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“...Their technology quite possibly saved my life.”

“...I’ve been given a second chance.”
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our mission: to improve the health of the people we serve.

TMH GOALS
1. Significantly improve the tools and processes used to listen to the voice of the customer.
2. Successfully execute the TMH Community Benefit Plan.
3. Improve TMH facilities to enhance patient care and strengthen medical staff relationships.
4. Improve TMH as a great place to work.
5. Improve departmental communications.
6. Achieve financial results sufficient to support the mission of TMH.
7. Develop opportunities to reduce the mortality rate at TMH by identifying potential drivers of mortality.
8. Achieve excellence of care in the applicable Medicare/Premier focus areas of heart failure, community-acquired pneumonia, acute myocardial infarction and surgical care.

TMH MEASURES OF SUCCESS
1. Complete implementation of TMH patient satisfaction survey methodology with meaningful benchmarking and complete training to assure use of feedback to improve patients' experiences.
2. MHS Community Benefit Committee will rate performance at least 5 out of 6.
3. Successfully complete the TMH/Springfield Clinic MOB project and gain approval for TMH outpatient service center project.
4. Achieve employee survey score at or above the 90th percentile as compared with the Health Performance Improvement peer group.
5. Improve departmental communications.
6. Achieve budgeted net operating income.
7. Achieve an observed-over-expected mortality rate for FY09 which is less than or equal to 1 (CY07 rate 0.98).
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2. Maintain/improve the percentages of these patients who receive “perfect care.”
   - Heart Failure from 88% to 95%
   - CAP from 77% to 82.8%
   - AMI from 95% to 97.8%
   - Surgical Care (SCIP) from 62% to 92.8%

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Building Project Launched

TMH Project Strengthens Services To Community

Construction of a new medical office building began at Taylorville Memorial Hospital in June 2008, the first step in a planned three-phase project that will significantly improve health services for the people of Taylorville and Christian County.

“It’s all designed with the patient in mind,” Dan Raab, Taylorville Memorial Hospital’s president and chief executive officer, said. “All three components will help us better meet the needs in our community.”

The changes planned for the hospital campus will make it faster, easier, more convenient and more comfortable to receive medical care.

Another phase includes a new outpatient services center, which will be the home for a new Emergency Department, Outpatient Surgery and Radiology. The center will include a permanent MRI scanner, replacing a mobile MRI unit currently in use. Construction of the outpatient services center is expected to begin in 2009, pending approval from the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board.

Completion of the 40,000-square-foot medical office building, Springfield Clinic Taylorville, is expected in July 2009. It will consolidate Springfield Clinic physicians currently spread out at three locations in the community.

The upgraded offices, which will be just west of and connected via corridor to the hospital, are needed to replace outdated, inefficient space. More than 60 Springfield Clinic staff members will join a team of seven full-time physicians and six nurse practitioners and physician assistants in the new building.

In addition to housing the full-time clinical staff, the medical office building will host Springfield Clinic’s robust specialty outreach program. More than 20 medical specialists from Springfield Clinic in Springfield will regularly conduct clinics in Taylorville, meaning fewer Christian County patients will need to travel to Springfield to see their specialists, such as cardiologists or urologists.

Another phase in the project will be a road that provides a direct connection between the hospital and Route 29. The road will provide quick access and divert traffic away from the schools and surrounding residential areas, Raab said. At least 70 percent of traffic is expected to be directed away from those areas, alleviating congestion and improving safety to patients, residents and children. It will also make it easier for ambulances to arrive at the hospital.

The one-story outpatient services center is planned to replace some departments that are more than 50 years old. It’s a move, Raab said, to have the physical layout of the hospital reflect its services.

“The surgery department was designed over 50 years ago to meet the needs at that time,” he said. “And in those days, you came into the hospital for two weeks to have your gall bladder removed.”

Patients will be able to quickly access the new center for tests like mammograms and CT scans as well as outpatient surgery. It will be closer to parking with no elevators, and the design emphasizes patient privacy. Raab said the facility would help recruit and retain physicians in Taylorville. The new operating rooms will be more spacious and better lighted, and technology will be state of the art.

The artist’s rendering above shows the completion of TMH’s three-phase expansion project, including a medical office building and outpatient services center. Construction of the center is expected to begin in 2009, pending approval from the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board.
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2008

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TMH
Employee of the Year

Taylorville Memorial Hospital is proud to recognize its 2008 Employee of the Year – Donna McKay.

Donna, who is a phlebotomist/lab assistant, has worked in the laboratory at TMH for 27 years. Phyllis Jachino, laboratory manager, had these comments regarding this outstanding TMH employee, “People often request Donna to do their blood work. Her commitment to her job is evident in the number of people’s lives she has touched.” Lora Polley, Director of Ancillary Services, added “employees like Donna who are empowered and take the initiative to solve problems are TMH’s greatest asset!” Donna resides in Edinburg with her husband Nathan and stepdaughter Sarah. Her hobbies include scrapbooking and artifact hunting and collecting.

