



PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION

HeartMenders is excited to be the focus of Giving Tuesday and the Foundation's Year-End Giving Campaign. We are so grateful for the generous \$15,000 the Snyder Foundation has donated. We are hoping to acquire the rest of the funds needed to purchase a new central monitoring system. Winfield is so fortunate to have an outpatient cardiac rehab program and we want to continue to provide excellent care to patients.

Our current monitor is just plain worn out and on the fritz most days. We are the only cardiac rehab in this area and have patients driving an hour one-way for class three times a week. Most of our patients are from out of town. There is a lot of room for growth with the new system and we are excited with the prospects of helping even more people recover from major cardiac surgeries or events.

-Stacy Wells, RN

When asked about the need for the new cardiac monitor, Lorri Greenlee said the 'need' for this piece of equipment is great. "Think about it this way: age + mileage = worn out equipment and worn out hearts. WNH HeartMenders is a terrific program, and the only one for miles. Patients come from all over the place, including but not limited to: Caldwell, Cedar Vale, South Haven, and even driving from as far as Medford, OK."

By helping fund this piece of equipment, you are helping HeartMenders gain mileage and gain the 'hearts' of more patients for WNH.

-Lorri Greenlee, RN

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As seniors are making next year's Medicare coverage elections, William Newton Hospital wants to ensure you are aware of a change to our participation in Medicare Advantage (MA) plans. **WNH has elected not to be a contracting (in-network) provider for any MA plans in 2024.**

We understand this change may create a burden for some but would like to share why we believe it's the right move. Seniors are being bombarded by multimillion-dollar marketing campaigns with promises of seamless coverage and additional benefits. In reality, many of our patients have encountered numerous issues when dealing with MA plans, including excessive prior authorization and medical necessity denials, and a limited network of providers. WNH also receives inadequate reimbursement and unnecessarily slow payment from insurers. Our hospital must ensure financial and operational sustainability to continue providing essential healthcare services for our entire region.

Patients can go back to Original Medicare after they've enrolled in an MA plan; however, they may pay more for or lose supplemental coverage. This is because the plan can consider pre-existing conditions in setting rates or denying coverage. Patients must choose the plan that best fits their circumstances, and we urge everyone to carefully evaluate their options. **NOTE: All WNH facilities, providers, and clinics accept Original Medicare.**

To schedule a FREE session with a certified Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas health counselor, call 800-860-5260. For more resources visit: www.wnhcares.org/medicare

- Brian Barta, WNH CEO

Pictured: Nearly 60 guests attended the Beats Breakfast Club event on Nov. 2 featuring a panel discussion comparing Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

