

2016 Annual Report



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# *Healthcare*



Taylor Regional Hospital

Welcome



### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The healthcare industry has its fair share of challenges, from navigating the constantly changing regulatory environment to improving quality and outcomes amid shrinking reimbursements. Today, many of us often are consumed by our day-to-day activities. We're stressed, worried and preoccupied by our jobs. In healthcare, our work commitments are imperative to our ability to provide safe and reliable care to our patients. But, it's equally important to take the time to reflect and recognize how rewarding it is to take care of patients and serve our community.

Several new providers joined the medical staff last year. Dr. Mark Huffman, ophthalmologist, joined our staff and performs cataract surgeries twice per month. Brandy Thompson, APRN, joined the Care Center practice of Internal Medicine, and one physician assistant joined the Taylor Regional Surgical practice, Leigh Ann Stutzenberger, PA-C. Chris Doolin, APRN, joined the hospitalist program as a nocturnist to enhance that growing practice.

Dr. Mohamed Alfaris joined the Emergency Room as a full-time provider and Dr. Stephen Hinton, internist, joined our hospitalist program this past year. University of Louisville Neurology has started a full-time practice with several neurologists rotating weekly, including Dr. Kerri Rimmel, Director of the Stroke Program at U of L.

Several new pieces of equipment were added including state-of-the-art Smart Pumps and an EBUS system which is used in surgery by Dr. James Watkins to perform bronchial ultrasound.

All new sleep lab equipment was installed to further enhance the diagnostics of growing sleep issues our area. A new flex video ureteroscope was added to surgery in a growing urology services department.

Many educational offerings took place for the community this past year including a colon cancer program presented by Drs. Bergin, Romines, Shively and Watkins, the general surgeons of Taylor Regional Surgical Associates. A childhood obesity program was presented by Dr. Summer Tucker, carpal tunnel screenings were performed by Dr. Ruben Gonzalez, and a special program entitled Hometowns Against Heroin was offered, where several of our staff participated in educating the public about the effects of heroin.

Nursing Services Administrator Dana Garrett and Med-Surg Director Lorie Richerson were instrumental in establishing a Community Wellness Coalition for healthcare providers in our region. It meets bi-monthly and brings many different providers together to discuss ways to provide the best care for our community. We also added a chair unit to our Emergency Room for faster processing of patients.

2016 held some firsts for Taylor Regional Hospital as well. The first annual Good Samaritans Bash was held in October to benefit Taylor County patients and their families that have been diagnosed with cancer. We also broke ground for the rehab/orthopedic building which will be completed by October 2017.

Partnering with Campbellsville University, we provided physicals for their athletes and a class in infection control for our environmental services staff. We also received re-accreditation from The Joint Commission for the Laboratory and re-certification of our Cancer Care program with Commendation through the American College of Surgeons.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who choose Taylor Regional Hospital and our physicians as their healthcare providers.

  
Jane Wheatley, FACHE  
Chief Executive Officer



# Community



## Good Samaritans

The first annual Taylor County Good Samaritans Bash in October raised more than \$17,000 and was an overwhelming success. The Taylor County Good Samaritans Foundation is a non-profit designed to ease financial stress for those diagnosed with cancer in Taylor County.

## Golf Scramble

The 8th annual charity golf scramble was held in September and raised nearly \$35,000 toward the purchase of a new van for the Taylor Regional Hospital Transportation Service. The service provides no-cost transportation to qualifying patients to the hospital, rehabilitation services, doctor's office visits, and The Cancer Center. Thirteen teams competed and numerous hospital employees gave their time in planning and orchestrating the event.



## Colon Cancer Program

Taylor Regional Hospital held a free educational program on colon cancer in March at the Taylor County Cooperative Extension Office in Campbellsville. Dr. James Watkins, Dr. Robert Romines, Dr. Eugene Shively and Dr. Graham Englund with Taylor Regional Surgical Associates, presented the program.

## Childhood Obesity Program

In April, Dr. Summer Tucker with Tucker Family Medicine, presented a free educational program on childhood obesity at the Taylor County Cooperative Extension Office in Campbellsville.

