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Outpatient cancer center dedicated to honor Blochs

Thanks to philanthropist **Annette Bloch**, yet another “wow” moment buzzed through The University of Kansas Hospital’s Westwood Campus Atrium June 9 – only eight months after she first wowed an audience from the same stage by announcing a \$20 million donation to cancer care.

The second “wow” moment: the official dedication of the outpatient cancer center as the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion. Gathered in Bloch’s honor, more than 150 friends, board members,



Annette Bloch, surrounded by hospital and university leaders and other dignitaries, was lauded June 9 during the official dedication of the outpatient cancer center. Kansas Gov. **Mark Parkinson** (right of her) led the ovation.

leaders and dignitaries watched large TV monitors as a live remote feed captured **Jeff Wright**, Cancer Services executive director, unveiling new signage outside the building. The

Radiation Oncology building on the main hospital campus also now bears the Bloch name.

With the theme, “Be Part of the Cure: Where do you fit in?” the event also served as

a call to action for support of The University of Kansas Cancer Center’s quest for National Cancer Institute designation.

“Annette has been very clear she wants her gift to be a catalyst,” said **Roy Jensen, MD**, cancer center director, “because she understands better than probably anyone I’ve ever met that the journey (to achieve NCI designation) is a long, long road.”

Joining Jensen to speak in support of NCI designation were Kansas Gov. **Mark Parkinson**, hospital President and CEO **Bob Page**, Hospital Authority Board Chair **Bob Honse**, and **George Weiner, MD**, director of Holden Comprehensive

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Employees in need gain heartfelt support

Last spring, custodial worker **Christina Martin** endured what every parent dreads. Her daughter died from a rare heart condition two days after giving birth three months prematurely. She was 22.

Amid Martin’s grief, Environmental Services rallied in support. Thanks to a new program, Project H.E.L.P. (Hospital Employees Lending a Hand Project), Martin received monetary assistance.

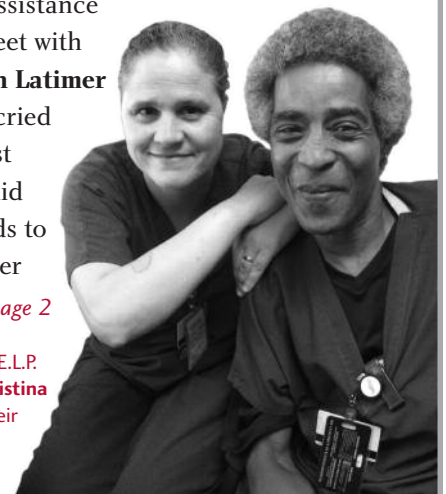
Seventy-five percent of the department’s employees voluntarily contribute \$1 per paycheck, which is deposited

into the Project H.E.L.P. KUMC Credit Union account. Employees also contribute to a departmental food pantry.

Martin learned of the assistance when she was called to meet with Operations Manager **Susan Latimer** and several co-workers. “I cried when I got the news. It just feels like a family here,” said Martin, who used the funds to purchase clothing and other

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Environmental Services’ Project H.E.L.P. came to the aid of employees **Christina Martin** and **Milton Wheeler** in their times of need.



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items for her daughter's three children.

Milton Wheeler also is a testament to Project H.E.L.P. A custodial worker, he was hospitalized for two weeks in March for pneumonia. Out of PTO, he was selected to receive funds and food. "You never know if something like this is going to happen to you," Wheeler said. "I really appreciated the help."

To date, eight employees have received cash gifts of \$50, and four have drawn pantry items. The project also is supported by the HyVee in Mission, Kan., and the department's staffing company, SOS staffing.

Evelyn McKinney and **Rhonda Alexander**, custodial workers, were instrumental in initiating Project H.E.L.P. "Miss Evelyn used to always collect money to help anyone going through a hard time, but last summer was

tough for a number of people in our department," Alexander said. "We thought we could create a more organized effort. This program just shows the bond and love we have for each other."

Alexander and three Environmental Services employees – **Vicki Bedsworth**, **Norma Melendez** and **Annie Strong** – coordinate Project H.E.L.P. with Latimer. They follow established award guidelines for the distribution of funds and food. **Jennifer Peavler**, executive assistant, Environment of Care, helped the team create the guidelines.

"This is an amazing project," Latimer said. "This really comes from the heart of our associates. It is a wonderful gift they have chosen to give each other."

Others may contribute funds or food to Project H.E.L.P. Contact Latimer at slatimer@kumc.edu or at 8-1161.

Atkinson to be interim KU chancellor

Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center, will serve as University of Kansas's interim chancellor, effective July 1.



"I've had the pleasure of working with Dr. Atkinson throughout my tenure on the board, and I'm delighted that she's agreed to lead the university during the important upcoming interim period," said **Donna Shank**, chair of the Kansas Board of Regents. "Dr. Atkinson is perfectly suited to preserve the continuity of university leadership, and I know that she will ensure a smooth and seamless transition."

Atkinson will serve as interim chancellor between outgoing Chancellor **Robert Hemenway's** departure June 30 and the arrival of incoming Chancellor **Bernadette Gray-Little, PhD**, Aug. 15.

