

A Newsletter From The Kirby Foundation

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Our Communities Create Lasting Change

FALL/WINTER 2021



Your Health. Your Home.

Atwood Clinic Now Open and Ready to Serve You

After much planning and preparation, Kirby was thrilled to open the doors to its new Atwood Clinic in early fall 2021. The clinic, located at 100 East US Highway 36, provides Atwood and the surrounding communities with a more comprehensive, convenient healthcare experience.

The new 6,000-square-foot facility sits on a 1.5-acre lot and is open to care for patients Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The clinic will offer extended hours in early 2022. In addition to providing primary care and pharmacy services, KMG-Atwood has space dedicated to mental health counseling, a walk-in lab, an X-ray room and shuttle service to Kirby Medical Center twice a week. Vaccinations, splinting and casting and minor procedures can all be taken care of at the new clinic.

THE NEW ATWOOD CLINIC AT A GLANCE:



Sav-Mor Pharmacy with drive-through



X-ray room, with imaging offered on site



Exam rooms



Dedicated room for mental health counseling



Procedure room



Covered parking for horse and buggy



KMG-Atwood ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 25, 2021. From left to right: Monica Hildebrandt, KMG-Atwood; Heidi Apperson, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, Kirby Medical Center; 2020 Miss ALAH Emma Lee; Little Miss ALAH Kinsley Eads; Sheila Price, Kirby Medical Group-Atwood; Dr. Brian Yocks, Kirby Medical Group-Atwood; Steve Tenhouse, CEO, Kirby Medical Center; Heather Madden, Sav-Mor Pharmacy; 2020 Jr. Miss ALAH Molly Appleby; Alora Murphy, President, Atwood Economic Development Corporation; Stephanie Wierman, President, Atwood Chamber of Commerce; Diane Eagan, Trustee, Atwood Village Board; and Bill Fleming, President, Atwood Village

MEET YOUR

Atwood Clinic Providers



BRIAN YOCKS, MD

Education

Residency –

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Decatur Family Practice
Doctor of Medical Science –

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry –

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois

Certifications

American Board of Family Medicine

Board Certified

ACLS, ATLS, BLS



TARA SHUTT, MSN, FNP-BC

Education

Master of Science in Nursing – Olivet

Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois

Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Lakeview

College of Nursing, Charleston, Illinois

Certifications

American Nurses Credentialing Center

FNP Certification

Advanced Practice Nurse (Controlled Substance)

Basic Life Support



JAMEY WITMER, MSN, RN, APRN

Education

Master of Science in Nursing –

Frontier School of Midwifery and Family

Nursing, Hyden, Kentucky

Associate Degree in Nursing – John A. Logan

College, Carterville, Illinois

Certifications

Registered Professional Nurse

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

Greatest Need Fund

Helps Improve Overall Patient Experience

Donations from the Greatest Need Fund allowed Kirby to purchase two new pieces of equipment that benefit both patient and provider. The new bladder scanner is a vital piece of equipment, allowing nurses to quickly perform a painless, noninvasive scan of a patient's bladder. This tool helps nurses prevent patient infection and avoid unnecessary patient procedures.

The Hoyer Lift is also a crucial piece of inpatient equipment, ensuring patients are moved safely from one place to another.

BLADDER SCANNER



“Having this new bladder scanner means physicians and nurses have the tools needed to make the right decision for quality patient outcomes.”

- Leslie Sheets, BSN, RN,
Director of Nursing & Case Management

HOYER LIFT



“Having a new lifting device means we are able to transfer patients safely with dignity and comfort while ensuring the safety of our nursing staff.”



MEET THE BOARD
Tony Pomonis

Three things you can't live without:

Coffee, Illinois athletics and a good book.

Two ideal travel destinations:

Greece and Iceland.

One of your favorite things about Kirby Medical Center:

The sense of community!



MEET THE BOARD
Steve Tenhouse

Three things you can't live without:

My family, my friends and my road bike.

Top two favorite movies:

Heat and Rocky.

One meal you could eat time and time again:

Coconut cream pie. (Okay, it's not a meal, but it should be.)

WELCOMING

New Board Members John Frerichs and William Haworth

The Kirby Foundation is pleased to welcome two new members to its Board of Directors: John Frerichs and William (Bill) Haworth, both of Monticello. Both new members are looking forward to serving the Board and building relationships with the communities Kirby Medical Center serves.

