

It's been too long! So much has happened in the last few months, but we'll try to recap it for you.

October saw us add a new CT scanner. Our volume has more than doubled since the new one was installed!

In November came the addition of our new ultrasound machine and Sonographer Cheryl Runge. This service increases our availability and provides more responsiveness to our physicians and for patients.

We began using our new logo, which is now standardized for all of our different organizations in January. The blue cross for a T in Stamford symbolizes the 'arm' of Christ over all our organizations and community. We now also have a distinctly Christian mission statement adopted by the Board of Directors of Jones County Regional Healthcare System and which reads: "Jones County Regional Healthcare System is a Christian healthcare system providing courteous, respectful, and engaging care with an attitude of thoughtful compassion provided for members of the community in an enjoyable atmosphere. We are CREATE-ing Outstanding Christian Healthcare!" The shortened version is "We are a Christian, non-profit organization dedicated to CREATE-ing Outstanding Healthcare!"

We reached full occupancy in Country Elegance and now have a waiting list for folks needing assisted living services. Additionally a large handicapped-accessible bus has been purchased to transport

Country Elegance residents to their doctor's visits, shopping and other appointments.

The Stamford Health Club continues to add new members and classes. Shelly Goza began as manager in December and there are many new faces. Zumba classes are back with our new instructor Angie Cook teaching on Mondays, Fridays and one Saturday a month. One new program which has just begun is the Daniel Plan Study which is a video-based small group Bible study from Rick Warren, Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hyman. The Daniel Plan teaches simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle in order to launch your journey to better health. Classes meet at the Health Club on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays at the hospital educational room at noon with lunch available. The study will run through the end of April.

The Volunteer Chaplaincy program, now in its third year continues to provide spiritual care to our hospitalized patients. A new training program for these caring volunteers has begun and is open to anyone interested in these skills. The Stephen Minis-

try is a 50-hour course to train Christian lay people how to provide spiritual and emotional support to people going through tough life situations. Not trained professionals, they still learn how to help people deal with them in a truly compassionate, Christ-centered way, and when to refer a hurting person to professional help. For more information on this program, contact Rhea Lyon.

Finally this last week, we were privileged to host Dr John Sissney, who is Chief Resident at the Texas A&M Family Medicine Residency in Bryan. Dr. Sissney is considering Stamford, among other locations, for his practice to begin in the Fall of 2015. He was impressed with the quality of our staff and the friendliness of our community and we are hopeful he will choose to join our medical staff next year.

Lots of good stuff going on. You make it all possible. You are the reason folks come here for care... because you do what you do so very well. Thank you for making a difference... thank you for helping us in CREATE-ing Outstanding Healthcare!

Rick



Provider's Day 2014

The provider's day BBQ was a great success. Thank you to everyone who made this event so special for our providers that we love!

Pictured from left to right: Rick DeFoore, Dr. M. Hart, Dr. J. Sissney, Dr. N. Gibson, J. Cason, Dr. L. Joplin, A. Hicks, and D. Newton.