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Sprucing up the neighborhood



Biomedical Engineering's **Brad Griswold** (top) cleaned gutters, while the spine center's **Kim Dixon, RN** (above, left), and **Staci Reed** repaired a deck. **Jami Goodwin** (top right, from left), KUMC Neurology, and **Becky Miller**, KU School of Nursing, gave a railing a new coat of paint.

IT MAY HAVE FELT MORE LIKE DECEMBER, but approximately 220 employees and students from campus braved the cold Oct. 10 to volunteer for Christmas in October.

They scraped walls, weatherized doors, built steps, cleaned yards, planted flowers – and otherwise made 12 houses in or near the Rosedale area more livable for their low-income and elderly owners.

The turnout by campus groups was the largest ever in the 12 years the University of Kansas Medical Center and The University of Kansas Hospital have participated in the Kansas City-area home-rebuilding program.

We're No. 2: Put a cherry on top!

Employees at The University of Kansas Hospital will dig in to ice cream sundaes to celebrate being named No. 2 in the nation among academic medical centers.

The ice cream socials are 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in the hospital cafeteria, and 1-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in the Westwood Campus Atrium. Wear your employee badge.

Treats also will be delivered Oct. 16 to KU MedWest, Broadmoor, Center for Diagnostic Imaging and 4720 Rainbow.

If you have a coupon for a sundae, its expiration has been extended to Sunday, Oct. 25.

Hospital handling record patient numbers

If it seems The University of Kansas Hospital has been especially busy in recent weeks, there's a good reason: Patient numbers are way up.

It began in July. The number of "patients in a bed" (explanation, page 2) started to surpass 500 daily. The figure even topped 600 during

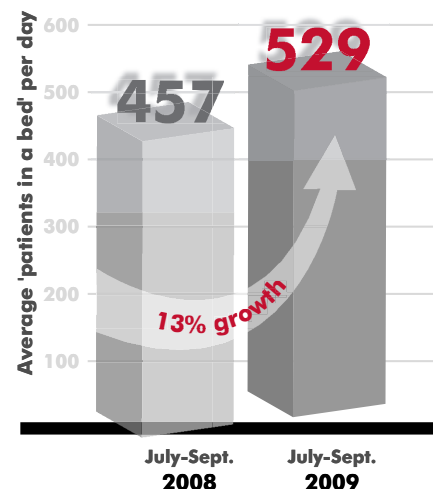
five days in September.

From July through September, the hospital's average patients in a bed increased 13 percent over the same period last year, according to hospital Medical Records. That surge is particularly noteworthy considering patient figures

for other hospitals in the metro actually declined about 3 percent during those months in 2009 compared with 2008.

Why the increase here? It hasn't been due to seasonal or H1N1 flu, said **Lee Norman, MD**, the hospital's

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chief medical officer. He and other hospital leaders think one factor is more of the region's residents are starting to embrace the hospital and its caregivers for their expertise in handling complex cases.

And what if the hospital – which is licensed for 644 beds – does experience an influx of flu patients in coming weeks? “While it would be a challenge, we have all the confidence we can adjust our daily operations to accommodate them,” Norman said.

He added: “All of our caregivers – physicians, nurses and all the other providers –

have done a great job in flexing up to meet the demands. This rapid, recent growth has been somewhat of a surprise, but everyone has risen to the occasion.”

What is ‘patients in a bed’?

Many hospital staff are familiar with the term “census,” which is the number of patients in hospital beds at any given point in time. A broader measure is called “patients in a bed” per day. It includes all inpatients, observation patients and extended recovery patients during the day, and it tracks how many patients are in a bed in a 24-hour period.

What do you think of our food service?

Aramark Healthcare, The University of Kansas Hospital's new food service provider, is conducting a survey to better understand your dining preferences. By sharing your thoughts, you will give Aramark valuable insight that will help improve your overall dining experience.

The online survey, at customercloseup.com/Kansas, will take about 10 minutes. All responses are confidential. The survey will end Tuesday, Oct. 27.

United Way: why we give

For **MaryBeth “Bucky” Will, RN**, contributing to the United Way is her way of showing her appreciation of the Good Samaritan Project.