TMH Employees of the Month:

June 2007 – Cheryl Fahl, Advantage 55
“Cheryl is an excellent employee for TMH and goes above and beyond her job duties when it comes to customer service.”

July 2007 – Kevin Kietzman, Rehab Services
“Kevin is a highly respected team player of an outstanding group of dedicated staff.”

August 2007 – Jodi German, Transitional Care Unit
“Jodi’s ability to critically think and problem-solve help things run smoothly.”

September 2007 – Donna McKay, Laboratory
“Donna exemplifies outstanding performance on an ongoing basis.”

October 2007 – Jim Maple, Pharmacy
“Jim is always courteous and willing to do whatever it takes to provide excellent pharmaceutical care.”

November 2007 – Jodi Janssen, Rehab Services
“Jodi’s encouragement and positive reinforcement, along with her enthusiastic and friendly personality, make her a keeper!”

December 2007 – Linda Farris, Acute Care
“Linda’s kind and considerate nature was apparent on her day off from work when she took a long-term Transitional Care Unit resident for an outing.”

January 2008 – Jenna Zueck, Radiology
“Jenna has excellent patient and employee contact and is a hard worker who goes the extra mile.”

February 2008 – Justine Smith, Patient Accounts
“Justine performs an amazing job on a daily basis with class and professionalism.”

March 2008 – Tara Graham, Patient Access Services
“Tara, who goes above and beyond her duties without complaining, always has a smile on her face and takes time with each patient.”

April 2008 – Lori Keafer, Housekeeping
“Lori truly exemplifies TMH’s mission and vision and possesses a rare ability to motivate others.”
A nagging feeling lingered in Kim Kersey’s mind. Yes, her physician had given her a clean bill of health, but he also recommended a mammogram. She questioned whether it was really necessary, but as a cardiac rehab nurse at Taylorville Memorial Hospital, she knew the importance of getting a routine mammogram. The nagging feeling wouldn’t go away.

Kim scheduled an appointment at Taylorville Memorial, where she would see and use the newly acquired full field digital mammography unit that debuted at the hospital in October. This state-of-the-art imaging device provides women with optimal breast imaging with a shorter exam time. The radiation dose with digital mammography is up to 40 percent less than standard film x-rays and records more detailed images of the breast tissue.

“This is a major advancement that gives our patients access to the highest quality of care,” Mary Jo Coady, mammography coordinator at TMH, said. “With this newest technology, the images have better detail, which enables the radiologist to detect breast cancers at an earlier stage.”

With electronic images recorded directly into a computer, digital mammography allows radiologists to manipulate these images for a more accurate diagnosis, especially in younger women with denser breasts. Images are also able to be magnified on the computer screen for enhanced views – something that can’t be done with x-ray film.

At her mammogram in December, Kim learned from Mary Jo there was a suspicious area that showed up on one of the images. After additional tests at Taylorville Memorial and Memorial Medical Center, she soon learned that she had cancer in one breast and a different, rarer type of cancer in the other.

That information has allowed her to consider her medical options for treatment, and she hopes other women will make it a priority to get a mammogram. “It is important that women understand that they cannot rely just on physician exams and self-breast examinations to detect breast cancer,” she said. “I am so thankful that Taylorville Memorial Hospital implemented the use of digital mammography.”
Kim was also delighted with the help she received from staff. “Mary Jo is a true professional and made me feel at ease throughout the mammography process,” she said. “Mindy Pearse (the nurse navigator, who is available to assist women who need breast tissue biopsies at Memorial Medical Center) has been a life line.”

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women and is the second leading cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer. One out of eight women will develop breast cancer some time during their lives – one new diagnosis every two minutes.

Survival depends on the stage of breast cancer at the time of diagnosis. The survival rate increases if the cancer hasn’t spread. Early-stage breast cancer that hasn’t spread to the lymph nodes has more than a 90 percent five-year survival rate. The death rates from breast cancer have declined significantly, and medical experts attribute the decline in part to earlier detection.

Annual screening mammograms are recommended for every woman age 40 and older. A diagnostic mammogram is advisable for anyone who notices any change in her breast, has a family history of breast cancer or has had an abnormality found during a routine screening mammogram. Kim stated that “the digital mammogram that was performed at Taylorville Memorial Hospital quite possibly saved my life.”

Taylorville Memorial’s radiology department performed more than 2,000 mammograms in 2008. It also offers a number of other diagnostic exams, including MRI, advanced CT scanning, ultrasound, vascular ultrasound, echocardiograms, nuclear medicine, bone density scanning, fluoroscopy and general radiography.

Women of all ages enjoyed a complimentary dinner prepared by Taylorville Memorial Hospital during a breast cancer awareness event. Radiologist Lisa Wichterman, MD, hugged former patients before she presented an update on breast cancer studies and discussed benefits of digital mammography. Pictured with Wichterman are Pauline Berns, Shauna Becker, Amy Ofcarik, TMH mammography coordinator Mary Jo Coady, Malia Hepburn, Jimmie Emmerling, Shirley DeFraties, Diane Sassatelli, Christy Rabar, Tracie Boebme, Kelly Mann and MMC Breast Center nurse navigator Mindy Pearse.
These charitable gifts play a vital role in strengthening the programs and services provided to the Christian County community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our benefactors for the generous support shown toward your community hospital.