## Health Fair

More than 1,000 individuals and 55 vendors attended the health fair in June at Taylor County Elementary School. Lab screening tests including complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic profile, thyroid stimulating hormone screening, coronary risk profile with cholesterol levels and prostate-specific antigen screening were collected from 665 people. Additionally, 226 were screened for prostate cancer. KentuckyOne Health performed free carotid artery screenings, The Kidney Health Alliance of Kentucky and Davita Dialysis also performed free kidney screenings. Dr. Ben Angel gave a lecture on prostate cancer along with nurse practitioners, Heidi Lee, Kay Vespie and Jackie Brendel who spoke on summertime hazards.

## Certification in Infection Control

Through a partnership with Campbellsville University, Taylor Regional Hospital provided environmental services team members with the opportunity to obtain a specialty certification in infection control. The first class completed the 16-hour certification program in December. The coursework develops skills to prevent the chain of infection therefore, providing a safer environment for both staff and patients. Taylor Regional Hospital is proud to be the only healthcare provider in the area to provide this opportunity to its employees.

## Alliance for a Better Community

Alliance for a Better Community is a wellness coalition that was developed to reduce readmissions and address medication management and safety. Taylor Regional Hospital is proud to have facilitated this community project with the initial meeting in May. On average, 60 participants attend each meeting along with representatives from surrounding hospitals, pharmacies, home health agencies, nursing homes, primary care providers, durable medical equipment, and representatives from The Kentucky Hospital Association and Q-Source. The Taylor County Extension Office hosted each meeting and was an instrumental part in making this a positive endeavor for the region.

## Carpal Tunnel Screenings

Dr. Ruben Gonzalez led a series of three free carpal tunnel screenings for residents of Adair, Marion and Green counties. Attendees completed a questionnaire and completed strength measure tests which were provided by Taylor Regional Hospital Rehabilitation Services. Dr. Gonzalez provided each attendee with an evaluation and recommended a course of treatment.

## Baby Fair

The annual Baby Fair in May gathered 65 expectant parents and 13 vendors including representatives from Norton Children's Hospital who performed car seat checks and provided information about proper car seat usage. All participants received a door prize donated by each of the vendors in attendance.



# Growth

## Laboratories Gold Seal of Approval for Accreditation



Taylor Regional Hospital Laboratories have earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The laboratories received the best survey to date with the fewest recommendations from The Joint Commission.

## Cancer Center Excellence Award and Accreditation

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer awarded Taylor Regional Hospital a Silver Award for excellence in cancer care and accreditation. The award serves as recognition of the outstanding cancer care provided in our community. The recognition confirms the extraordinary collaboration of the medical staff and other health care professionals who care for and support patients diagnosed with cancer. Patients may present to their local physician, be diagnosed, treated and receive follow-up care without ever leaving our community.

Taylor Regional Hospital Cancer Care received commendations recognizing the accuracy and completeness of diagnostic pathology reports, reporting of cancer registry data above the standard requirement, public reporting of data, and recognition of the extraordinary accomplishment that more than 50% of our chemotherapy nursing staff are certified as oncology cancer nurses. Taylor Regional Hospital was compliant with all 46 standards and received no recommendations for improvement. Taylor Regional Hospital is the area's only Commission on Cancer certified hospital.

## Endobronchial Ultrasound

Taylor Regional Hospital has added Endobronchial Ultrasound equipment. Also called EBUS, it provides for a minimally invasive procedure used to diagnose lung cancers, infections and other diseases causing enlarged lymph nodes in the chest. EBUS allows physicians to obtain tissue or fluid samples from the lungs and surrounding lymph nodes without conventional surgery. These samples can be used for diagnosing and staging lung cancer, detecting infection and identifying inflammatory diseases that affect the lungs, such as sarcoidosis or other cancers like lymphoma. Dr. James Watkins, general surgeon, performs the EBUS procedures at Taylor Regional Hospital allowing physicians access to a rapid onsite pathology evaluation and quicker diagnosis for patients.

## Sleep Study Equipment

The Sleep Lab has been approved to purchase new sleep study equipment including the necessary polysomnography recording equipment for four current sleep study rooms. The Sleep Lab also will have a separate reading station for the physician to remotely read sleep study results. Additionally, four new home sleep study recording systems will double the number of current home study systems. With a total investment of more than \$80,500, the equipment is scheduled to be in use by February 2017.