“The care and services they provided to a friend of mine who died of AIDS in 1993 had a profound effect on me,” said Will, an operating room nurse liaison. “This is a way for me to give back.”

The Good Samaritan Project's mission is to provide advocacy, care and education to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Will encourages employees to help others. “You don't know when you might be in need of services. I think this is the humanitarian thing to do,” she said. “I believe if we band together, we can create



MaryBeth “Bucky” Will, RN, contributes to the United Way through payroll deduction.

a difference for people. And, when you give to any charitable group, they are just so appreciative even if it's just a few dollars.”

Information (The University of Kansas Hospital employees): See the United Way's Oct. 5 email to make an online pledge or request a donation form from your supervisor. Contact: **Jane Gonzalez**, jgonzale@kumc.edu; **Dorothy Gunderson**, dgunderson@kumc.edu; or **Lisa Ward**, lward2@kumc.edu; (University of Kansas Medical Center employees): **Paula Baum**, pbaum@kumc.edu.

Champions in pain management

The University of Kansas Hospital has named “Pain Champions” for 2009. Nominated by co-workers, the eight winners “consistently recognize pain management as an important issue and are proactive in helping patients with treatment,” said **Jennifer Surprise, RN** (front), who spearheads the program. This year's winners are **Dolly Wood, COTA** (clockwise, from Surprise); **Janette Wright, RN**; **Monica Tranckino, RN**; **Talal Khan, MD**; **Marijen Aga, RN**; and **Samatha Evans, RN**. Not pictured: **Nancy Malott, RN**; and **Andrea Allen, RN**.

Unit 66 moves to Unit 45 temporarily

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 20, patients in Unit 66 will move to Unit 45.

Unit 66 will be closed until mid-November so the flooring can be replaced.

The move, which involves 22 beds, will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will take approximately 2½ hours. Physician rounding should occur before 6:30 a.m. or after 9 a.m.

Calls to staff telephones on Unit 66 will automatically transfer to Unit 45. Calls to patients should be made directly to their fourth-floor room.

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Thursday, October 15

CAMPUS EMPLOYEE Flu Shot Clinics: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m., 2093 Delp.

GERIATRIC EDUCATION

Symposium: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Murphy Lobby. View demonstrations of state-of-the-art medical education initiatives. Food and beverage will be provided.

Friday, October 16

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY

Grand Rounds: "First-in-Human Phase I Trials," Scott Weir, PharmD, PhD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds:

"RSV Immunoprophylaxis," Prabhu Parimi, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

2009 KUMC ALUMNI Reunion

Weekend: Also Saturday, Oct. 17. Features the annual Peter T. Bohan Lecture by Nancy Wilson Dickey, MD, first woman president of the American Medical Association; presentation of the 2009 Life Sciences Leadership Award; gala, and other activities and presentations. Information: kumc.edu/alumni/reunion.

Monday, October 19

STUDENT FINANCIAL Aid Wellness

Session: "Disability and Life Insurance," Ryan George, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing. Lunch for first 30 student attendees.

Tuesday, October 20

CAMPUS EMPLOYEE Flu Shot Clinics: 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Occupational Health Clinic.

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric

Education Center Seminar: "Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program," Sharee Wiggins, NP, 9 a.m.-noon, 200 Landon Center on Aging. Register: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcomingprograms.htm.

BIostatistics SEMINAR:

"Exploring Genetic Variations that May Be Associated with the Direct Effects of Some Antipsychotics on

Lipid Levels," Francisco Diaz, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Lunch for first 20 attendees.

Wednesday, October 21

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds and Annual Mark Dodge MD Lectureship: "Improving the Cardiovascular Prognosis of Type 2 Diabetes," John Miles, MD, Mayo Clinic, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

CAMPUS EMPLOYEE

Occupational Health Flu Shot Clinics: 9-11 a.m., 210 Landon Center on Aging.