Frerichs is a real estate broker with Keller Williams Realty in Champaign and has served on the City of Monticello’s City Council and Zoning Board. He and his wife, Mara, reside in Monticello with their three children: Jocelynn, Kiana and Luther.

Frerichs finds joining the Board to be an opportunity to share stories of the hospital with the community. He believes Kirby can continue to touch the lives of patients through excellent healthcare and continued community support.

Frerichs says, “My goal is to keep growing this tradition of caring and to share these stories of hard work the men and women at KMC offer so we can thrive to be a stronger community, together.”

Haworth has been a Monticello resident since 1979, moving to the community to be a band director for the school district. Following his 13-year role as a band director, he started a 33-year career as a flight attendant with Northwest/Delta Airlines.

Since moving to Monticello in the 1970s, Haworth has maintained strong connections to Kirby Medical Center, including being a member of the first class of paramedics and working part-time as a volunteer paramedic for the Kirby Hospital Ambulance Service during his teaching career. For the last ten years, he’s been an active member in the Kirby Auxiliary.

“Kirby employees are incredible professionals. I hope to do everything I can to promote their outstanding work and dedication to the health of our communities in my role as a Foundation Board member,” says Haworth.

Sarah Ross, Kirby Foundation’s Director of Development, is thrilled to welcome both new members to the Board and looks forward to hearing their fresh ideas and perspectives.

“We’re very fortunate to have their volunteer leadership and enthusiasm for creating community partnerships,” says Ross. “Each of them brings a unique perspective and passion to the important work of improving healthcare in our communities.”



MEET THE BOARD
John Frerichs

Three things you can’t live without:

My family, the thrill of a good adventure and sports (mostly football and golf).

Two ideal travel destinations:

Rome, Italy, and Sydney, Australia.

One of your favorite things about Kirby Medical Center:

The people. From the staff to leadership, each and every person makes KMC so special.



MEET THE BOARD
Bill Haworth

Three words that describe you:

Patient, passionate, proactive.

Two ideal travel destinations:

Shanghai and Paris.

One of your favorite things about Kirby Medical Center:

The people who work there. They are committed, value all life, seek knowledge and are compassionate to everyone.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR

Thank You for Creating Lasting Change

GREETINGS,

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the entire Kirby family has filled each other with support and encouragement during this challenging time in history. As volunteer leaders of The Kirby Foundation's efforts, day after day we are humbled by the overabundance of support and generosity from our local communities. Your kindness truly inspires us.

It is an honor to be able to witness the direct impact of your philanthropic support. As you flip through these pages, you'll see a small snapshot of how our communities have rallied together and supported Kirby's mission over the last year. From new service updates to provider testimonials, you'll see the impact of your support, which allows us to continue providing care and improving services so we can keep our community members healthy.

I would also like to take a moment to salute my predecessor, **Michelle Gross**, for her years of leadership on the Foundation Board as the Board Chair. Her diligent and determined spirit has made a lasting impact on Kirby and the community, and we are thankful for the time she has spent with us on the Foundation Board. She still remains on the Governing Board, and we are grateful for her continued service.

As always, a big thank you to the community for your generosity toward The Kirby Foundation. Your support makes a difference in the lives of many. Quality care is our top priority, and with your support we are able to offer you, your loved ones and your neighbors the best care possible. We are proud to belong to communities that work together to create change in meaningful and heartfelt ways. We couldn't do it without you.

With gratitude,

Luke M. Feeney
Foundation Board Chair



MEET THE BOARD
Luke Feeney

Three things you can't live without:

Water, food and shelter.

Two ideal travel destinations:

1. Anywhere a chairlift is running on a powder day.
2. Anywhere a chairlift is running on a powder day.

One meal you could eat time and time again:

Ribeye steak.



MEET THE BOARD
Kathy Plunk

Three ways Kirby makes a difference in our community:

Kirby provides quality and convenient healthcare, supports local fundraisers and charities and has been instrumental in providing medical assistance during the pandemic.

Top two favorite movies:

Planes, Trains and Automobiles and Overboard.

One meal you could eat time and time again:

Burger King Whopper®.

New Car Seats Donated to Bement High School



Pictured left to right: Bement High School students Taylor Swaim, Peyton Cooley, Alexa Senter and Jazzi Hicks.

The Family and Consumer Science Department at Bement High School received a much-needed upgrade thanks to The Kirby Foundation.

