Hospital Begins CORE Campaign

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital (SJMH) began a campaign at the beginning of October with CORE – the Center for Organ Recovery and Education - with the goal of informing residents about the importance of organ donation.

A member of the Stonewall Jackson staff knows very well the significance of this lifesaving effort. Respiratory Therapist Sherry Stover has first-hand experience with CORE.

In 2003, at the age of 24, her husband, Brian, was diagnosed with end-stage emphysema, without a cause. The diagnosis was stunning for both of them.

“At the time Brian’s pulmonologist had two suggestions. The first suggestion was to have lung surgery and the other suggestion was a lung transplant,” said Sherry. “From 2003 to 2009 he had a lobectomy, which is a removal of part of the lung. Another surgery removed half of each lung. In retrospect, these surgeries provided us with more time.”

As his disease progressed the couple came to the decision that the next step in Brian’s journey would be a lung transplant.

Sherry said that Brian was placed on the lung transplant waiting list in the spring of 2009. When CORE places a patient on the waiting list, there are provisions, which must be met. Organs are matched according to height, weight and blood type, followed by medical urgency and time on the transplant list. Those awaiting a transplant in CORE’s service area are offered the opportunity for a transplant first when a donor is found. Following this, if there isn’t a match, the organs are offered regionally and then nationally based on need.

Brian was on the waiting list for six months and one of the concerns was that his blood type was O negative. It is a difficult blood type to match, which would make finding a matching donor more difficult. He was told that he could

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FSA Open Enrollment is Coming!!
December 1 through December 15

If you currently have Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA-14 or FSA-15) on your check stub and wish to continue this benefit in 2018 – YOU MUST COMPLETE THE OPEN ENROLLMENT TASK. This benefit is elected anew each year. NOTE: Only $100 of your 2017 balance will roll over into 2018.

What Does This Mean?
All full time and part time employees and RN employees working 20+ hours per week. For RNs the key is that you receive a check each pay in order for the selected amount to be deducted.

How do I sign up??
Go to your Paylocity Portal. Top left hand corner, hover over “Web Pay” and three boxes will appear on menu. Click on “Enterprise Web Benefits”. See below. This will take you directly into benefit site where you will click “Begin Enrollment” and choose the amount you would like annually. Click “Complete Enrollment” and your deduction will begin on January 11, 2018.

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**CORE Campaign**

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be on the waiting list for a year but Sherry admitted that he did not have a year.

“We felt depressed – defeated – and resigned to the bad news after the most recent meeting we had with CORE in Pittsburg. We were going up every three months so that CORE could monitor Brian’s health and the meeting was just two weeks before the night the call came,” said Sherry. “The situation seemed hopeless.”

Sherry said that she had completed a fund-raiser for Brian that day and the car was full of the fundraising goods and Sherry was just exhausted.

“At four a.m. we received the phone call. When it rang, we both woke up immediately knowing it was the call. We were unprepared but we let his parents and brother know and headed to Pittsburgh," Sherry explained.

On October 10, 2009, Brian had the lung transplant. Surgery began at 11 a.m. and he was out of surgery at 9:30 p.m. that evening. By 1 p.m. on October 11, Brian was off the ventilator and was out of the Intensive Care Unit by October 12. A month later, Brian was home.

The Stovers feel that God had a hand in the positive outcome and the transplant itself.

Sherry explained that while Brian was at the hospital, the pre-transplant coordinator from CORE came to the door of the hospital room. “He told us that our appeal had not gone through. Brian’s physician had appealed to CORE to move Brian up on the transplant waiting list because of his declining health. He was telling us that we should not have had the transplant….God was helping us,” said Sherry.

The whole medical experience had another outcome for the Stover family. Before the diagnosis, Sherry had been in graphic design studies. However, she changed her major to respiratory therapy and she is delighted that she made the change.

“I love my patients and my job,” said Sherry. “It was truly meant to be that I have this job in respiratory therapy.”

Unfortunately for the family, Brian had a turn of events in 2014.

Sherry explained that in August of 2014, a problem with Brian’s medical benefits made the anti-rejection drugs unavailable for several weeks. The lack of drugs put Brian into a rejection situation that has put him back on the lung transplant list in March 2017. He is now #62 on the list.

