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Nurse has personal stake in **Treads & Threads**

When **Holly Faber, RN**, meets potential sponsors to discuss Treads & Threads, you can be sure she speaks with compassion.

Faber, an operating room nurse at The University of Kansas Hospital, and her husband, **Mark**, are event chairs for Treads & Threads, a major fundraising event for the hospital's cancer program.

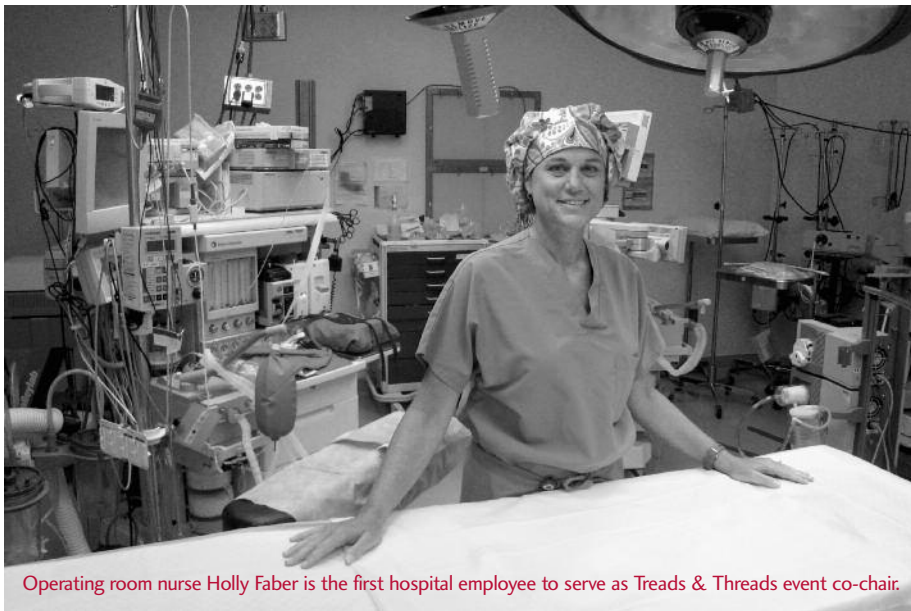
She's the first employee named to the post since the gala was launched eight years ago.

Her role in the OR gives her a firsthand view of the hospital's leading-edge efforts to treat cancer. Yet Faber brings another, more poignant perspective to her Treads & Threads position. She lost her brother to leukemia

40 years ago and father-in-law to cancer 11 years back. In recent months her father's prostate cancer has returned.

So when **Bob Page**, hospital president and CEO, asked the Fabers to be Treads & Threads event chairs, she was ready to contribute. "When Bob called, it was really personal," she said.

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Operating room nurse Holly Faber is the first hospital employee to serve as Treads & Threads event co-chair.

The 8th annual Treads & Threads is Sept. 11 at Kansas Speedway. The black-tie benefit for cancer care will feature:

- A gourmet feast from area restaurants, caterers and dessert specialists
- Five-time Grammy winner **Michael McDonald**
- Music and dancing by Emerald City Band from Dallas
- Emcee **Larry Moore**, KMBC-TV, a cancer survivor
- Honorary chair **U.S. Sen. Bob Dole**, prostate cancer survivor

Information: treadsandthreads.org, or 8-8888.

New grants revive medical school outreach

To recruit more students into the world of medicine, **Patricia Thomas, MD**, doesn't need to search very far.

She's looking across Rainbow Boulevard Down

39th Avenue. Across Rosedale Park.

Thanks to two grants totalling \$4.5 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Thomas and her team are ramping up efforts to increase the number of health care professionals from rural and

disadvantaged backgrounds in Kansas, particularly from Wyandotte County. The department also will use the funds to reduce health disparities in those communities.

"We're a pipeline program," said Thomas, associate dean in the University of Kansas Medical Center's Office of

Cultural Enhancement & Diversity. "We're providing a chance for someone who otherwise might not be able to fulfill their dreams to get into medical school."

The program got its start in the early 1980s. Since 1986, nearly 4,000 underprivileged

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Patient offers uplifting message at celebration

Matt Jones was more than a keynote speaker at the Celebration of Life Banquet



Matt Jones

last month. A three-time cancer survivor, he was one with his audience in spirit and hope.

The banquet is held every-other year for survivors, patients, donors, referring physicians and staff of The University of Kansas Cancer Center's Blood and Marrow Transplant (BMT) program. Now a professional speaker and in his fifth year since undergoing a bone marrow transplant from the BMT program, Jones shared his tales of inspiration and victory over acute myeloid leukemia.