Angie Corum, Family and Consumer Science teacher, reached out to the Foundation in hopes of replacing the school's car seats that are used for an infant simulation project. Students who participate in the infant simulator project review the basic needs of an infant before caring for an "infant" for a weekend. The car seats that were being used for the project didn't meet today's safety standards and expired in the early 2000s.

Thanks to a donation from The Kirby Foundation, the department was able to purchase four new car seats to replace the outdated models.

“ I feel extremely grateful that The Kirby Foundation has given us these resources that will benefit our program for years to come,” says Angie Corum.



MEET THE BOARD
Brandon Hissong

Three ways Kirby makes a difference in our community:

1. Kirby provides quality healthcare to our community, making many procedures accessible without having to drive to larger facilities.
2. Kirby cares for the wellness of the people in our community by providing preventative and wellness initiatives.
3. Kirby also cares for the future of healthcare in our community by establishing an educational scholarship that attracts professionals in the most needed areas of healthcare.

Top two favorite movies:

Hoosiers and Forrest Gump.

One of your favorite things about Kirby Medical Center:

There really are so many, but if I had to pick only one, it would be the Wellness Trail. It's peaceful, beautiful and great for exercise. It reduces my stress levels and provides me with a healthy activity.



MEET THE BOARD
Tony Kirkman

Three things you can't live without:

Faith, family and coffee.

Two ideal travel destinations:

Israel and Wakanda.

One of your favorite things about Kirby Medical Center:

I love how KMC is so community focused. They are great collaborators with many agencies in our area and desire to raise the level of wellness for all who call this area home.

Thank you, Monticello High School Pep Club

Kirby would like to give a huge shoutout of appreciation to the Monticello High School Pep Club and its advisors for their incredible enthusiasm and for the multiple ways they made a difference in support of Paint Piatt Pink. Their generous \$2,750 donation makes an impact on our efforts to provide comfort and assistance to local breast cancer patients.



Monticello High School Pep Club leaders and advisors present a check for \$2,750 in support of Paint Piatt Pink to Kirby Medical Center representatives during a football game on October 30, 2021.

Designer Jewelry with a Cause



Steve Tenhouse, CEO, Kirby Medical Center; Jaime West, Imaging Director, Kirby Medical Center; and Caitlin Hicks of Caitlin Hicks Design draw the winning ring raffle ticket on November 1.

Kirby Medical Center raised \$6,612 for Paint Piatt Pink in October through the raffle of a designer ring specially made and donated for the occasion by a local jeweler.

Caitlin Hicks of Caitlin Hicks Design in Monticello designed the ring – which included plenty of pink – as a way to honor loved ones who have battled breast cancer.

“I wanted to donate to this cause because my mom is a breast cancer survivor and many friends have battled against this disease. I am thrilled to be a part of helping Kirby Medical Center in any way, as they give so much to my community,” Hicks said.

Money raised will help fund Kirby’s Hope Totes, which are totes filled with items aimed to help provide comfort and support for those diagnosed with breast cancer.

The winning ticket, belonging to Kirsten Barrera of Monticello, was drawn on Monday, November 1.

Tickets were sold online through the hospital website, as well as in the hospital gift shop and at local banks.

PIATT COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Supports Purchase of CPR Device

The Piatt County Fire Association graciously donated \$2,500 to The Kirby Foundation in support of the purchase of the LUCAS Chest Compression System, a hands-free device that improves CPR quality during transport and throughout the entire resuscitation. It also can free up one provider, allowing them to provide other care to the patient during transport.

“Our commitment to our association’s mission has taken on an even greater sense of urgency this past year as we’ve navigated the challenges and changes to patient care as a result of COVID-19 guidelines,” says John Mullin, Piatt County Fire Association President. “We are proud to contribute to the emergency care in our communities by donating to the purchase of this life-saving device.”

Kirby’s emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics serve our communities 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and work in partnership with other community first responders to ensure that patients receive the best possible care in an emergency.

“The relationships we have with the other area emergency responders are extremely important to us,” says Crystal Alexander, Director of Kirby Ambulance Services. “We’re always looking for ways that we can improve and strengthen the emergency and transport services we provide – and areas that we collaborate within our community. This generous donation is a great example of the cooperative spirit of the Association and the benefit it provides to community members.”



Members of Kirby Ambulance Services and Piatt County Fire Association pictured with \$2,500 donation check.

