

Foundation Launching *Caring for Kids* Campaign – Our Dream for a Big, Bright Future

While we don't see huge numbers of pediatric patients, we dream of a big, bright future for those we do. Davis Health System Foundation recently launched the **Caring for Kids Campaign** to help DMC provide competent, compassionate advanced pediatric care for the Potomac Highlands. Kids should just be kids, but when the need for medical care does arise, we want to have the supplies, equipment, and training so kids can get better, faster.

Why are we dreaming bigger? Because of the pediatric patients we see fighting their toughest challenges. Because of the parents we look in the eye on their toughest days. When it comes to caring for kids, we've never settled for just "good enough."

The next chapter in pediatric care at Davis Medical Center starts now! Our dream?

The Hospital Experience – Reimagined

Combining "innovative and inviting" by providing kid-sized equipment and supplies and a special age-appropriate Jarod Box to keep young minds (and hands!) busy and entertain and put a smile on the faces of our youngest patients.

Expanded Capabilities & Resources – Close to Home

Equipping the DMC Myles Emergency Center, the DMC Family Birthing Center, and our inpatient units with the tools and equipment needed to deliver even better pediatric care.

Education & Training for Providers – For Today and Tomorrow

Our dedication to training equips our doctors and nurses – of today and tomorrow – to answer the call to bring better health to life.

Phase 1 – The Foundation has launched the Care for Kids Campaign to raise \$25,000 for immediate investments in supplies, equipment, and education to advance pediatric care at DMC, beginning with a new pediatric simulation mannequin and monitors for our Clinical Education Department so that our providers develop and maintain their skills in caring for kids even when they don't see certain illnesses or conditions very often.

Phase 2 – The Foundation will work with DHS leadership to identify equipment and supply needs to improve care for kids and their families. Stay tuned to learn more about how you can help give each child and their family a big, bright future.



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Davis Health Foundation

Advancing Healthcare Through Giving

Davis Health System Signs Letter of Intent to Join Vandalia Health Network

Vandalia Health and **Davis Health System** have signed a non-binding letter of intent for Davis Health System to join Vandalia Health. The organizations plan to complete due diligence and close the transaction around December 1 after receipt of all necessary regulatory and governance approvals.

Who is Vandalia?

Vandalia Health is a multi-state health system with locations across West Virginia, as well as in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. As the parent of Charleston Area Medical Center and Mon Health system, Vandalia Health has 11 hospitals, over 130 ambulatory locations, more than 12,000 employees, and more than 1,200 doctors and advanced practice providers representing 70+ specialties.



What does this mean for Davis Health System?

"This announcement reassures the communities of Davis Health System that local healthcare will thrive and grow," said DHS President and CEO Vance Jackson, FACHE. "Both Davis Health and Vandalia Health share a commitment to improving access and opportunities for better health across West Virginia."

"Davis Medical Center, Broaddus Hospital and Webster Memorial are providing critically needed services in their communities. We will be proud to help them continue that tradition and support them with services in the region," said David L. Ramsey, CEO & President of Vandalia Health.

What does it mean to the Foundation?

Five Foundation board members recently attended a luncheon where Vandalia leaders assured us that gifts to Davis Health System Foundation will continue to support local patients and programs of Davis Medical Center, Broaddus Hospital, and Webster Memorial Hospital. Davis Health System Foundation will remain your local partner in advancing healthcare through giving.



Join us on Friday, October 20!

The Foundation's First Annual Sporting Clay Tournament **Clays for a Cause** is on target to provide a fun-filled day to friends of DHS. Join us Friday, October 20 at Stonewall Sporting Clays in Roanoke, WV.

Call us at 304-630-3043 or visit dhsfoundation.com for more information.



By the Time you Read this, our Dialysis Clinic will have Reached a Major Milestone!

Living with advanced kidney disease is hard. Patients receive three or more dialysis treatments every week at local outpatient clinics. But what happens when these patients are hospitalized?

The Foundation recently purchased two Outset Tablo[®] Renal Replacement Dialysis Machines for Davis Medical Center to launch this vital service so patients can receive emergency or acute care

close to home, easing the travel burden and costs for them and their families.

Traditional hemodialysis requires multiple, complex machines and a separate water treatment room. Tablo[®] is a new approach to dialysis treatment that integrates water purification hardware, allowing it to run off tap water and a basic electrical outlet. Dialysis can take place at the patient's bedside, in the ICU, or at pop-up locations throughout the hospital.

Dialysis Clinical Coordinator Kedron Elliott, RN, CDN comes to Davis Health System as a cardio-renal educator and clinical consultant with extensive experience in renal replacement therapy, cardiovascular intensive care, emergency nursing, and medical technologies, including home telemedicine. Driven by improving patient outcomes and experience, Kedron continues to support innovation in the local dialysis community by connecting patients, families, and healthcare providers electronically to supply direct access to inpatient kidney care for the first time at Davis Medical Center.

News from Our System Partners

Webster Memorial



Patients at Webster Memorial are benefitting from new wheelchair scales provided by The Foundation that allow patients who are unable to stand to be weighed quickly, easily, and with minimum discomfort. These scales enable hospitals to accurately weigh patients who use wheelchairs, ensuring precise measurement for medical treatments and medication dosages.

Broaddus Hospital

The DHS Foundation is proud to provide the founding gift to begin the Food FARMacy WV program at Broaddus Hospital. FARMacy WV was created to provide access to nutritious locally grown food, and the education and skills to help prevent and treat chronic disease in West Virginia. Broaddus Hospital is collaborating with Broaddus Family Care, Barbour County Garden Market and the WV Extension Service to work with 15 community beginning this summer.



The Award-Winning DMC Serenity Garden

The lovely Serenity Garden outside DMC is taking home the gold. The peaceful space, created by the Emma Scott Garden Club, won "Yard of the Month" and was named the Sara H. Townsend Landscape Design Award Winner from the West Virginia Garden Club

in March. If you haven't experienced it yet, make a point to take a breather in the Serenity Garden—your mood will thank you.



Volunteers of the Month

The Volunteer Program at Davis Medical Center is like no other. Coordinator of Volunteer Services Valerie Bright works with nearly 60 dedicated volunteers at Davis Medical Center who handle important duties at the hospital. "Our volunteers give the gift of time every day here at Davis Medical Center," says Valerie. "Time is our most valuable resource and that is the gift that these volunteers give."

Volunteer Jesse Roy was named March Volunteer of the Month by hospital staff members. He has donated more than 3,500 hours of service over eight years as a Pathfinder, one who helps patients and visitors find their way around the hospital.

Alan Krueger was recognized as our May Volunteer of the Month for his more than 1500 hours of service over three years as a Pathfinder.

Early Morning Pathfinder Joyce

Hutton was the April Volunteer of the month, giving more than 400 hours of service helping patients in the early hours when many of us are not even out of bed ourselves.

Interested? Visit DavisHealthsystem.org and click on "Join our Team" and then "Volunteer."



Jesse Roy and Alan Krueger



Joyce Hutton

In Memoriam of our Board Members

Bob Dunkerley
Sarah Fletcher

If you are moved to make a gift to continue their legacies, please contact the Foundation.

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