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St. Anthony's Charitable Foundation Seeks Support from Community

St. Anthony's Medical Center has been an integral part of the south county community for more than 30 years, providing advanced medicine and compassionate care to its residents.

In just the past few years, St. Anthony's has opened a separate, 10,000-square-foot pediatric emergency department; has completed construction of a four-story addition, resulting in 24 new operating rooms and a state-of-the-art interventional platform; and has been designated a certified center of care for both stroke and heart attack. St. Anthony's also doubled the size of its Fern & Russell F. de Greeff Hospice House.

St. Anthony's never has wavered in its commitment to the community and that community never has wavered in its support for St. Anthony's.

To that end, the non-profit St. Anthony's Charitable Foundation was formed in 2007, as the fundraising arm of the medical center. The foundation provides giving opportunities for individuals, corporations and foundations in order to help St. Anthony's maintain its commitment to excellence in health care

"The cost of high-quality health care continues to rise, but that does not diminish our commitment to excellence for the south county community," said Tom Rockers, president and CEO of St. Anthony's. "The charitable foundation is an effective way to bridge the gap by offering an outstanding opportunity for St. Anthony's physicians, employees,

grateful patients and the community at large to help support the hospital's mission with their contributions.”

Donors may make tax-deductible gifts to the foundation in general, or earmark the donations for a specific program or service area. Such financial support will enable St. Anthony's to provide programs, services, facilities and equipment, helping the medical center to maintain its commitment to provide premier healthcare.

“We are working to build true partnerships within the community that help to make south county a better place to live,” said Joe Lipic, chairman of the foundation's board of directors.

St. Anthony's Hospice program is one of the primary areas needing community support, said Jeff Randall, executive director of the foundation. Funding also is needed to bridge the gap between ever-increasing hospital expenses for services rendered and ongoing cuts in government funding for health care services received. Additionally, funds will be invested back into the community, through educational programs and services.

“People who live in south county don't have to drive across town to access premier, top-of-the-line medical care for heart, stroke, orthopedics, cancer or other health-related issues,” Randall said. “I believe as more and more people learn about all that St. Anthony's Medical Center has to offer and the great care available right here in south county, they will support the hospital in their own backyard.

“St. Anthony's Charitable Foundation offers them the opportunity to express their gratitude and appreciation through thoughtful gifts that will strengthen and enhance the medical center's mission to provide the best care to every patient, every day.”

The St. Anthony's Charitable Foundation is located on the Medical Center's campus in Medical Office Building A, 10010 Kennerly Road, Suite 150. For more information or to make a donation, stop by or call 314-525-7330.

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