He recounted his shock at age 23 to learn he had cancer. Devastation followed during two relapses. Since the transplant, however, he's

made a remarkable recovery. His cancer remains in remission, and he's written three books and speaks to audiences nationwide about his experience and the importance of a positive outlook. He's even run a marathon.

"Matt's dynamic story about overcoming cancer and thriving in the face of adversity provided such an inspiration to all of our patients, their caregivers and our staff members in attendance," said **Clint Divine**, BMT data manager. He was one of approximately 200 people at the banquet, which was held in North Kansas City.

Also at the banquet, **Barry Skikne, MD**, a former BMT program medical director, received a lifetime achievement award. Skikne, who retired in April, was honored for his "monumental" contributions to the program and community. "Dr. Skikne was a pillar of the program and

will be sorely missed by our patients, physicians and nurses," said **Joseph McGuirk, DO**, medical director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program.

Now in its 32nd year, the

BMT program, located in the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion at the Westwood Campus, has grown significantly – 94 percent in 2007 and another 52 percent in 2008.

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Janice Benjamin, vice president, Fund Development, also encouraged her. "This is the year you need to do this," Benjamin told Faber. "You both understand the importance of the cause and have great experience as volunteer chairs."

Faber and her husband aren't new to such activities. They moved to the area 3½ years ago from Dallas, where the couple participated in several cancer fundraisers. And Mark, senior vice president of business and sales at Sprint Center/AEG, is well-known in the entertainment and events business.

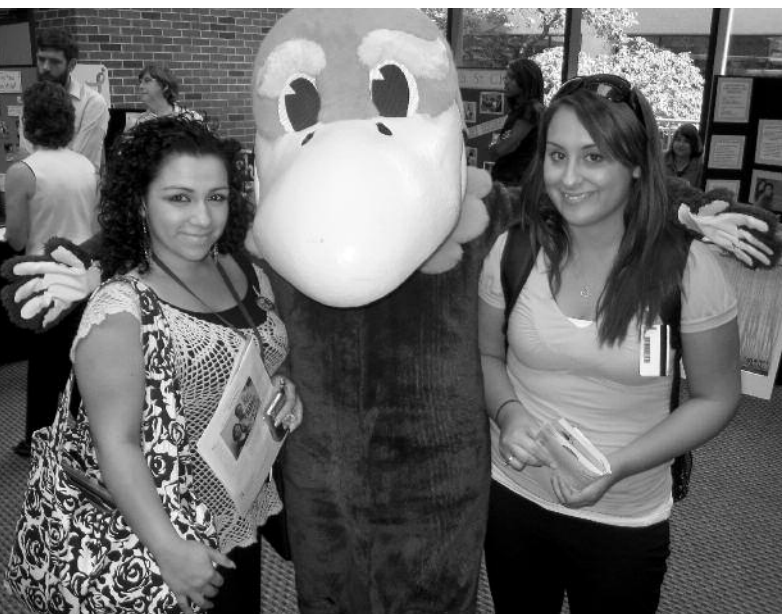
Now, in the final days

before the gala, the couple is able to relax. Food and entertainment venues are filled, and the Fabers have done their job as event chairs, helping rally the area's businesses and philanthropists to fill the sponsorships. She notes her co-workers also were enthusiastic supporters.

"At first Mark and I were nervous, considering the economy. We knew a substantial amount of money needed to be raised," she said. "But Kansas City is a very giving community. We still have donations coming in – they're in memory or in honor of loved ones. Cancer has touched so many people."

She is one of them.

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Mascots in training?

Baby Jay, the University of Kansas Medical Center's mascot, worked the crowd during the Volunteerism Fair Aug. 25 – and we do mean worked. For the first time, KUMC's Alumni Relations Office is paying students to don the Baby Jay outfit at events (information: kumc.edu/alumni/baby_jay). Joining the mascot were **Mari Gallegos** (left) and **Melissa Near**, both juniors in the KU School of Allied Health. The Volunteerism Fair was part of the annual Hawk Week on campus, where KUMC students participate in a number of activities, including a blood drive, ice cream social, volleyball and hot dog roast.

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eXtracurricular

Thursday, Aug. 27

"STRAIGHT FROM the Heart"
Cardiac Recovery Support:
Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., White Heart Learning and Resource Center Conference Room, Center for Advanced Heart Care. Stop by during the hour to talk with a heart health expert. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, Aug. 28

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY
Grand Rounds: "Pain Management – A Psychiatrist's View," Teresa Long, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

Monday, Aug. 31

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Seminar: "ING's Where Do We Go from Here: A Discussion on Financial Options for Faculty Members," Wendy Prestwood, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY
Medicine Special 2-Day Grand Rounds: "Blood Management Issues and Opportunities," Timothy Hannon, MD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall East Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 100 attendees. Also Wednesday,

Sept. 2, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall East Auditorium.

PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY
Seminar: "ChIPing the Cistrome of PXR in Mouse Liver," Yue "Julia" Cui, 4-5 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: "Severe Sepsis – Fulfilling Our Obligation to Kansas," Steven Simpson, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "Influenza-like Illness Surveillance," Charlie Hunt, Cheryl Banez Ocfemia, and Daniel Neises, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

Thursday, Sept. 3

PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY
13th Annual John Doull Symposium: David Eaton, PhD, Curtis Omiecinski, PhD, and Gunter Oberdorster, PhD, 1:30-5 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

Friday, Sept. 4

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Therapeutic Intervention with Ras Signaling Pathway for Treatment of Human Malignancies," Faris Farassati, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER Equipment Drop-Off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Information: 8-1081.

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Poster abstract submission deadline for Nursing Science Symposium: Monday, Aug. 31. Event is Sept. 24. Information: **Lynne Connelly, RN, PhD**, 8-1657.

Roll up your sleeves for Sept. 3 blood drive

The next blood drive will be Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Westwood Campus Multipurpose Room. Donations are vital: Campus participation has been falling in recent quarters, so roll up your sleeves and register at savealifenow.org.

When you register, click on Schedule an Appointment, then enter sponsor code kumedwestwood. Do not enter your ZIP code. After entering the sponsor code, you'll be able to make your appointment.

The blood drive is the main one for employees at The University of Kansas Hospital and Westwood campuses each quarter. University of Kansas Medical Center faculty, employees and students also are welcome. Information: **Lisa Ward**, 8-4416.

KUMC alumni weekend is Oct. 16-17

The University of Kansas Medical Center will celebrate Alumni Reunion Weekend Oct. 16-17. Class years ending in 4 and 9 (such as 1979 and 1984) will be honored. Everyone is welcome.

Festivities, which will be held on campus this year, include a welcome breakfast, the Gold Medal luncheon recognizing the classes of 1959, a taste of Kansas City barbeque, class events and numerous alumni speakers and presentations.

The weekend also includes the 63rd annual Peter T. Bohan Lecture featuring **Nancy Wilson Dickey, MD**, first woman president of the American Medical Association, and the Alumni and Community Awards Gala.

Registration deadline is Sept. 25. Schedule of events and information: kumc.edu/alumni/reunion.

Inaugural Cardiac Nursing Symposium set

The University of Kansas Hospital's Center for Advanced Heart Care will host its first-ever Cardiac Nursing Symposium. Titled "Straight from the Heart," the symposium will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in G013 School of Nursing. Registration deadline is Oct. 20.

The free program is designed to provide nurses in the region with up-to-date information on cardiology and cardiothoracic treatment modalities. The symposium is offered for 6.75 contact hours toward RN/LPN relicensure.

Hospital cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons will present on topics such as the latest in interventional cardiology, alcohol septal ablation, cardiothoracic robotic surgery, acute coronary syndrome, insulin control in cardiac patients, Maze procedure (surgical treatment for atrial fibrillation), and electrophysiology/device therapy.

Information: **Kate McElderry, RN**, Unit Educator, CTS ICU, 8-8172.

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Paula Cupertino, PhD, assistant professor in Preventive Medicine



and Public Health, last month received approximately \$740,000 from the National Cancer Institute

for reaching and treating underserved Latino smokers.

The innovative project builds on the University of Kansas Medical Center's connections with the Latino community, the strengths of mentors in smoking cessation and health systems research, and recent work with smoking cessation.

The pilot project will be the first study to explore case management for smoking cessation in safety net clinics. It will identify and treat Latino smokers who are patients or are family members of patients.

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Vehicles

2002 FORD WINDSTAR Limited, 108K, heated/leather seats, video player, 6-disc CD player, second-row captain's chairs, 2-tone tan/dark tan interior, \$4,900 OBO. 913-406-6955.

1999 CHEVY S-10, white, new engine, runs great, \$3,000 OBO. 913-238-7523.

1995 BMW 525i Touring, white wagon, clean, \$4,500 OBO. 816-935-7639.

1992 HONDA CIVIC LX, 150K, blue, automatic, power windows/locks, keyless entry, CD player, cruise, never wrecked, \$2,500. Evenings, 816-436-5727.

For Sale

TEXTBOOKS for NRS 754/880 courses: *Reframing Organizations*, \$30; *Influencer*, \$15; *Strategies for Theory*, 4th ed., \$30; *How to Study and Learn*, \$4; great cond. 402-812-5445.