KMC Scholarship

Supports Local Students, Local Healthcare

Since 2020, Kirby Medical Center and The Kirby Foundation have annually awarded outstanding students with the Kirby Medical Center Healthcare Scholarship. The scholarship is given to high school seniors and current college students pursuing specific healthcare degrees or certification programs. The program provides support up to the full cost of tuition, student fees, books and dorm housing in exchange for a service obligation to Kirby Medical Center. The service commitment is two years for every \$25,000 paid toward the student's education.

Andrew Buffenbarger, Chief Compliance Officer of Kirby Medical Center, says, "The Kirby Healthcare Scholarship removes the cost barrier to education and incentivizes local students to pursue healthcare careers. This full-ride scholarship also connects local students to their community through a service commitment that brings them back to Monticello after they graduate from college to care for their community."

The Healthcare Scholarship Program is funded through income received from farmland donations and contributions to The Kirby Foundation in support of the scholarships. This is the second year scholarships have been awarded.

"The Kirby Foundation is committed to investing in our future generation of healthcare professionals and bringing them back to their home communities to provide compassionate care. This scholarship program helps create a meaningful impact for these recipients, their families and our communities, and we're grateful for those who support us in this effort," says Sarah Ross, Director of Development.

We are now accepting applications for 2022! Scholarships will be awarded to new or current students interested in a career as a:

Registered nurse | Medical laboratory scientist | Medical lab technologist

To apply, visit KirbyHealth.org > About > Careers > Type "scholarship" into the search bar.



MEET THE BOARD
David Brown

Three things you can't live without:

iPhone®, family and friends.
(Not necessarily in that order!)

Two ideal travel destinations:

Savannah, Georgia, and
Washington, D.C.

**One of your favorite things
about Kirby Medical Center:**

Professional care with a
small-town atmosphere.



MEET THE BOARD
Jay Timmons

**Three things you can't
live without:**

Family, friends and our
dog, Attie.

Two ideal travel destinations:

Anyplace warm and sandy
and the mountains.

**One of your favorite things
about Kirby Medical Center:**

The staff is so friendly
and professional.

2021 KMC Healthcare Scholarship Recipients



Tatum Auth

HOMETOWN: Mahomet
ATTENDING:
Illinois State University

Tatum is studying to
become a registered nurse.



Grace Burnsmier

HOMETOWN: Monticello
ATTENDING:
Parkland College

Grace is studying to
complete her registered nursing degree.



Kelsey Brewer

HOMETOWN:
Abilene, Texas (now
residing in Monticello)
ATTENDING:
Parkland College

Kelsey is working to earn her registered
nursing degree.



Victoria Vandivier

HOMETOWN: Bement
ATTENDING:
Parkland College

Victoria is attending
school to earn her registered nursing degree.

Keeping the Kirby Derby Spirit Alive

Thank you to the community businesses who donated \$4,000 to enhance the 2021 Kirby Derby! We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with these business leaders as we promote wellness in our communities.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Brandon J. Hissong, DMD
- Burgess & Cline Insurance, Inc.
- First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust
- First State Bancorp of Monticello, Inc.
- Heartland Bank and Trust Company
- State Bank of Bement
- The Cancer Care Specialists of Illinois
- Topflight Grain Cooperative

While we weren't able to host this year's race in person, more than 150 runners participated virtually.



Mark your calendar! The 2022 Kirby Derby is scheduled for Saturday, May 7.



MEET THE BOARD
Veronica SeEVERS

Three things you can't live without:

My family, my church and my community.

Two ideal travel destinations:

Savannah, Georgia, and San Diego, California.

One of your favorite things about Kirby Medical Center:

The wonderful staff and administration.



MEET THE BOARD
Rory Wright

Three words that describe you:

Loyal, hardworking and stubborn!

Top two favorite movies:

Captain America: The First Avenger and Avengers: Infinity War.

One meal you could eat time and time again:

Bacon cheeseburger.

The Kirby Auxiliary:

Making More Possible Through Equipment Fund Donations

At their annual meeting in July, the Kirby Auxiliary presented the Foundation with a generous \$35,000 gift supporting new equipment purchases that benefit patient care, community health resources and education and medical campus improvements.

“Their steadfast support affirms the Auxiliary’s commitment to assisting the Foundation in its mission of sustaining Kirby Medical Center and improving the health and wellness of our local communities. We are proud to partner with them in making a positive impact – not only for Kirby, but for members of our communities – for many years to come,” says Sarah Ross, Director of Development, The Kirby Foundation.

