Sammons Tower opening a blue-ribbon day

Almost twenty-three months from the first turn of a shovel at the groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 11, 2012, donors, dignitaries, and special guests gathered for the momentous grand opening of the Charles A. Sammons Tower on July 24.

The celebratory event was highlighted with esteemed guests and building tours. The tower opened to provide emergency and trauma patient services on July 28.

LOOK INSIDE: We’ve included pictures from the June 12 donor appreciation and July 24 grand opening events on the donor tribute insert.
Thank you for a ground-breaking year!

Dear friends,

Thank you for your support of Methodist Health System Foundation and the care of our growing communities.

Just two months after the March groundbreaking ceremony and successful launch of a Methodist Mansfield Medical Center capital campaign to support a new patient care tower, we celebrated the completion of the largest capital campaign in our history. The BrightER Capital Campaign raised more than $20 million to support the new Charles A. Sammons Tower at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

Thank you for ensuring that our Methodist hospitals are equipped with the modern facilities and advanced equipment needed to improve and save lives throughout North Texas.

With the Sammons Tower now open and providing a new level of emergency and trauma care in Dallas County, and with new facilities to advance patient care in Mansfield on the horizon, we are looking forward to a bright future and partnership with you.

Best regards,

April Box Chamberlain, CFRE
President and CEO
Methodist Health System Foundation

Breaking new ground in Mansfield

On March 28, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center broke ground on a new $118 million patient care tower to increase bed capacity and enhance clinical care and support services. With the Mansfield area growing at a rapid pace, the expansion is needed to ensure Methodist Health System meets the needs of the community by delivering advanced, quality health care closer to home.

When Tower Two opens in 2015, it will add 54 new private patient rooms with shell space for 64 more.

The 98,000-square-foot project will also provide:

- Two new surgical suites and shell space for two future suites
- Four gastroenterology suites
- A 14-bed intensive care unit
- A dedicated stroke inpatient unit
- Expanded cardiology services, including outpatient cardiopulmonary testing, electrophysiology, cardiac care, and cardiac rehabilitation
- An expanded inpatient dialysis unit
- Expanded space for laboratory, pharmacy, and other support services
- A landmark two-story atrium lobby and community room.
Jenny Conrad, president of Conrad Creative, is chairing the $2 million Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Tower Two Capital Campaign – Building Brighter, Shining Farther. Supporting the largest capital campaign in the hospital’s history, leaders in the Mansfield area are enthusiastically embracing Methodist Health System for its commitment to grow with their community.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** To support the Tower Two Capital Campaign and learn about naming opportunities, please contact Joy Duncan, vice president development, at 682-622-2085 or joyduncan@mhd.com.

You can also learn more at [Foundation.MethodistHealthSystem.org/MansfieldTowerTwo](http://Foundation.MethodistHealthSystem.org/MansfieldTowerTwo).
As a champion of JPMorgan Chase’s commitment to corporate responsibility, my role is to be a catalyst for meaningful, positive, and sustainable change in high-need neighborhoods and communities,” says Michelle Thomas, vice president community relations at JPMorgan Chase.

A Dallas native, Thomas gets personally involved through her many volunteer roles. She serves on the board of trustees of Methodist Health System Foundation, advisory board of the Center for Nonprofit Management, and board of directors for the UT Southwestern Medical Foundation and Dallas Summit. She is also appointed to the Mayor’s Task Force on Poverty.

“I am very proud to have been part of supporting Methodist’s transformative effect these past few years,” Thomas says. “Methodist’s growth has made a significant, positive impact not only on quality health care, but also on the quality of life in neighborhoods surrounding its hospitals from southwest Dallas to Mansfield. That is real, meaningful change.”

Thomas has been in the financial industry for more than 20 years as a banking, human resources, and community development professional. She earned a Bachelor of Science in business education from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Business Administration from Dallas Baptist University.