

Parsons State Hospital and Training Center

PSH&TC Newsletter

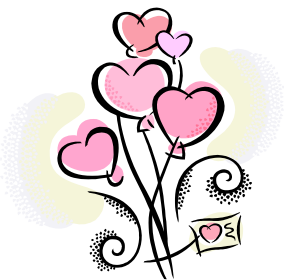
New Year's Message from Superintendent Jerry Rea

Vision Statement

People experiencing the highest quality of life regardless of the challenges.

Mission Statement

To improve lives by connecting people with supports and services.



The past year was a very bountiful year for residents, staff, and the families of Parsons State Hospital and Training Center.

-In July we received additional money to reopen Willow Cottage which reduced overcrowding, improved the quality of life for residents, and enabled us to hire 30 new staff.

-In September Steve McKinzie, Christine McMains, staff, and volunteers pulled off the Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo in nearly-impossible weather conditions. Not only were they able to run the rodeo in horrible conditions, they did it with a record number of riders who also reported it was one of the best rodeos!

-In October we had a great ICF/MR survey which once again affirmed the commitment of staff in providing quality services to our residents.

-We witnessed Scott Shepherd,

the father of a resident, chair the Governor's Developmental Disability Council. Scott championed a family's right to choose the type of service that their loved one should receive.

-We also saw Dr. Renee Patrick and her staff, The Dual Diagnosis Outreach Program, receive a record number of referrals for outreach services. Of those cases in which they consulted, only 1% had to be admitted to the hospital. This success was recognized by state officials that have proposed additional positions to reduce the waiting list for outreach services.

-Our residents participated in a state-wide advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities.

-The greatest amount of money in one year, approximately \$61,000, was donated to the Parsons State Hospital Endowment Association by parents, relatives of residents, staff, and

the Knights of Columbus. This record amount of money will enable the Endowment Association to continue enriching the lives of our residents.

-Tammy Bruner received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Service Management; Celeste Gatewood, an Associate's Degree in Applied Science, Developmental Disability; and LaShawn Taylor, a Master's Degree in Physical Education.

-Ten staff welcomed new additions to their families in giving birth to or adopting eight children. What better way to celebrate our past year's accomplishments.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for making the lives of the people we serve better. It is hard to imagine a better upcoming year; however, with the commitment all of you have demonstrated, almost anything is possible!

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Endowment Association Enriches Lives

By Laura Hummer, Business Office

The PSH Endowment Association, which began in 1982, supports many services and programs of Parsons State Hospital and Training Center. The main purpose of the association is to maintain a fund to pay for projects, entertainment, equipment, benefits, and other charitable programs for residents of PSH&TC as well as other developmentally disabled.

The Endowment Association is the primary sponsor of the Gary Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo which at-

tracts over 300 participants annually. Funding for the monthly bus trips to Kansas City and Wichita is provided by the association so that many residents may enjoy visits with their families at home. Not only holiday times (Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) but other bus trips throughout the year provide opportunities for family visits. The Endowment also participates in, provides for, and sponsors many different projects, activities, and events at the

agency including Screen Printing, Toner Refill, Dog Biscuits, Claythings, Detail Shop, Laser Designs, the production of a resident rights DVD, and annual staff appreciation gift certificates.

A new, exciting building project being explored by the Endowment is the construction of a clear span riding arena so that our riding programs and the annual Rodeo can "go on" despite inclement weather.

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**Endowment Association
Board of Directors**



Standing from left to right:
Dr. Jerry Rea, Mark Martin, Marvin Robison, Montie Taylor, Kirk Wyckoff, Rev. Richard McCandless, Jim Whitt, and Rod Landrum
(Not pictured: Hugh Charles, John Reichert, and Jan Bolin)

Retirement

Congratulations to Keith Billingsly, Social Worker, 36 yrs. of service (16 at PSH&TC). "Best Wishes, Keith!" You will be missed.



Lookin' for a Valentine gift? Don't forget "The Works," 620.421.6550 x1731

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As time goes by, more information will be shared about this new, exciting project.

