you to Texas Health employees for making a huge impact inside and outside the walls of our system.

Welcome New Foundation Staff!

Join us in welcoming foundation staff members:

Meredith Duncan joins the Foundation as the new Annual Giving Specialist for the North Region. Meredith has a passion for healthcare, which brought her to her first fundraising role with American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital where she was responsible for marketing and donor relations.

Sarah Hopkins has taken the role of Communications Specialist for the Foundation. Sarah specializes in communications, marketing, and content writing for non-profit organizations. Sarah has a passion for non-profit work, previously working with Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, and her own non-profit, Valley of Refuge Horse Rescue.

Kathryn McGill joins the Foundation as the new Major Gifts Officer for the North Region, serving Collin and Denton Counties. Kathryn is a respected nonprofit development professional with experience in fundraising, endowment, estate planning, and advisor practices for multiple North Texas organizations including The Dallas Foundation, NPower, and Communities Foundation of Texas.

Laura Patton is the new Principal Gift Officer for the West Region. Laura comes to us from Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Texas Christian University, where she served as Director of Development. Prior to joining TCU, Laura was the Vice President of Major Gifts at United Way of Tarrant County.

Charitable Gift Planning

Legacies Live On to Build the Future

The Farrington-Thompson Legacy Society, which recognizes those whose philanthropy will impact the health of future generations, was inspired by Jerry Farrington and J. Andy Thompson, two gentlemen whose vision helped form Texas Health Resources, and whose service will benefit North Texans for years to come.

Both Jerry and Andy were named Chair Emeriti of the Texas Health Resources Board in 2002. Although we lost both of these North Texas legends in the last year, their stories deserve to be told for decades.

Jerry Farrington was instrumental in the formation of Texas Health Resources, acted as a founding trustee, served as its first vice chair, and later served as chair. His service to the organization continued through the years. He was a committed supporter of Texas Health Resources Foundation, serving as chair of the Legacy of Care Campaign, a fundraising campaign across Presbyterian hospitals, raising more than \$89 million in gifts from 2004 until 2009.

Jerry's commitment was rewarded throughout the years. Among the many honors he's received was the Distinguished Health Service Award from the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council. In 2005, he received the Katie and John Jackson Award, and in 2011, he received the Douglas D. Hawthorne Leadership Award from Texas Health Presbyterian Foundation for his distinguished service and leadership.

J. Andy Thompson, as chair of the Harris Methodist Health System, was also instrumental in forging the new, integrated Texas Health Resources. His vision and leadership in that position, and then as Founding Chair of Texas Health Resources, helped to achieve the strength, unity, and success that it has today. Andy also chaired the Harris Methodist Health Foundation Board.

Andy and his wife, Nancy, were committed to helping others in the health community and established the Andy and Nancy Thompson Education Endowment. They also supported capital funding for the Texas Health Fort Worth hospital, the Texas Health Fort Worth Women's Wellness Fund, and the Texas Health Resources Excellence in Nursing Fund.

We are forever indebted to Jerry and Andy for their contributions and support to Texas Health and the North Texas community. If you are interested in learning more about estate gift plans or endowment, please contact Sarah Higdon Humphrey at SarahHigdon@TexasHealth.org or 913-669-1786.



Jerry Farrington



J. Andy Thompson

How to Become a Member

The Farrington – Thompson Society membership is granted to those who have made a legacy gift through one or more of the following methods:

- Gifts to establish an endowment
- Provision in their will
- Retirement plan beneficiary designation
- Outright gift of a paid life insurance policy or beneficiary designation of a life insurance policy
- Life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities or charitable trusts



Creating Community Impact
for Generations

With a mission to improve the health of the people in the communities we serve, Texas Health Resources is expanding its Graduate Medical Education (GME), or residency, program to help train the doctors of tomorrow.

The Texas Health GME programs offer clinical settings serving a diverse population of patients, a highly engaged teaching faculty, and strong academic affiliations with regional medical schools. These attributes position Texas Health to offer exceptional training experiences for new physicians who we hope will remain part of the North Texas community upon completion of their residencies.

The Texas Health Resources Foundation is seeking philanthropic support for the GME programs at selected Texas Health hospitals. We welcome gifts that support program expenses, scholarly activities, capital renovations, and ongoing operational costs. For more information on how you can help impact the doctor shortage in North Texas, please contact Janine Kraus at JanineKraus@TexasHealth.org or call 817-739-6672.

Texas Health GME Program:
Educating physicians. Improving patient access.

Physicians on the medical staff practice independently and are not employees or agents of the hospital except for resident physicians in the hospital's graduate medical education program.





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Our impact is greater when we give together!