Atkinson will continue to perform her other responsibilities, and intends to spend time on both the Lawrence and KUMC campuses throughout the summer.

"My goal is to provide consistent leadership to the university and to provide Chancellor Gray-Little with any information she may need to successfully lead KU," she said.

Atkinson will return to her duties at KUMC with the arrival of the new chancellor.

Barbara Atkinson, MD



A perfect fit

Jennifer Thibault, RN, Department of Nursing, was one of many employee volunteers who helped fit bike helmets on youngsters at the Healthy Hawks Bike Rodeo June 8. The Department of Nursing teamed with KUMC's Pediatrics Outpatient Clinic, the Headstrong for Jake Foundation and local police to host the event. Also that day, volunteers and Healthy Hawks staff were able to repair and give away more than 60 bikes donated by hospital and KUMC employees.

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Friday, June 12

NEUROLOGY RESIDENT Research Day: 1014 Orr-Major.

NEUROSURGERY CASE Presentations: 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Overview of Hepatitis C from the Virus and the Child's Perspective," Ravi Jhaveri, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

HOSPITAL FAMILY Fun Night at the T-Bones Game Ticket Sales: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., outside hospital Human Resources. Also 7:30-8:30 a.m., Monday, June 15, outside hospital HR, and 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, June 15, outside Patient Financial Services, Westwood Campus. Game night is July 18.

KUMC MEDICAL EDUCATION Retreat: 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., G013 School of Nursing Auditorium. All KUMC faculty invited to the opening session to hear incoming KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, PhD. Information/registration: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

PROGRAM IN INTEGRATIVE Medicine Clinic Open House: 2-4 p.m., 2053 Sudler. Information: Lana Naegel, 8-6607 or lnaegel@kumc.edu.

MOVIE NIGHT at the Landon Center on Aging: Showing tonight: *Wall-E*, 6-8 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Information: Hallie Kates-Calloway, 8-0606.

Tuesday, June 16

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Seminar: "Cost Sharing: Why No Good Deed Goes Unpunished," 9 a.m.-1 p.m., B018 School of Nursing. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

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CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric Education Center Seminar: "Assessment and Management of Behavioral Issues of Dementia," Jeff Boatman, RN, 4-7 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Registration is \$30. Register: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcoming_programs.htm.

Wednesday, June 17

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Concerns of Cyberspace Companionship," Jess Brizendine and George Kemper, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

Thursday, June 18

BLOOD & MARROW Transplant Support Group: First and third Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227

Friday, June 19

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: 3rd Annual Ziegler Professorship Lecture, "Gene Therapy in Muscular Dystrophy Showing Promise for Vascular Delivery," Jerry Mendell, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Pediatric Trauma," Carissa Garey, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR Biology Seminar: "A Novel Plant Heat Shock Protein Modulator with Anticancer Activity," Abbas Samadi, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, Beller Conference Center

MOVIE NIGHT at the Landon Center on Aging: Showing tonight: *Kung Fu Panda*, 6-8 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Information: Hallie Kates-Calloway, 8-0606.

Take the H₂O Challenge

Want to curb your appetite, have more energy and feel better? Water is the key. Experts recommend drinking half your body weight in ounces of water each day. Sign up for the H₂O Challenge. As part of our wellness program, The University of Kansas Hospital is sponsoring a water challenge during July. Compete against your co-workers or just challenge yourself.

To register, send an email to WaterChallenge by June 19. Indicate your work location (hospital, Westwood, etc.). You'll receive an email with the date and time to pick up your water bottle. Bottles will be distributed before the July 1 start day. Information: **Kim Self**, 5-5224.

State Line Road to be closed June 14

Portions of State Line Road near the main campus will be closed for about eight hours Sunday, June 14, weather permitting. The closure, part of a University of Kansas Medical Center construction project, is scheduled to begin about 6 a.m.

Electricity to the Cambridge parking garage also will be curtailed from approximately 6-8 a.m. that day. The garage will remain open, but the elevators will not be available during this period.

The disruptions are related to work on the KUMC utility plant.

Some parking permits expire June 30

Permits and garage cards expire June 30 for employees (as well as students) who do not use payroll deduction to pay for their parking. Renew your permit at one of two places:

- At the Parking Services Facility, 2100 W. 36th Ave., 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- On campus 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on June 23-25 and June 29-July 1 in the Stoland Lounge, adjacent to the bookstore. *Do not go to the parking office during those times for your parking permit.*

Bring your employee ID. To pay for your permit, use checks, cash or credit cards. As always, all fines must be paid first.

If your department pays for parking, contact your administrator. Your permit will not be available in Stoland Lounge.

Increased parking fees also are proposed for 2010. Go to kumc.edu/parking for details.

REMEMBER: The June 30 deadline does not apply if you use payroll deduction for your parking permit. (More than 70 percent of employees do.) Those permits and garage cards are valid until June 30, 2010.

Interested in using payroll deductions to pay for parking? Hospital and KUMC employees can sign up at the parking office (not Stoland Lounge). Employees of The University of Kansas Physicians must contact their Human Resources. Information: Parking Services, 8-5175.

