

Healing with heart



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For our care teams at St. Catherine Hospital - Garden City, St. Catherine Hospital - Dodge City and Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital, guiding Western Kansas neighbors along their path to healing is as important as walking alongside them. Because, first and foremost, our patients are *people* with stories, hopes and dreams that reach far beyond their diagnosis.

Whether it's a long-time community member or an out-of-town visitor with emergency needs, patients are treated like a loved one. **Our hospital teams provide the support they would want for their own families** — by taking the time to listen, to explain, to check in — while delivering the expert care patients rely on.

At St. Catherine Hospital Development Foundation, we are proud to advance the whole-person care our hospitals provide every day. Thanks to the support of our generous donors, we expand the resources and services available to meet the unique needs of our community. **The stories in this newsletter will give you just a glimpse into a few ways donors like you are making incredible things happen.**

Whether you are new to Western Kansas or have called it home for many years, we hope you know our doors are always open to serve you.

With gratitude,



Suzanna Koel
Chief Philanthropy Officer
St. Catherine Hospital Development Foundation

ADVANCED SURGICAL CARE FINDS NEW HOME IN GARDEN CITY

Something meaningful is happening in Garden City. Through the collaboration of CommonSpirit Health's Mountain Region, a **da Vinci robotic surgical system has come to St. Catherine Hospital - Garden City, bringing advanced care to the heart of western Kansas.**

This technology, rarely available in rural communities, allows patients to receive minimally invasive procedures closer to home, with less pain and faster recovery.

By wisely stewarding shared resources, CommonSpirit is living out its commitment to **improving the health of all people we serve, right where they live.**



\$191,000

transferred to hospitals from the foundation since August 2025 for equipment, Comfort Zone grieving camp, NICU incubators, and other designated areas



\$190,000

additional dollars from the foundation currently in process of being dispersed to key initiatives and technology at the hospitals



196 guests

hosted at Benincasa House in 2025

A passion project that's good for the heart



Hospital President Jason Justus cuts the ceremonial ribbon to open the new cath lab at St. Catherine Hospital - Garden City.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and access to the right technology can make all the difference. **St. Catherine Hospital - Garden City is among the first in the CommonSpirit system to benefit from a ministry-wide cardiac catheterization laboratory (cath lab) improvement initiative.**

The renovated cath lab brings state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment capabilities to our community, **helping physicians identify and address cardiovascular conditions more precisely and efficiently.** This means better outcomes and faster recovery times for our neighbors and loved ones.

Welcoming Jason Justus, our new hospital president

Western Kansas has a new health care champion in its corner! Jason Justus joined CommonSpirit Health in October 2025 as President of St. Catherine Hospital - Garden City, St. Catherine Hospital - Dodge City and Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital. He brings with him a **deep commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care and a proven record of leadership in hospital administration.**

Jason and his wife, Debra, are proud grandparents and are grateful for the warm welcome from our Southwest Kansas community. We are grateful for his leadership and excited for the future he is helping to build for our communities.

Turning grief into comfort



Parent donors share their story at the Cuddle Cot dedication ceremony.

When a Dodge City family lost two infant sons, they chose to **transform their grief into a gift for others.** They raised funds to donate a cuddle cot to St. Catherine Hospital - Dodge City, and their contribution was blessed in a ceremony on February 19.

Cuddle cots are specially cooled bassinets that gently slow the natural process after an infant's passing, giving families precious additional time to be with their baby. For parents navigating one of life's most heartbreaking losses, **that time is immeasurable.**

This is *humankindness* in its most tender form.



Welcoming our newest board members



Jon Gleason



David Wetmore



Anita Toussi, MD, PhD, MBA, FACEP, CPE

The St. Catherine Hospital Development Foundation is proud to welcome three new board members: Jon Gleason and David Wetmore representing Dodge City and Anita Toussi, MD, PhD, MBA, FACEP, CPE, representing Garden City.

Each leader brings a distinct perspective and a shared conviction that strong hospitals don't happen by accident: they require vision, community investment and people willing to show up. **Together, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Gleason and Dr. Toussi join a board committed to ensuring philanthropic resources reach where they are needed most, closing the gap between what is clinically possible and what our communities can access today.**

Interested in making a difference in the health of Western Kansas? Reach out to Suzanna Koel at Suzanna.Koel900@CommonSpirit.com or **(620) 272-2137** to learn about joining our board. We're especially seeking Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital representatives.

"The future of health care in our community depends on all of us. Together, we can ensure that our hospitals not only survive but thrive."

DAVID WETMORE

"Serving on the board reflects my commitment not only to delivering care but to building an enduring health care system for future generations."

DR. TOUSSI



A heartfelt thank you for a successful MatchDay

Western Kansas, you showed up and it made a difference! Thanks to the generosity and participation of our community through the Western Kansas Community Foundation's MatchDay, both St. Catherine Hospital Benincasa House and the St. Catherine Hospital Development Foundation saw meaningful growth in support this year. Benincasa House **exceeded last year's funds raised by more than 10%**, even earning bonus prize funds.

Every dollar reflects your commitment to care in our community. Thank you for investing in the health of Western Kansas!



Stacie Hahn, Program & Marketing Director for Western Kansas Community Foundation awarding MatchDay gift to Suzanna Koel.

Honor your caregiver



Has a caregiver made an impact in your life? We invite you to share your story and make a gift in their honor by visiting StCatherineHealthFoundation.HonorToday.org or scanning the QR code.





Pictured above: Hospital leaders and staff gather for a ribbon cutting ceremony, celebrating the opening of the new cardiac catheterization laboratory.



Introducing FreeWill — a planned giving resource

We've partnered with FreeWill to offer a secure, no-cost online tool to create or update your will in about 20 minutes.

A will ensures your wishes are honored and your loved ones are cared for. We're honored to share this resource as part of our commitment to serving you — body, mind and spirit.

We invite you to learn more about FreeWill and planned giving by visiting **StCatherine.MyGiftLegacy.org**

To give in support of our mission, visit **Give.CommonSpirit.org/StCatherineHealthFoundation/Donate** or scan the QR code.



100% of your gift stays local and supports the program of your choice.

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