

Thank you for your continued support of DeKalb County Hospice, Kishwaukee Community Hospital and Valley West Community Hospital. You help us provide the very best in healthcare to our friends and neighbors throughout the year. We would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and new year. Thank you for your generosity and for being such wonderful advocates for KishHealth System.

Warmest Regards, Renee, Chris and Linda

Valley West Heart of the Hospital

Due to the generosity of our Heart of the Hospital donors, the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Valley West will be purchasing a new ultrasound system. This system will primarily be used for cardiac imaging and vascular studies such as venous and arterial dopplers of the extremities. It also will be used for general ultrasound studies for breast, OB, and abdominal organs such as gallbladder and kidney.

"A new ultrasound unit with new software and hardware levels will help us improve services to our physicians and patients," said Janey Ciontea, manager of Diagnostic Imaging at Valley West. "Improved clarity of images will be seen on all the exams we do. The processing of cardiac information for the cardiologists on CD instead of VHS tape will provide more options for reviewing and archiving images in motion. This new equipment will have a direct impact on the care and results we deliver," Janey added.

The purchase of this machine would not be possible without the support of community donations. Thank you.



Jodi Haeffner, manager and interim director of Diagnostic Imaging at Kish Hospital, pictured with the new bone densitometer.

Friends for Life KCH 100

The Diagnostic Imaging Department at Kishwaukee Community Hospital just received a state-of-the-art bone densitometry system as a direct result of the generosity of local individuals and families who have given to the Health Foundation's Friends for Life KCH100 Fund. Funds were utilized to purchase the Lunar Prodigy Advance Bone Densitometer from GE Healthcare in order to help physicians improve patient outcomes for osteoporosis. The new DXA (Dual energy X-ray Absorptiometry) scanner was recently installed and patient appointments are now being scheduled.

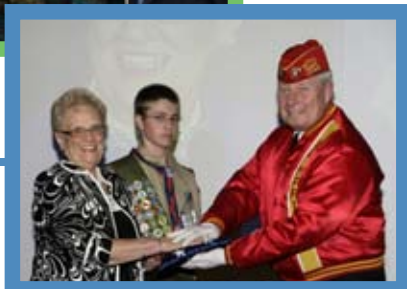
"The bone densitometer measures the density of the spine, hip, and forearm, which are the most frequent sites of fracture," explained Jodi Haeffner, manager and interim director of Diagnostic Imaging at Kish Hospital. "This highly precise densitometer helps us identify osteoporosis risk. It can also aid in determining the effects of osteoporosis treatment."

Thanks to our generous donors, bone density is a new service that can now be offered to our patients at Kish Hospital.

Virginia Larsen and Yvonne Johnson Honored as DeKalb County Heroes

Virginia Larsen and Yvonne Johnson were among five people honored at Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America, 7th Annual DeKalb County Tribute to Heroes, held October 1, at Kishwaukee College. Virginia and Yvonne have given generously of their time over the years to many area organizations. Currently, Virginia serves as Chair of the Kishwaukee Health Foundation Board and Yvonne serves on the Health Foundation's Special Gifts Committee.

Congratulations and gratitude go out to Virginia and Yvonne for their years of dedication and giving back to KishHealth System and our community.



New Community Cares Clinic

The Community Cares Clinic is a collaboration among KishHealth System, Northern Illinois University and private donors to provide individuals and families affordable access to primary medical care. The goal of the clinic is to allow patients to establish ongoing relationships with medical providers to meet their healthcare needs.

The Community Cares Clinic, located within NIU's Family Health, Wellness and Literacy Center at 3100 Sycamore Road, provides primary care services for area residents with and without health insurance. Nearly two years in the planning, the Clinic addresses community concerns that the neediest in the community did not have access to non-emergency medical care.

The Community Cares Clinic provides affordable, cost-effective medical care, by appointment, for infants, children and adults. All insurances, including Medicaid and

Medicare, and private group insurance are accepted, and an affordable, sliding-fee scale is available for those who lack insurance coverage.

Special arrangements have been made with Hope Haven to provide free medical care for their homeless shelter clients.

The clinic would not have become a reality without the support of five generous benefactors. The National Bank and Trust's Community Development Corporation, its partner Zea Mays Holdings, and a donation from Dave and Suzanne Juday, raised \$650,000 to cover initial start-up costs and operational expenses. In addition, KishHealth System and NIU invested more than \$1.2 million to construct, furnish, equip and staff the clinic.

If you would like to make a gift to the Community Cares Clinic, please contact Kishwaukee Health Foundation.



Respiratory Etiquette Stations at Kish Hospital and Valley West Hospital

Kishwaukee Health Foundation has purchased infection control stations for Kish and Valley West Hospitals with donations from the community. Respiratory Etiquette Stations make hand sanitizer, tissues, and masks available to visitors, helping control the spread of germs.

End of Year Giving

Thank you to our donors for all of your support over the years. If you would like to make an end of year gift, Kishwaukee Health Foundation has several funds and opportunities available. Please contact us for more information at 815.748.9954 or check out our secure donation page at www.kishwaukee-health-foundation.org.

Kishwaukee Health Foundation Legacy Society

The Kishwaukee Health Foundation's *Legacy Society* recognizes and thanks donors who have named the Health Foundation in their will or estate plan.

Naming Kishwaukee Health Foundation in your will or estate plan is a wonderful way to show your support for quality healthcare, far into the future, without the burden of providing cash upfront. Please contact the Health Foundation if you would like more information.

On behalf of **KISHWAUKEE HEALTH FOUNDATION**
Thank you for your support!

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