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Erica Testa had a great experience at Methodist Charlton for the birth of her second child. "Everything was perfect," she says.

On a mission!

Supporting and celebrating our hospitals

The Methodist Health System Foundation has been blessed by extraordinary philanthropic support to designated campaigns as well as to a general fund that allows the Foundation to help meet operating needs across the health system. Your generosity has enabled the Foundation to fund more than \$782,000 this past year for worthy projects that will help save lives and improve the quality of care delivered in our hospitals.

- In Methodist Charlton Medical Center's postpartum unit, families are bonding with newborns in freshly decorated and furnished patient rooms. The Foundation gave \$460,000 toward the \$970,521 renovation project.
- The Foundation funded \$125,625 toward the \$167,000 cost of electronic signature pads that reduce patient paperwork and improve hospital

efficiency at Methodist Dallas, Methodist Charlton, and Methodist Mansfield Medical Centers.

- Echocardiography imaging for cardiac patients at Methodist Mansfield has been enhanced with a new ultrasound system that produces 2-D and 3-D images of the heart. The Foundation funded the entire \$197,345 cost for this project.

"It is a privilege to work with members of the Foundation Executive Committee to identify and fund needs within our hospitals," says April Box Chamberlain, CFRE, Foundation president and CEO. "Under the leadership of the Foundation board of trustees, the general fund continues to grow to help support our mission of delivering compassionate, quality health care."

Shining from within

Dear friends,



It is always an honor to recognize the generosity of donors and supporters from outside Methodist Health System.

It is also gratifying to take this opportunity to recognize the dedication of people working closely with the Methodist Health System Foundation who give their time, talent, and energy to ensuring the growth and quality of our hospital system.

The Foundation is blessed to have an experienced executive committee whose counsel and forethought guide the continuing growth of the general fund. Established in 1977, the general fund is filled with numerous smaller funds dedicated to raising contributions for the support of specific programs and for operating needs across our hospital system.

The recent purchases from the general fund for equipment, patient room updates, and pastoral care highlight the Methodist Foundation's mission to support the operating needs of our health system. We thank everyone who has helped make our work possible through your gifts and support.

Best regards,

April Box Chamberlain, CFRE

President and CEO
Methodist Health System Foundation



Legacy gifts provide pastoral care renovations

A sanctuary for hospital visitors and staff, the W. H. "Bill" Pierce Chapel and Pastoral Care Office Suite at Methodist Dallas Medical Center was recently renovated.

While the Chapel is a comfortable, welcoming space for those seeking solace, the furnishings and decor had declined significantly after two decades of enduring use through varied chapel services and consistent growth of the pastoral care ministry and training programs. In addition, the offices have been used by more than 150 Clinical Pastoral Education residents and interns.

The entire \$70,855 cost for Chapel and office renovations was covered by the generous donations of four family legacy funds administered through the Methodist Health System Foundation general fund: the James Swafford Chaplaincy Fund, Lois Perkins Endowment, Pierce Chapel Fund, and Sharon K. Brizius Fund. Their gifts provided fresh paint and new carpeting, desks, chairs, shelving, and lighting, including a spotlight to enhance the Sharon Brizius Memorial stained-glass cross in the Chapel.

Vice President of Pastoral Services Carole Somers-Clark says, "The Chapel and Pastoral Care Office Suite now offer a more inviting and peaceful refuge for our visitors, patients, and staff as well as benefit Pastoral Education residents and interns."

ABOVE: In the updated W. H. "Bill" Pierce Chapel at Methodist Dallas, Methodist Foundation President and CEO April Box Chamberlain, CFRE (front row, second from right), visits with pastoral care staff members (back row, from left) Willacin Precious Gholston, Jacob Atuahene-Nsowaah, Bisser Ovcharov, Stan Nabors, Binu Mathews, Beatriz Pacheco, (front row) Reatha Searing, Carole Somers-Clark, and Mary Stewart Hall.



New GI Conference Room provides meeting, teaching space

John and Nita Ford continue to step forward as champions of patient care and physician education for Methodist Health System. Their recent gift of \$50,000 has created the new Gastroenterology (GI) Conference Room in the nationally recognized Ford Family Center for Digestive Health at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

The new conference room provides a meeting and teaching space for physicians, nursing staff, and GI fellows in training. It is equipped with new technologies to help enhance education outreach.

"We have been so impressed with the GI team and wanted to say thank you in a way

that would ultimately support their work," Mrs. Ford says. "Giving this gift to Methodist was more than a joy for us. It came with a sense of peace, knowing that these dollars will ultimately improve — possibly even save — lives.

"We're doubly grateful — grateful for the care we received and grateful to be a part of something bigger than ourselves."

Nita and John Ford (left) along with Methodist Health System Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Pamela Stoyanoff and Methodist Dallas GI Laboratory Manager David Hambrick, BSN, RN, CGRN, attend the dedication of the hospital's new GI Conference Room.



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Methodist Health System Board President Levi H. Davis, an active municipal, business, and community leader, is also serving on the campaign committee for the BrightER capital campaign to expand emergency and trauma care at Methodist Dallas.

A belief in helping people

I believe in helping people and giving back to a community that has provided me so many opportunities. As a Dallas resident, business leader, and a former assistant city manager, it has been my honor to be involved in the city's operation, quality of life, and growth for more than 30 years.

My experiences have given me an interesting perspective on the important service of Methodist Health System and its mission of delivering compassionate, quality health care.

That is why I believe so deeply in supporting Methodist and serving on its corporate board. It is the fastest-growing hospital system in the Metroplex and facing so many crucial challenges — from health care reform to the essential need to expand emergency and trauma care at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

You can't do everything alone, but with others there's nothing you can't do. That is the attitude I carry with me every day, in my professional and family life, as well as in giving back to the community through my service to Methodist and other nonprofits.

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