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES SUPPORTED BY THEIR DONATION INCLUDE:

- Blood pressure machine
- Electronic record upgrade for cardiac and other rehabilitation patients in the Therapy Department
- Wheelchair scale for Kirby Medical Group
- Three new touchscreen devices for Ambulance Services
- New StatPacks for ambulances, which are bags used for holding medical supplies on emergency scenes
- Footrests for Stryker stair chairs in ambulances



The Auxiliary’s Equipment Fund donation supported purchases in five Kirby Medical Center departments. Representing those departments and showing their appreciation are Leslie Sheets, Director of Nursing; Sara Wells, Director of Kirby Medical Group; Michelle Hillard, Auxiliary Past President; Crystal Alexander, Director of Ambulance Services; Susan Waibel, current Auxiliary Co-President; Betsy Williams, Director of Therapy Services; and Jennifer Moss, Chief Clinical Officer.



Blood Pressure Machine

“Kirby Medical Center strives to conveniently meet the needs of the community. As healthcare needs can’t always be planned or scheduled, the blood pressure kiosk provides the opportunity to get a blood pressure check with quality, reliable equipment in a space that is easily accessible 24 hours a day.”

- Jennifer Moss, Chief Clinical Officer, Kirby Medical Center



Wheelchair Scale

Lauren Covert, Certified Physician Assistant, shown with Susan Waibel, current Auxiliary Co-President, demonstrates the new wheelchair scale located in the KMG – Monticello clinic. This scale makes it easier for the patient and caregiver to roll the chair directly onto the scale in addition to improving weight accuracy and the safety of patients and our providers.



Ambulance Service Benefits from New Microsoft® Touchscreen Device Purchase

“Touchscreen devices in our ambulances allow our EMS providers to track and insert patient information in real time, and they can obtain needed signatures from healthcare providers taking over patient care once they arrive at the emergency room,” says Crystal Alexander, Director of Ambulance Services. “Additionally, providers now have the capability to complete documentation on the new devices for patients who refuse transport to a hospital, taking away the old paper form.”

MAKE YOUR Commitment to Community

We want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who support us in our mission. It is a tremendous honor to assist Kirby Medical Center in this role, and our enthusiasm and appreciation for the work Kirby’s staff has done over the past year continues to grow. They are all rock stars.

Because of the generosity of our supporters, we continue to strengthen the well-being of our communities – through more services, improved equipment, and increased wellness opportunities. The philanthropic spirit of community members ensures donation dollars directly enhance the care provided to your family, friends and neighbors.

If you have not made a gift, we encourage you to support our efforts by completing the attached donation form or by visiting kirbyfoundation.org.

WITH OUR APPRECIATION,

Luke M. Feeney,
Board Chair

Brandon Hissong

Veronica SeEVERS,
Vice Chair

David Brown,
Treasurer

Tony Kirkman

Steve Tenhouse,
Secretary

John R. Frerichs

Tony Pomonis

Jay Timmons

Bill Haworth

Sarah Ross,
Director of Development

Rory W. Wright

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Support The Kirby Foundation (listed as Kirby Medical Center) by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0661215 or with **AmazonSmile ON** in the app. Happy shopping!



MEET THE BOARD
Sarah Ross

Three ways Kirby makes a difference in our community:

1. Connecting our communities to healthcare resources.
2. Offering and improving wellness opportunities – thanks to the generosity of our supporters who share our passion for strengthening the well-being of our communities.
3. Local healthcare keeps people in our communities. Kirby offers the convenience of not having to leave our communities for services and the comfort of knowing your loved ones are cared for by neighbors and friends. Those personal relationships make a difference.

Top two favorite movies:

Hoosiers and The Wizard of Oz.

One of your favorite things about Kirby Medical Center:

Apple a Day Café – best breakfast spot around!

1000 Medical Center Drive
Monticello, IL 61856

THE KIRBY FOUNDATION

Gets Social!

You can now find us on your favorite social media platforms – connect with us to stay in the know about all things Kirby!



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Wishing you good health
and happiness throughout
the coming year.



Congratulations to Tristan Garver,
a fourth grader at Cerro Gordo
Elementary School, the 2021 Holiday
Card Contest Winner.

Tristan Garver

2021 HOLIDAY CARD
CONTEST WINNER

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CHRISTMAS

