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Oncology Nurse Earns Heart of Healthcare Award

When 11-year-old Kathey Huey used Popsicle sticks and tape to splint

sponsored by the KU School of Nursing.

is sincerely concerned about you – not only as a patient but as a person. Kathey has gone beyond the call of duty in this respect to the point I consider her a good friend.”

patients and educates them on chemotherapy and other treatments. Just as important as providing patient education is providing compassionate emotional support, Huey believes.

an injured bird’s wing, she never dreamed she’d one day be named to an elite group of registered nurses.

Huey was stunned to learn she would receive the award. But those who’ve experienced or witnessed the clinical nurse coordinator’s exceptional care at the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion weren’t at all surprised.

Patients and colleagues alike remark on her upbeat personality. For her entire 11-year career, Huey has served The University of Kansas Hospital, first on the Hematology/Oncology inpatient unit. For the past five years, she’s been part of the care team for **Peter Van Veldhuizen, MD**, who specializes in treating genitourinary cancers.

“I let them know they’re not in this alone,” she said. “It’s important that we are always, always there for them,” to listen to their concerns, fears and hopes.

An RN who also earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Huey is pursuing a master’s degree in organizational leadership. Yet she has no plans to leave patient care.

On Oct. 24, she was one of 10 recipients of the Nursing: The Heart of Healthcare award. More than 150 RNs were nominated from Kansas and the Kansas City metro area for the annual program

In a nomination form, one patient wrote, “The first time we met Kathey, we felt we’d known her forever. Her knowledge is multiplied by her compassion.”

Another patient wrote: “As a cancer patient, you need someone you can talk to who

She coordinates care for

“I’ve never visualized myself doing anything besides being an oncology nurse,” she said. “I love it. If you can help just one person in your day ... it’s a success.”



Kathey Huey, RN

Sales Tax Will Benefit KU Cancer Center

If passed, a sales tax initiative on the ballot in Johnson County Tuesday, Nov. 4, will generate funds for a Cancer Clinical Research Center for the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

Creating a leading-edge research facility for

conducting clinical trials will be a big step forward in efforts to achieve National Cancer Institute designation for the cancer center, noted **Roy Jensen, MD**, director.

Question 2 is the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle initiative. It calls for a permanent, county-wide one-eighth-cent sales tax. The measure will generate a projected \$15 million

annually to be shared equally among the University of Kansas Medical Center’s cancer center, the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park and Kansas State University’s new Innovation Campus in Olathe.

At first, the cancer center’s funds will remodel and equip the Fairway West office building, 4350 Shawnee Mission Parkway, for clinical trials. The Hall Family

Foundation has pledged to donate the 70,000-square-foot facility to the cancer center if the sales tax measure passes. Remodeling the building will cost an estimated \$15 million, which is \$10 million less than the cost of new construction.

The proposed center’s 90 to 100 employees could work with up to 400 cancer

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patients in Phase I clinical trials – those in which potential cancer-fighting drugs are tested in humans for the first time.

“Our cancer center is positioning itself to be the leading generator of new drugs among academic medical centers, and we want those treatments available to patients here first,” Jensen concluded.

eXtra: To learn more, visit JoCoTriangle.com.

Get a Free Health Screening

The University of Kansas Hospital is again offering free health screenings to employees. Use your results to complete an online health risk appraisal (HRA) by Friday, Dec. 12, and save \$120 annually on your 2009 medical insurance premiums.

Learn your cholesterol and glucose levels, blood pressure, body mass index and more. Appointments are

available through Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the hospital, and Monday, Nov. 3, and Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Westwood Campus. For times, dates, locations and to make an appointment, visit 24/7.

Enrollment Assistance Available

Hospital Human Resources staff is available on various dates in November to assist hospital employees with benefits enrollment. See 24/7 for dates, times and locations. Or call 877-336-8083 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for assistance.

KUMC's United Way Campaign Ends Oct. 31

The United Way campaign for the University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas University Physicians, Inc., ends in less than

Schedule for Free Flu Shots

Here's where to get a free vaccination within the next week:

Occupational Health

- Friday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 7, 8-10 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 3, 2-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 5, 8-10 a.m.

Units 15B, 46, 53, CVOR and CVP

- Any time through Tuesday, Nov. 18, except 7-8 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.

KUMC Student Health Services (students only)

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Westwood Campus, Cancer Care Pavilion

- Thursday, Oct. 30, 4-5 p.m., Treatment Area Workroom
- Wednesday, Nov. 5, 10-11 a.m., Exam Area Workroom

KU MedWest, Pod D

- Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Talk with your health care provider if you have questions about flu shots or have had a serious reaction from a previous shot.

48 hours, on Friday, Oct. 31.