## ER Fast Track Chair

The ER Fast Track Chair was created to assist with Emergency Room overflow and improve wait times. It is designed to be used in conjunction with nurse-initiated orders and very specific triage criteria. Patients who are not considered as urgent, but are no less important, will be assigned to the ER Fast Track Chair until they can be released from triage. This allows the patient to be treated in a timely manner while reserving ER rooms for individuals with a more urgent or emergent issue.

## In-Touch TeleHealth Robotic System

In March, Taylor Regional Hospital and the University of Louisville Stroke Center partnered to provide additional services to patients presenting with sudden onset of

stroke-like symptoms. This endeavor utilizes the InTouch TeleHealth Robotic System to connect physicians at Taylor Regional Hospital Emergency Department to physicians on call for the University of Louisville Stroke Team. The new technology enhances the capability of immediate face-to-face interaction between the local ER physicians and the neurologist in Louisville to determine the best course of care.

## Cardiac Rehabilitation Department

Taylor Regional Hospital relocated its Cardiac Rehabilitation department in October to the front of the hospital. The Cardiac Rehabilitation program consists of exercise, education, and encouragement for those who have experienced a cardiac event. Once admitted to the program, patients attend rehabilitation three times per week for up to 36 visits. The goals of the program are to help patients regain strength and endurance and to help them identify and make personal lifestyle changes to live healthier lives.



The Cancer Center at Taylor Regional Hospital



# Service

## Auxiliary volunteers honored for more than 7,500 hours of service

Taylor Regional Hospital's 43 auxiliary volunteers gave 7,506 1/2 hours in 2016 working at the information desk, surgery department, emergency department, radiology department, The Cancer Center, greeter station, cafeteria and gift shop. The group also collected canned food items to be donated to the local food pantry as part of their service. Fourteen members volunteered more than 200 hours and 10 served more than 100 hours.



The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Muriel Green who worked 1,385 hours in 2016. Tillie Netherland and Leonard Nuckols were recognized as having reached the 1,000-hour mark. Netherland was presented with the Service Volunteer of the Year Award, as selected by auxiliary members.

The 2017 officers include President, Joanne Waller; First Vice President, Tillie Netherland; Second Vice President, Christine Greer; Secretary/Treasurer, Shirley Schultz/Margie Leach; Corresponding Secretary, Julia Judd; Historian, Leona Read, and Recording Service Secretary, Judy Benningfield.

## New Rehabilitation/Orthopedic Building

Major construction is underway on the new Taylor Regional Rehab Center, with an expected completion date in October 2017. In addition to providing facilities for rehabilitation and physical therapy, the \$6 million, 15,000 square-foot building will house TRH Orthopedic surgeons Dr. Ruben Gonzalez and Dr. Galen Weiss, and Dr. Matt Feltner, DPM. The Center will also feature an aqua therapy pool that will be able to hold as many as six patients. Speech therapy and occupational therapy will also be provided.



# Dedication

## New Providers

*Dr. Mark Huffman*

Dr. Mark Huffman specializes in cataract surgery and continues to develop close relationships with local optometrists so those needing advanced surgical care can find it closer to home. He received his education from the University of Kentucky. He sees patients at Taylor Regional Eye Surgery at 125 Kingswood Drive.



**Mark Huffman**

*Dr. Mohamed Alfaris*

Dr. Mohamed Alfaris is the newest full-time member of our ER Physician team provided by TeamHealth. Dr. Alfaris received his education from the Aleppo University School of Medicine.



**Mohamed Alfaris**

## Allied Staff

*Christopher Doolin, APRN*

Christopher Doolin, APRN, a nocturnist, joined the Taylor Regional Hospital Hospitalist Program. Doolin received his education from Spalding University.



**Christopher Doolin**

*Brandy Thompson, APRN*

Brandy Thompson, APRN, joined the Taylor Regional Hospital Care Center Internal Medicine Office as a nurse practitioner to serve patients needing ongoing primary care. Thompson received her education from Western Kentucky University.



