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remembering loved ones with cancer

Each year during the month of December, the CoxHealth Foundation remembers cancer patients and celebrates cancer survivors. To ensure that no cancer patient is forgotten in their struggle to beat this disease, holiday trees are decorated in their honor. Donors can choose a bow color and send a message which will be attached to a special card. Patients have shared with CoxHealth Foundation that these trees of hope inspire them and give them courage to continue the fight. To participate, send in your gift with the attached card. **Bows are for sale now and trees go up the day after Thanksgiving.** All proceeds benefit the Glauser Oncology Fund which provides our Patient Advocacy Program that is free to every cancer patient and their family.



Bows can be purchased online at www.coxhealthfoundation.com

Enclosed is my gift (select one):

___ honor ___ memory ___ celebrate a caregiver (silver bow)

Name of Loved One _____

Donor Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

___ GOLD BOW(S), \$10 EACH \$___

___ SILVER BOW(S), \$10 EACH \$___

___ RED BOW(S), \$10 EACH \$___

Please charge my credit card.

VISA MasterCard Discover AMEX

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration date _____ 3 digit security code _____

Signature _____

All gifts are fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

Please send your donation to:

CoxHealth Foundation
P.O. Box 8131
Springfield, MO 65801

For more information, call 417/269-7037.

To make a memorial or honorarium contribution, send your gift to:

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Please include the name of the person and who you would like notified. CoxHealth Foundation will send a tax receipt to you and notification to the family of your gift.

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Can we meet the **CHALLENGE?**

By Lisa Alexander



We have some great news about Cox College!

In March the College board of directors approved a Reinvestment Campaign to renovate the 61 year old college facility. The goal is to have the facility mirror the excellence of the education received inside it. In September, a team from Cox College and the CoxHealth Foundation visited the Mabee Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This private foundation funds construction projects for higher education, hospitals and select not for profits that meet their mission. We have just learned that **Cox College has been awarded a \$1 Million Mabee Foundation Challenge Grant.** This is a huge honor to be selected from the multitudes of applicants seeking support from the Mabee Foundation each year.

The question you might be asking is, **“Why is this Reinvestment Campaign so important?”** The answer affects us all. We need to know there will be nurses and health professionals in our hospitals when we need care. Nationwide there is a nursing shortage and it’s growing larger every day. In Springfield, 700 vacant nursing positions have been reported in 2017. The Missouri Hospital Association identified a 16% nursing vacancy statewide, up 6% from the previous year. Nursing shortages impact patient safety, quality and access to care. As the region’s largest educator of nurses, Cox College must be able to recruit nursing students. A loss of graduates means fewer nurses at the bedside. Prospective

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students have told Cox College the campus is too outdated. The students are choosing other options for their college choice, or career. Students have made it clear that an updated campus would impact their decision. The Campaign allows the college to reconfigure space, enlarging classrooms and allowing the college to prepare for larger class sizes in coming years. The plan includes replacing window air-conditioning units with modern systems, upgrading technologies and adding new areas for group study and innovation. As a tuition and fee based organization, the only alternative to making the renovations is to raise both. Knowing how students struggle to afford an education today, this was not an option. Increases could only further inhibit a student's ability to choose nursing or health professions.

The Campaign brings the college back to its roots. The college started through a donation and is sustained today through donor support.

Now the challenge is in our hands. We are asking all those who value nurses and the great care they deliver by help us meet the challenge. **Cox College will only receive the gift by raising the matching million dollars.** Gifts of all size are gratefully received and will be doubled starting today. If you would like to be a part of the future of healthcare, please use the enclosed envelope or go online to www.coxhealthfoundation.com. If you would like to discuss a stock gift or other forms of giving, please contact me at **417/269-7109**. Please consider the impact that one nurse or one health care professional has had or will have on your life. Help bring the next generation to the bedside to be there for you or your loved one. Together we can assure that the next generation of health care workers come from a college committed to excellence as well as compassion. **Thank you!**

Naming opportunities for rooms or offices are still available by calling Lisa Alexander at 417-269-7109.

First Steps

Tom Keefe had his new prosthetics and an appointment to learn how to walk again. What he didn't have was a ride to the therapy session. Wheel chair accessible vehicles are very expensive and Tom cannot afford one at this time. His case worker contacted the CoxHealth Foundation looking for help with Tom's transportation. Thanks to donors to the Rehab Fund Tom received a grant for a safe ride to and from his care. Until that time when he can drive his own car again, Tom is extremely grateful to all the Foundation donors making his journey back to walking a reality.



Nursing students train in the simulation center at Cox College.

Mabee Foundation Challenge: \$1 Million

Healing Through Music

When Marlene Langston's husband was in the Neuro Trauma Intensive Care Unit (NTICU) at Cox South Hospital, music was part of his healing. Gordon Langston was soothed by the sounds of his favorite songs. The music came through a small computer speaker but was not ideal for the size of the patient room. Marlene offered to provide speakers for every patient room in the NTICU. This gift allows patients to Bluetooth, connect through a phone or computer into the speaker. Thank you Marlene for helping us to provide a great comfort in addition to outstanding care. To learn how to be a part of our Grateful Patient Giving program call **417/269-7109**.

E-BOOKS for Free!

If you are an E-Book reader here is a great deal for you! The CoxHealth Foundation is now a partner with Hummingbird Books, an Amazon vendor. Go to bit.ly/CoxHealth and select your book. A portion of every sale from this site will be donated to the CoxHealth Foundation. Each month the site also offers free books to our supporters. Books range in price from .99 and up. You must have the My Must Reads app on your phone or tablet available through the Apple or Google Play stores.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Thank you to Jacob Brower of the Monett Times. The company ran an advertising campaign and donated the proceeds to the Breast Care Fund. Nancy Ridgley, survivor and Foundation Champion accepted the gift in honor of all the women fighting this disease. The Breast Care Fund helps provide diagnostics for women and support following diagnosis.

Nurse Manager Tessie Bowmaker shows Marlene Langston the newly installed speaker system she donated to CoxHealth Foundation.



Coffee for a Cause

The CoxHealth Foundation has a new partner in Got Your Six Coffee. Owner Eric Hadley is donating \$3 of every bag sold by the CoxHealth Foundation to funds that benefit our first responders, security team and veterans served by the Wellness for Warriors program at the Meyer Center. His company mission is to provide financial support for those who protect and serve. You can purchase your coffee at the gotyoursixcoffee.com website and put in the code CHF3. The coffees named Zero Dark Thirty and Blue Line have been CoxHealth Foundation staff favorites!

The coffee is a single origin Columbia coffee with a rich, full bodied taste. This coffee would make a great holiday gift. Help us help our local veterans served at CoxHealth with your coffee purchase.