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Benefits of Retirement: Living in a Continuing Care Community," Mandy Sheldon, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "School-Based Immunization Clinics," Gianfranco Pezzino, MD, Kansas Health Institute, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

CAMPUS EMPLOYEE Occupational Health Flu Shot Clinics: 1-4 p.m., 125 Support Services Building (Conference Room).

Thursday, October 22

LUNG CANCER Support Group: Second and fourth Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

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BACK IN THE SWING "Retail Therapy": Through Sunday, Oct. 18. Visit backintheswing.org to purchase a \$25 shopping card and receive up to 20 percent discounts from more than 800 metro retailers and restaurants. Benefits breast cancer clinical services, supportive care programs and academic medical research.

Healthy People 2020 forum at KUMC Oct. 22

The University of Kansas Medical Center on Thursday, Oct. 22, will host a 15-state meeting to obtain public comment on draft objectives for Healthy People 2020. The nation's guidepost for health measures, Healthy People 2020 is reviewed every 10 years.

KUMC is one of three sites nationally hosting the meetings. The event is in collaboration with the Region VII office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The plenary session is 8:30 a.m. in Battenfeld Auditorium, followed by a number of public comment sessions.

Registration is required at healthypeople.gov/hp2020/. Click on 2009 Public Meetings and go to the Kansas City meeting to register. You can also make public comments on this site.

Anyone interested in public health issues is encouraged to attend. The session will provide an opportunity for public health officials, health care providers, tribal leaders, advocates, academia, students, organizations and others to comment for the record on any of the topics covered by Healthy People.

Information: **Glen Cox, MD**, 8-3763, and **Dale Grube**, 8-4466.

Community Health Charities campaign starts

In addition to the University of Kansas Medical Center's United Way campaign, which kicks off Monday, Oct. 26, KUMC also participates in the Community Health Charities workplace giving campaign.

As Kansas employees, KUMC staff giving to CHC can designate specific charities for their donations. Some of the charity's 60 member organizations partner with or refer patients to KUMC. Over the past three years, grants from these health-related organizations to KUMC surpassed \$4.3 million. Details: ksmo.healthcharities.org.

Pledge cards will be delivered to employees. Information: **Paula Baum**, 8-1017, or pbaum@kumc.edu.

Hospital PTO Buy-Back deadline Nov. 20

The University of Kansas Hospital's Paid Time Off (PTO) Buy-Back program allows eligible employees, twice a year, to sell back PTO. In the program, employees sell future PTO hours, which does not reduce current PTO amounts. Instead, they stop accruing PTO hours until the number of hours sold equals the PTO hours they would have earned. They can sell up to 40 hours of PTO.

Eligible employees must have at least 80 hours of PTO as of the Oct. 30 paycheck. Deadline to complete the online form is 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20. Employees who sell PTO hours will receive an extra paycheck by mail or direct deposit on Dec. 11. Information: Human Resources, 5-5230.

Send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

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Vehicles

2003 FORD ESCAPE XLT, 124K, red, runs great, new tires, 6-disc changer, custom grill, great cond., \$5,800. 913-669-8588.

2003 KIA RIO, 105K, 4-door, excellent cond., \$3,800. 816-509-9958.

2002 NISSAN MAXIMA GLE, 122K, great cond., V6, interior upgrades, black leather seats, heated front seats/steering column, Bose stereo, power sunroof and more, \$6,500. 816-679-5989.

1999 CHRYSLER CIRRUS, 144K, red, leather, moon roof, power seats/windows/locks, sharp car, runs great, highway miles, 1 owner, \$2,995 OBO. 816-536-9563.

1996 BUICK LESABRE, 4-door, maroon, \$2,300 OBO. 913-384-7347.

1994 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE for parts or repair, needs fuel pump and rear tire, has new plugs, wires, gas filter, inside computer boxes (ECM), price negotiable. 816-728-8212.

For Sale

WOMEN'S NIKE Shox replica shoes, size 8.5, white/pink, brand new, exact quality and appearance of authentic Shox, \$65. 816-699-1218.

MOVING SALE: queen-size bed with new mattress, \$350; brown couch, \$200; dining room table, 4 chairs, \$150; refrigerator, \$150. 913-961-5790.