Needless to say, many lives have been touched and enriched through this vital, non-profit organization.

To the board members who willingly serve on the Endowment board, we want to say "Thanks." We appreciate all that you have done and are doing for our residents and other developmentally disabled persons!

For more information about the Endowment Association, please see their website: <http://www.pshendowment.org/>.

Mobile Mammography Early Detection Is the Best Protection!

The Mt. Carmel Regional Cancer Center's Mobile Mammography Van is coming to Parsons State Hospital on Tuesday, February 19, 9 AM to 3 PM!

Thanks to a generous grant from Avon and oversight by the Center for Disease Control, the Cancer Center is now bringing breast healthcare and other health services to women throughout the region. The mobile unit is helping to eliminate barriers by making it faster and more convenient for women to have a screening mammogram, clinical breast and/or cervical exam in their hometown or even at their place of work.

The Mobile Mammography Unit is wheelchair-accessible. It is also accredited by the American College of Radiology and is certified by the FDA to perform screening mammograms. The Mobile Mammography Services meet all the requirements of the Mammography Quality Standards Act.

Mt. Carmel Regional Cancer Center Mobile Mammography services follow a strict quality control philosophy. The program features:

- A state-of-the-art mobile mammography unit
- An all-female team of friendly, reassuring, knowledgeable, and highly experienced

nurse practitioners and radiologic technologists.

- Interpretation of mammogram results by a dedicated board-certified radiologist
- Medical supervision by a physician with special training in mammography

To schedule an appointment, contact Marlys Shomber-Jones at 620.421-6550, x1726. Walk-ins are welcome depending on availability. All insurances accepted including Medicare and Medicaid; uninsured women who meet certain income guidelines may qualify to have their mammogram and/or pap smear paid for by EDW program.

New Employees

"Best wishes for fulfillment in your new position at PSH&TC."

- Ash Cottage:**
Dustin Altman, MHDD Tech.Trn.
Chris Hazley, Temp
- Aspen Cottage:**
Shiloh File, Public Svc. Exe. I
Brianna Gudde, Temp
- Holly Cottage:**
Johnna Martinez, Temp
- Laundry:**
James Luton, Temp
- Nursing Service:**
Angela Breedlove, LPN

- Pine Cottage:**
Connie Cunningham, MHDD Tech. Trn.
- Temp:**
Lawrence Henderson
- Vocational Department:**
Devin S., Detail Shop-Laundry- Recreation Bldg.- Maintenance
David B., Hickory Creations
Sean D., C.J D., and Fernando S. Recreation Bldg. & Maintenance

February Birthdays

- Stella Abshere
Kim Ball
Tony Canada
Johnathan Carson
Brian Collins
Jeff Cunningham
Jennifer Duncan
Betty Forshey
Celeste Gatewood
Julianne Hicks
Carol Hilts
Tammy Johnson
Greg Patton
Renee Pierce

- Kay Pratt
Andrew Sanford
Patsy Schulz
Bill Sears
Julio Sebastiani
Chris Smith
Natasha Smith
Robyn Thomas
Susan Vaverka
Gina Webster
Zachary Webster
Ryan Willis
Vern Wright
Jared Yockey

- Margaret A.
Todd B.
Floyd B.
Gregg D.
Gary I.
Robert J.
Jacob K.
Salvatore M.
James P.
Glennis R.
Mark W.
Scott W.



KPERS Pre-Retirement Seminars

Are you prepared for retirement? If you're within five years of retirement, this seminar is for you. Mark your calendar to attend one of the KPERS pre-retirement seminars held across the state starting February 26 at different locations. To view the locations and dates, see the KPERS web site <http://www.kpers.org/>.