“This is why the Hospital’s campaign to encourage people to sign up for CORE is so important to my family,” concluded Sherry. “My daughter, Marlee, has created a presentation that is available for the public so that we can get the word out on this important campaign.”

For more information on CORE contact the Marketing Department at SJMH 304-269-8167.

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**NOTICE**

The SJMH Wellness Team is having a healthy Christmas cookie exchange. If interested in participating please contact Kristi Gannon at X8099 by 12-8-17.

**NOTICE**

If you are interested in leading a support group here at the hospital for healthy eating, depression/anxiety, bereavement, etc., please contact Kristi Gannon 269-8099.
Please extend a welcome to Dr. Robert Weir, who is now in Dr. Hornsby’s office on West Second Street for the next several months. He is an internal medicine specialist.
Join Us For The Annual Weston Christmas Parade
Friday, November 24, 2017
Starting at 6:00 p.m.
call 304-269-6141 for more info
Followed by the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital

Childrens’ Christmas Party
at the Weston Volunteer Fire Department
Meet Santa and Mrs. Santa • Refreshments • Facepainting and Balloons!

NEW THIS YEAR! Shentel Pig Drop
While the festivities at the fire department are going on, Shentel will have people register to win a ham – nearing the end of the event, we will pick out 15 winning entries – and pin them to tiny stuffed pigs. Then our maintenance tech will take them up in the Shentel bucket and drop them to a target on the ground – the 5 pigs closest to the bullseye win a ham! (they will walk away that night with the ham in hand)
Weston Christmas Parade on Friday, November 24

The Weston Fairs and Festivals Committee, along with the Weston Fire Department and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, are finalizing plans for the annual Weston Christmas Parade on Friday, November 24 at 6 p.m. in downtown Weston. The parade has a new twist this year with the encouragement for using electric lights on floats or with marching groups. Extra points in the judging will be awarded for the use of lights. The historical Dancing Snowflakes will be lit that evening and the Committee will unveil the new Merry Christmas street banners bought by local churches.

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital will also have the annual After-Christmas Party at the Weston Fire Department with a special appearance by Santa Claus. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served to parents and children. Paint Misbehavin' will provide balloons and face-painting.

Maximum 403B for 2018

The maximum contribution that can be made to the 403B in 2018 is $18,500 ($711.54 per pay); if you are over age 50, you may defer another $6,000 in 2018 ($230.77 per pay).

If you wish to change your amount for 2018, please make your change in time for the first pay in 2018 by submitting the form prior to January 5, 2018.

Use the form named “403B CHANGE TO DEFERRAL AMOUNT ONLY 2017” found under the HR Forms on the Intranet Home Page.

Children’s Christmas Party
Friday, December 8 - start at 6:00 p.m.
Lewis County Senior Center
Santa and Mrs. Claus; Gifts; Children’s Crafts

SJMH Hospital Buffet
Thursday, December 14
Each shift will be served in the Cafeteria and can eat in the SJMH Board Conference Room. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; dinner from 5 to 6 p.m.; and night shift will be served at midnight.

It was so much fun we are having it again!
Ugly Sweater Contest!

Wear your ugliest sweater; we will take a picture and put them up for voting by the SJMH staff. You must wear it on Thursday, December 14 to be eligible. Voting will last from December 15 to December 21.
Your sweater must be a new creation that has not been in our Ugly Sweater Contest before.

Just In Time For Christmas…

The Theresa Snaith Hospital Gift Shop is raffling a lighted primitive church for Christmas. Drawing will be December 22, 2017. Only one dollar per ticket or six for five dollars.

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital
Memorandum

November 20, 2017

TO: Medical Staff and Employees

FROM: Avah Stalnaker, MHA
Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Mon Health System - Logo and Color Changes

As part of the rebranding process in our new partnership with Mon Health System, you will begin seeing changes to our visual brand. We understand how important it is that we inform each one of you of the process so you are aware of our changes.

Over the next few weeks, you will begin noticing branding changes on our website, social media, documents and other marketing materials. We will slowly be implementing these changes to our logo and our hospital color scheme. This process of re-branding will take time to fully transition to our new style.

Please note that there shall be no discarding of materials with the old logo on them such as letterhead, business cards, and other items. Any materials created must go through the Marketing Department prior to release, place contact Julia Spelsberg at 304-269-8167 for questions.

Below is our new logo.

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