FURNITURE: sofa, \$300; loveseat, \$250; huge chair with ottoman, \$200; coffee table, \$300; end table, \$200; sofa table, \$250; canopy bed, mattress, box springs, \$400; dresser, \$350; nightstand, \$150; all matching, immaculate. 816-588-0079.

PARADIGM SUBWOOFER for home surround sound system, like new, paid \$350, asking \$150 OBO. 816-387-7950.

KING-SIZE mattress and box springs, about 7 years old. 913-302-1641.

QUEEN-SIZE bedroom set, pillow-top mattress, \$600. 913-961-5790.

BURBERRY DIAPER BAG, authentic, pink pattern, photos, \$150. 913-238-3873.

52" RCA HDTV, flat screen, rear projection, great picture quality, perfect condition, no scratches/dents, photos, \$500 OBO. 816-550-8719.

5-PIECE DRUM set, \$175. 913-669-5400.

ANTHONY ROBBINS audio cassettes, "Personal Power II, The Driving Force," includes 24 tapes,

Bonnel developed the grant-funded Online Health Professions Educator Certificate, which serves as a model for multiple programs, and the Teaching with Technologies course, which was one of the first of its kind to be offered.

Evaluations for the fellow take into account an applicant's contributions to innovative teaching strategies, nursing education research, and collaborative educational practice or community partnerships.

Please send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be 25 words or less and received by noon Monday. Ads run on a space-available basis.

2 "Power Talk" tapes and 1 VCR tape; \$30. 913-558-8013.

2000 AUTO TOW (car carrier) with safety chains, paid \$750, asking \$650 negotiable. 816-728-8212.

WHIRLPOOL CABRIO washer/dryer set, digital, white with stainless steel tub, no ringer, 6th sense technology, used 1 year, paid \$1,800, asking \$800. 816-457-2136.

TODDLER TRIKES: Radio Flyer Fold-2-Go, \$25; Schwinn Roadster, red/black, \$60; Kettler Twin Navigator with push bar, seat belts, \$150. 913-530-0220.

4-PIECE PATIO set, 1 loveseat, 2 chairs, 1 table, stored indoors, paid \$200, asking \$50 OBO. 913-209-3241.

51" SONY HDTV, rear projection, crystal-clear picture, purchased new in 2004 for \$1,200, asking \$320. 913-486-4776.

ELEGANT WARDROBE/ armoire, handmade, oak finish, shelves, long hanging area and shoe rack, photos, \$175. 913-424-8411.

COMFORTRON ADJUST-A-matic queen bed, upper body/foot elevation, body massage feature, dual controls, photos. 816-810-3391.

Mallory Smith, a third-year doctoral candidate in occupational therapy at the KU School of Allied Health, has been named the first recipient of the Dr. Kathlyn L. Reed Occupational Therapy Scholarship.

The award provides a graduate scholarship for an occupational therapy student with outstanding academic merit. The Reed family has long-standing ties to the University of Kansas.

Housing

For Rent

JO CO studio apartment, 2 BR, 2 BA, \$427/month, 1/2 off deposit in October, utilities paid. 913-362-1920.

HOUSE, 1 BR, 1 mile west of KUMC, no pets, \$400/month, plus utilities. 913-403-9943.

HOUSE, 2 BR, 1 BA, large kitchen and living room, washer/dryer, carport, walk to KUMC, \$650/month, plus utilities. 913-558-8602.

Wanted

T-MOBILE CELL phone in working cond., reasonably priced. 913-375-0263.

COFFEE TABLE, nice, gently used, must go with green sofa, price negotiable. 816-820-6189.

SELF-PROPELLED lawn mower in good cond. with mulch feature and bag. 816-797-1054.

FEMALE ROOMMATE to rent spare room 25 minutes from KUMC, \$650/month, utilities paid. 816-405-2739.

KING SIZE metal bed frame with no damage, will pay about \$20. 816-820-6189.



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Wanda Bonnel, PhD, associate professor, is the first KU School of Nursing faculty member to

be inducted as a fellow to the Academy of Nursing Education with the National League for Nursing. She was one of 21 inducted Sept. 26.