- You'll learn about:
- Choosing a date
 - How much is your benefit
 - Steps in the process
 - Payment options
 - Taxes
 - Working after you retire
- Each seminar will cover the steps you need to take before retiring. Attendees will receive a presen-

tation handout to take home for reference. If you cannot attend a seminar, the Retirement System has a pre-retirement booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for retirement. Download a booklet at <http://www.kpers.org/> or contact the Retirement System for a printed copy. All seminars will begin at 6:30 p.m. Attendance is free and pre-registration is required. Register by one of the following:

- Complete and return the registration form to KPERS (form is on the KPERS website)
- Call 1-888-275-5737 or 785-296-6166
- E-mail <mailto:kpers@kpers.org>

- Area seminar locations and dates:
- March 11: Independence**
Independence High School (cafeteria)
1301 N 10th
 - March 12: Pittsburg**
Pittsburg High School (auditorium)
1978 E 4th St
 - March 13: Fort Scott**
Fort Scott High School (auditorium)
1005 S Main
 - March 26: Chanute**
Chanute High School (auditorium)
400 South Highland



**Solid Oak King/
California King
Headboard
\$100.00**
Call x1694, Chris, or
leave message.

**Fireplace Insert,
Wood-burning w/
blower and surround**
Call x1672 (Jim) or
x1835 (Carolyn)

United Way—A Night with the Stars Project

By Renee Pierce, Community Resources Co-Facilitator

The second annual "A Night with the Stars" fundraiser for the United Way will take place on February 24, 2008, at the Parsons Movie Theatre at 6:00 p.m. Various organizations are donating movie themed baskets that will be auctioned off during the extravaganza.

Parsons State Hospital and Training Center is participating. The Community Resources Project Team would like your help in organizing a theme basket for the event. The movie theme that the team has chosen is "Shrek." Any item, or items, that you would like to donate related to the "Shrek" movies would be greatly appreciated. You may donate items individually, as a group, or as a cottage. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase "Shrek" items.

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| Suggested items are: "Shrek" movies | "Shrek" throw blanket | "Shrek" pillow |
| "Shrek" toys | pencils | slippers |
| coloring books | crayons | stickers |
| notepads | backpack | cups |
| popcorn | bath accessories | gift wrap |



Donated items can be left with Nikki Collins at the canteen by February 15, 2008.

Congratulations to Holiday Gift Certificate Winners!

By Shannon Martinez, Human Resources

The PSH Endowment Association donated money for the purchase of Downtown Dollar Gift Certificates from many local businesses and restaurants. Winners were chosen through a randomized drawing and are as follows:

- Debra Kepley -Willow
- Karen Mahan -Spruce

- Randy Kuffler -Maple
- Brenda Ybarra -Pine
- Marilyn Baker -Oak
- Tonette Wilson -Holly
- Sean Westoff -Elm
- Jessica Bernal -Cedar
- Nancy Roper -Birch
- Karen Yockey -Aspen
- Dorothy Box -Ash
- Charles Brown -Maintenance
- Mary Forbes -Medical Service

- Bonnie Mozingo -IT
- Kasey Wright -Coordination Ctr.
- Kathy Jo Wofford -QDDP
- Sheila Scales -Nursing
- Karen Carson -Custodial Svcs.
- Ruth Klein -Human Rights Committee member
- Adult Advocacy Committee (to use as the group decides)

Marvin Copp, Advocacy Officer, reminds us to keep dumpster lids closed to prevent trash from blowing all over the grounds. Thanks for everyone's help!

Campus Calendar

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- Feb. 6* Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 7* Adult Resident Advocacy Group Meeting—3:30 PM—
PSH&TC Cafeteria
- Feb. 9* Pittsburg Polar Bear Plunge—Pittsburg
- Feb. 14* Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15-17* Endowment Bus—KC
- Feb. 22* Special Olympics Basketball & Low Motor Skills—Pittsburg
- Mar. 4* Endowment Board Mtg.—7 PM—PSH&TC Administration Bldg.
- Mar. 5* Athletics, Swimming & Powerlifting Training—Parsons
- Mar. 6* Adult Resident Advocacy Group Mtg.—3:30 PM—
PSH&TC Cafeteria
- Mar. 9* Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar. 13-15* State Basketball & Cheerleading—Hays
- Mar. 16* Palm Sunday
- Mar. 17* St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 21-23* Endowment Bus—Wichita and KC
- Mar. 23* Easter

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