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Taylorville Memorial Hospital supplied over $3.64 million in community benefits. That amount includes more than $2.9 million in unpaid costs of public programs, $604,000 in traditional charity care, and $96,000 in other community services.
Debra Buckles, MS, PT, monitors Duane’s exercise on the Fluid Upper Body Ergonomics machine.

Cindy Stock was having her hair done on July 10 when she received the call that every spouse dreads. Her husband, Duane, had been seriously injured when he fell from the top of an 8-foot ladder inside a machine shed and landed on a concrete slab. She rushed to the emergency department of Taylorville Memorial Hospital to find her husband conscious but with massive injuries. The physicians and staff stabilized him before transferring him to Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, where he spent 17 days including several days in the ICU. She later learned that her 60-year-old husband had two broken shoulders, a fracture at the base of his skull, a bruise on his brain and multiple fractures throughout his upper body.

There were a total of 12,858 ER visits to Taylorville Memorial Hospital in 2008, up from 12,191 visits in 2007. Taylorville Memorial’s highly trained healthcare professionals are certified in advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support and advanced trauma life support. The hospital’s emergency department provides state-of-the-art equipment, 24-hour on-site physician coverage and telemedicine capabilities that enable live audio and video consultations with Memorial Medical Center.

The Taylorville couple, married for 36 years and the parents of two grown sons, are thankful that Taylorville Memorial Hospital was close by when Duane needed immediate medical attention. “Taylorville Memorial
Hospital provided prompt and professional treatment and excellent emergency care when we needed it the most,” Cindy said.

Her husband agreed. “We are so thankful for our hometown hospital.” Within a week of being discharged from Memorial Medical Center, Duane began outpatient physical and occupational therapy at Taylorville Memorial Hospital’s rehabilitation services department. Carla Tippitt, occupational therapist, remembers that first therapy session. “Duane was in both a back brace and a neck brace. He was functionally unable to do anything for himself. His pain level was high, and he had lost his sense of balance,” she said. “I knew we had a lot of work ahead of us.”

Duane did back-to-back physical and occupational therapy sessions three times a week. Duane and Cindy were thrilled that he could do his outpatient therapy close to home. “We can’t imagine driving to Springfield three times a week for therapy,” she said.

Taylorville Memorial’s physical therapy programs focus on decreasing or relieving symptoms of pain and improving strength, endurance, flexibility, motor control and stability to support the return to normal, functional activities. The program includes patient education about the mechanism of injury, recovery process and preventing re-injury. Services include aquatics, ortho-rehabilitation, pediatrics, restoration of muscle imbalance and gait correction.

The occupational therapy programs help with the “skills for the job of living.” Therapists evaluate limitations that patients may have in managing self-care as well as limitations in returning to work or leisure activities. The focus of occupational therapy is to evaluate patients’ limitations and identify a plan to ease their return to independence.

Following injury or illness, services include upper extremity rehab, splint fabrication, adaptation of equipment and environmental modification.

Duane finished his outpatient physical and occupational therapy at the end of December. The therapists, who had grown quite fond of him, sent him on his way with exercises for him to do on his own. He does his exercises and works out at the Christian County YMCA. He still works at his farm management business.

“The accident has changed my outlook. It woke me up,” Duane said. “It helped me figure out what’s important in life.”

In an effort to bridge the gap between rural living and quality healthcare, Taylorville Memorial Hospital hosted a series of three medical continuing education programs developed for rural healthcare providers.

Physicians, nurse managers and nurse practitioners from across the area benefited from the following programs: “Managing Type 2 Diabetes and Promoting Metabolic Cardiovascular Health: Issues for the Rural Healthcare Professional,” “Breast Cancer Prevention for the Rural Healthcare Provider” and “Strategies for Smoking Cessation for the Rural Healthcare Provider.”

The education programs were made possible by a $3,000 grant from the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network. However, all educators involved waived their fees, and the funds were used to update the hospital’s CPR training equipment.
Digital Technology Speeds Results

A new 40-slice CT scanner installed this spring at Taylorville Memorial Hospital allows diagnostic exams that are quicker and safer for patients. The Siemens Somatom Definition AS 40 scanner also allows the hospital to offer many more types of exams for its patients, including CT angiography, which looks inside the vascular system. Images can be manipulated to view the body in horizontal or vertical slices, to generate a three-dimensional view of an organ, or to remove visual obstacles to evaluate one anatomical organ or system at a time.

Used in conjunction with new technology that allows doctors to access the image files at off-site offices, patients no longer have to wait on site for films to take back to their doctors’ offices, cutting 15-20 minutes from the process.

The new scanner gives physicians more information than the single slice CT that TMH used previously. For patients who needed the more sophisticated CT in the past, they were referred to Springfield. Now they can stay closer to home for testing.