**Brandy Thompson**

*Leigh Ann Stutzenberger, PA-C*

Leigh Ann Stutzenberger, PA-C, received her education from Sullivan University and will be providing services in the office of Taylor Regional Surgical Associates.



**Leigh Ann Stutzenberger**



# Commitment

## Board of Trustees

Taylor Regional Hospital extends its sincerest thanks to its Board of Trustees members for all of their hard work and dedication.



**Bill Chandler**



**Frank Cheatham**



**Ben Cox**



**John Miller**



**Karen Patton**



# Financials

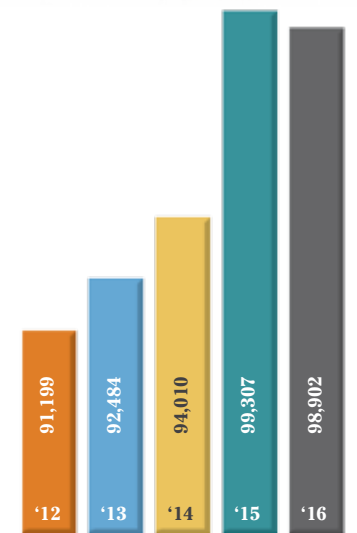
## Indigent & Charity Care

Indigent and Charity Care	\$473,582.36
Tax Rebates	\$258,951.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$732,533.59</b>

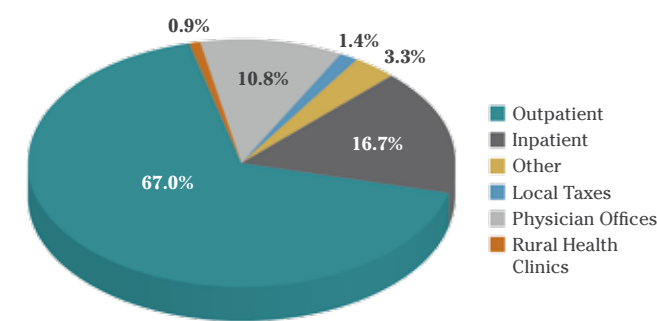
## Equipment & Buildings

Purchase of a new CT Scanner	\$687,000.00
Building Renovations for the new CT Scanner	\$247,000.00
Purchase of a Touch Screen Ultrasound System	\$217,000.00
Purchase of an Endobronchial Ultrasound System (EBUS) for the OR	\$155,000.00
Update and Expansion of Information Systems	\$350,000.00
HVAC System Renovations	\$114,000.00
Other Capital Asset Purchases	\$1,254,715.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,024,715.00</b>

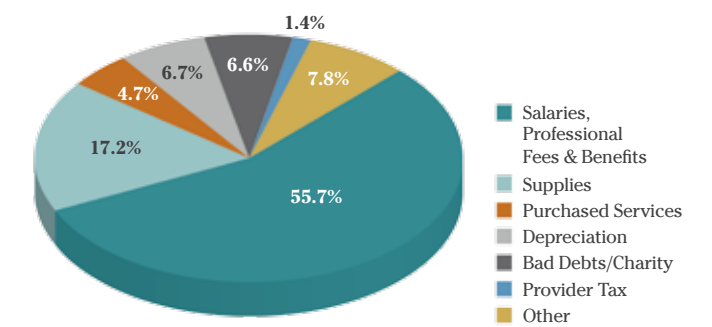
## Total Patients



## Where the Money Comes From



## Where the Money Goes



## *Honor*

### **Walk of Hope**

- In loving memory of Mildred Sue Harris · Proverbs 3: 5-6
- In memory of Mark Read from your friends in Administration

### **Tree of Life**

- In memory of Rev. Jewell Gene Hall, Board of Trustees 1981-1991 and 1995-2002 by your friends at Taylor Regional Hospital
- In memory of David M. Prow, Board of Trustees by Taylor Regional Hospital Board, Administration and Team Members
- In loving memory of Wanetta Muncie, LPN for 41 years by your friends and co-workers at Taylor Regional Hospital
- In memory of Larry Walters by your friends and co-workers at Taylor Regional Hospital
- In memory of Dr. Phil Aaron by The Taylor County Medical Society