TRICYCLE, classic red Radio Flyer, chrome handles, bell, dual deck, ages 2-5, excellent cond., paid \$60, asking \$25. 816-363-8696.

ARMOIRES: 1 medium wood, TV compartment, sliding doors; 1 holds clothing or TV, 3 drawers; photos, you pick up, \$250 each, \$400/pair. 913-351-3818.

LIVING ROOM set: sofa, love seat, chaise lounge, brown/teal, 6 designer pillows, button tufted, used 1 year, paid \$2,400 for set, asking \$1,300 OBO. 816-457-2136.

DINING SET: walnut table, 42" square with 16" leaf, 4 upholstered chairs, cane backs, photos, \$150 OBO. 913-334-5354.

SCRUBS, 50-plus sets, large tops, medium tall pants, \$10/set. 816-679-7461.

PERFUME in sealed boxes: Hypnose by Lancome of Paris, paid \$55, asking \$21; Covet by Sarah Jessica Parker, paid \$52, asking \$21. 816-363-8696.

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X-BOX, 2 remote controls, 12 games, good cond., \$80. 913-585-1967.

Housing

• FOR SALE

BRICK RANCH in Independence, 3 BR, 1 large BA, 1,100 sq. ft., beautifully maintained, new roof/gutters, fenced yard, mature trees, partially finished basement, \$118,500. 816-223-3652.

• FOR RENT

2 BR, 1 BA close to Brookside/Plaza, hardwoods, formal living/dining, office, multipurpose room, hot tub/pool. 816-729-4348.

SINGLE DWELLING, 1 BR, 1 BA, small office, nice yard, storage building, walk to KUMC, 4403 Springfield, \$600 plus deposit. 913-488-8569.

Garage Sales

BIG SALE: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 29, NW 77th Pl., KCMO off Barry Rd., furniture, appliances, name-brand clothing, more.

HUGE MOVING Sale: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 29, 12439 Benson St., OP, furnishings, appliances, decor, electronics, toys, clothing, sports trading cards, more. 913-575-4421.

Carpool

BLUE SPRINGS/GRAIN VALLEY area to KUMC, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. 816-726-9838.

Pets

2 MINIATURE BEAGLES, 1 female, 1 male, housebroken, kennel trained, kennels included. 913-364-4050.

BLACK LAB, male, 4 years old, healthy, housebroken, loves kids, needs loving family, room to run. 816-216-4317.

Wanted

PRECOR ELLIPTICAL, used. 816-716-1418.

ROOMMATE to share modern Westport condo, private, ground-level room and bath. 816-863-6239.

2 NASCAR TICKETS for Oct. 3-4 at Kansas Speedway, close to start/finish if possible. 913-461-7748.

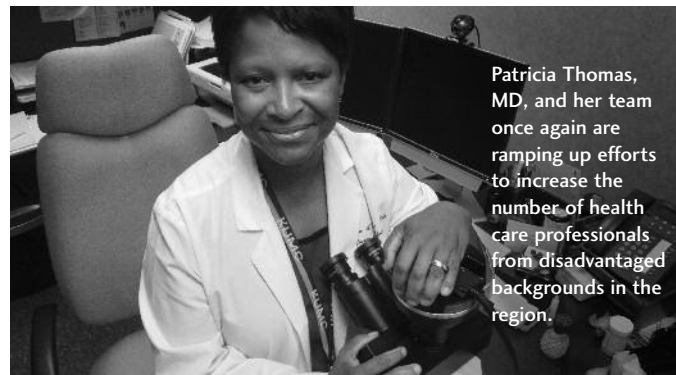
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students who showed the right mix of determination and responsibility have participated. They receive extra tutoring, counseling and other academic support. They also are urged to take more rigorous courses, taught how to test better, and even taken on tours of Harvard University for inspiration.

In 2000 the program was expanded to include elementary and middle school students. "If you don't catch them early, it's too late," said Thomas, who has overseen the program since 1998.

How successful is it? More than 400 of the students have graduated from



Patricia Thomas, MD, and her team once again are ramping up efforts to increase the number of health care professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds in the region.

or are attending KUMC. The K-12 programs have started to pay off, too, with the students attending and graduating college at high rates, she said, with some choosing medicine at KUMC.

After sharp cutbacks in federal funds several years ago, the program is looking to expand again – and in a

major way, thanks to the two three-year grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

For Thomas, who went to a Leavenworth high school, the renewed funding is testament to her calling as a physician – and her need to give back to the African-American community that helped her succeed.

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