

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

An in-depth look at how you are making a difference for our patients, their families and the communities we serve through charitable giving.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am constantly reminded of why I am so proud to be a part of the Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital community. Every day I come to work in our beautiful new facilities; I get to hear wonderful and inspiring stories about our lifesaving care; and I witness how we are transforming health care within our neighborhoods and beyond.



Karen Lambert

We have had a great year so far. Our new Universal Care Unit and our fourth Cath Lab recently opened, we just unveiled our new simulation lab, and our Medical Intensive Care Unit and chapel were completed in August. It is through the support of our donors, volunteers, patients, physicians, caregivers and community members that we have realized such great success, especially in this uncertain health care landscape.

Now more than ever, philanthropy plays an important role in our health care ministry. With your generosity and support, we continue to thrive. Thank you!

ROBOTIC SURGERY

Surgeon David Ondrula, MD, FACS, FASCRS, takes his seat behind the da Vinci Xi Surgical System console after making small incisions in the patient's abdomen. Screens around the operating room light up with three-dimensional views providing unimaginable depth and clarity to fully remove the tumor. The state-of-the-art surgical robotic system allows surgeons to perform less invasive, more precise operations—resulting in less pain, scarring and reduced risk of infection, as well as faster recovery time for our patients.

Over the last 15 years, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital has acquired three robots, including the latest system purchased through proceeds from the 2016 gala, and certified 17 surgeons to operate them. In the last 18 months alone, Dr. Ondrula has performed more than 150 colorectal surgeries using the robot—the most of any physician in the Midwest. The national average stay for a patient after this surgery is six days, while Dr. Ondrula's average patient stay is just three days.



YOUR IMPACT

EMBRACING INNOVATION

Thanks to charitable gifts, the hospital can acquire a state-of-the-art tumor localization system. Currently, patients with breast cancer often require a wire to be inserted prior to surgery to estimate the tumor location. Besides being cumbersome and uncomfortable, this often necessitates removing more tissue than is necessary. By precisely locating the tumor intra-operatively, radiologists and surgeons will be able to improve the surgical outcomes and experience.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

The hospital sees more than 36,000 patients through our Emergency Department each year, including about 9,000 pediatric patients. Philanthropy is helping support the enhancement and renovation of the Emergency Department including a new seven-bed rapid treatment area for greater privacy and efficiency.

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