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Vehicles

2002 HONDA ACCORD EX, 130K, V6, fully loaded, \$7,500 OBO. 816-914-9319.

2002 SATURN SC2, 116K, black with beige leather seats, maintained through Saturn dealership, well taken care of, excellent gas mileage, \$3,500 negotiable. 816-256-6641.

1996 MITSUBISHI GALANT, 202K, some front-end damage, car runs great, cold AC, new tires Dec. '08, \$1,000 OBO. 913-378-6189.

1994 YAMAHA ATV, 250cc, 2WD, good condition, grills in front and back, \$1,500. 913-244-6659.

For Sale

LAWN-BOY Silver Series 2-cycle mower, 4.75 hp, throttle needs repair, starts/runs fine, best offer, can deliver. 913-461-4419.

DOONEY & BOURKE authentic backpack, light tan brown, all-weather leather, about 10" tall x 13" wide, \$125. 816-419-8263.

1991 MTD riding lawn mower, runs well, fair condition, \$300. 816-756-5679.

34" SONY XBR high-definition TV with built-in digital tuner, surround sound, great TV, \$250. 913-488-5395.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, solid oak, will fit 36" TV, sliding doors to cover TV area, side shelves with glass front, large drawer. 913-631-0674.

T-MOBILE SIDEKICK Slide phone, a couple scratches, (not on screen), \$100. 816-277-4527.

NORDIC TRACK Sequoia model ski machine, good condition, \$175. 913-209-2106.

COACH HANDBAG, purple and white, leather, purchased in May, used 2 times, \$150. 816-277-4527.

STERLING SILVER ruby ring with accent design, size 10, \$20. 816-616-4229.

2-STORY DOLLHOUSE, classic style, 6 wallpapered rooms, windows with curtains, well constructed, great condition, paid \$150, asking \$40. 816-363-8696.

LITTLE TIKES sand/water table for kids ages 2-6, durable, fun features, folds for storage, paid \$70, asking \$20. 816-363-8696.

GE GAS DRYER, large capacity, new July '07, 1 user, excellent condition, \$200 OBO. 913-727-1080.

Garage Sales

TWO-DAY SALE: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., June 12-13, 8806 Leeds Rd., KCMO, north of stadium, lots of everything. 913-432-4929.

this dreaded disease:

"The truth is, *everyone* has a cancer story," he said.

As for Annette Bloch, she thought nothing about cancer could surprise her after she and her late husband devoted a quarter-century to raising cancer awareness. And then the cancer advocate suddenly became a cancer patient. Because of

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MULTI-FAMILY SALE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., June 18, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m., June 19, 8337 Twilight Lane in Lenexa (signs at 83rd and Lackman.), baby/toddler clothing. 913-831-6585.

Housing

• **FOR SALE**
BRICK RANCH in Independence, 3 BR, 1 large BA, 1,100 sq. ft., clean, well maintained, new roof/gutters, fenced, attached garage, hardwoods, partially finished basement, \$118,500. 816-223-3652.

• **FOR RENT**
APARTMENT, 1 BR, 1 BA, all appliances, Overland Park, \$520/month, discount for KUMC employees. 913-636-7888.

CUTE BUNGALOW, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2-car garage, 4412 Rainbow Blvd., well kept, tons of off-street parking, all appliances, photos, \$1,200/month. 913-205-9999.

Wanted

BUNK BEDS or twin beds in good condition. 816-322-4388.

ROOMMATE to share 2 BR, 1 BA home 5 miles from KUMC in Mo., small, clean home with 1 medium-sized dog, \$500/month flat rate. 913-636-4390.

the exceptional care she received at The University of Kansas Cancer Center, "I just went on with my life," she explained.

Achieving NCI designation will make that same result possible for far more Kansas Citians and Kansans, she concluded.

eXtra: Learn how you can Be Part of the Cure at kumed.com/cancer.

FUTON: full or queen-size frame and mattress in good condition, prefer wood frame, will consider metal. 913-945-5366.

AFFORDABLE TV for college student. 913-713-9354.

SOMEONE to make new copy of worn-out skirt. 913-909-5038.

ROOMMATE to share house 2 blocks from KUMC, \$550/month, plus half utilities. 913-449-8908.

Carpool

OVERLAND PARK (near 80th and Antioch) to Westwood, arrive at work 7:30-8:30 a.m. weekdays, also may share ride home. 913-322-1519.

HOLDEN, MO, to Westwood, Hwy. 71 or Hwy. 50/350 to Westwood (can meet anywhere along route), 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 816-694-4399.

Free Pets

SHORT-HAIR CAT, female, 7 years old, spayed, declawed, very loving, current on vaccinations, needs single-pet home, photos available. 913-681-1501.

eXtra: Find these and other classifieds on the hospital intranet, 24/7, intranet.kumed.com.

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Cancer Center, University of Iowa.

In one of his first local public appearances as governor, Parkinson summed up the region's need for the expanded clinical trials and treatment options NCI designation provides cancer patients by noting how many lives are touched by

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