“Our physicians, nurses, educators, researchers and support staff all are called to professions that help others. The United Way has the same calling – to reach out to others and meet essential human needs,” said **Kirk Benson, MD**, president, KUPI board. “The United

Way relies on all of us to invest in the work of the many not-for-profit agencies that help make our community a better place to live.”

There's still time to donate at kumc.edu to help reach the \$90,000 goal. Pledges made through payroll deduction begin the first pay period of 2009.



Helen Connors Invested with Hill Professorship

Helen Connors, RN, PhD, a University of Kansas School of Nursing associate dean (right), recently was invested with the first E. Jean M. Hill Professorship. Executive director of the KU Center for Healthcare Informatics, Connors has expanded the nursing school's use of e-learning. She also helped develop partnerships with public and private entities to support and increase the use of health care information technologies. Celebrating with Connors is **Karen Miller, RN, PhD**, senior vice chancellor, the University of Kansas Medical Center, and dean of the nursing school and the KU School of Allied Health.

Please send news and calendar items to mmurphy@kumc.edu or contact Marli Murphy at 5-5192. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

eXtracurricular

Friday, Oct. 31

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Treatment and Clinical Research in Myasthenia Gravis: How Far Have We Come?" Richard Barohn, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

UROLOGY GRAND Rounds: "Testosterone Therapy: What Your Teachers Never Taught You," Abraham Morgentaler, MD, 7:30-11 a.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "When the Marrow Fails, Nothing Looks Good," Jakica Tancabelic, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

LANDON CENTER on Aging 5th Annual Chili Feed: Chili, dessert and drink, \$5; 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Advance-purchase tickets required: Hallie Kates-Calloway, 8-0606. Proceeds benefit center's Adopt-a-Senior holiday effort.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER Training for Hospital Staff: 1-2 p.m., Westwood Campus, dock area. Register: Lori McKay, lmckay@kumc.edu.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: "Circulations Under Pressure: The Hepatopulmonary Syndrome and Portopulmonary Hypertension," Sonja Bartolome, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR: "Writing Secrets to

Getting your Journal Article Accepted," noon-1 p.m., Clendening Auditorium. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Taking Care of Me: Managing Stress While Providing Care for a Loved One or Friend," noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH Grand Rounds: "Community Health Assessment in Sedgwick County," Sonja Armbruster, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr Major.

Thursday, Nov. 6

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Seminar: "Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution," noon-1 p.m., Rieke Auditorium. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

Friday, Nov. 7

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Quality Measures Reporting, AAN, PCPI, CMS, and You," Richard Dubinsky, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Type 1 Diabetes: Basics of Insulin and Patient Management," David Robbins, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

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

In Memoriam

The University of Kansas Medical Center is saddened by the loss of **Edward Walaszek, MD, PhD**. A former KUMC department chair, he died Oct. 12 at age 81.

Recruited by the KU School of Medicine in 1957, he moved rapidly through the academic ranks. Named chair of the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, he devoted 28 years to developing its international reputation for research and education.

His greatest pride was pioneering the Computer Assisted Teaching Systems (CATS) in the early 1970s. With courses in medicine, nursing and graduate studies, the computer programs were used in 54 medical schools in the U.S. and 10 foreign countries.

Host an International Guest at Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving Matching Program seeks host families to share a holiday dinner with internationals from the University of Kansas Medical Center, including students, research scholars and employees. Internationals are encouraged to apply to become guests.

The program is a day visit only, rather than a home stay. Participants are asked to share a Thanksgiving meal and a few hours of cultural exchange or activities. For many guests, the visit may be their first experience in an American home. Some may need transportation.

To participate, contact **Kaori Nakamoto**, 8-9021 or knakamoto@kumc.edu, by Friday, Nov. 7. Now in its third year, the Thanksgiving Matching Program is sponsored by KUMC's Cultural Exchange Program.

Allied Health Event Hosts Brain Injury Panel

For Allied Health Professions Day, the University of Kansas School of Allied Health and The University of Kansas Hospital Ancillary Care will host a panel on Traumatic Brain Injury.

The event is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, in Wahl Hall East Auditorium. Presenters from 10 departments will comment on a hospital TBI case. A poster presentation is planned 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Hixson Atrium.

Faculty Research Day Includes Poster Session

Faculty Research Day is 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, KU School of Nursing Auditorium (G013). A poster session and reception follow 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Beller Conference Center, Kansas Life Science Innovation Center.

Michael Holick, MD, PhD, Boston University School of Medicine, keynotes noon to 1 p.m. with "Shining a Light on the Health Benefits of Vitamin D." A faculty and student awards presentation follows.

The University of Kansas Medical Center and KUMC Research Institute co-sponsor the annual event. Contact **Kelly Robertson**, 8-5436, krobertson@kumc.edu, for more information.

KUMC Open Enrollment Ends Oct. 31

University of Kansas Medical Center employees have through Friday, Oct. 31, to determine group health benefits for 2009. Complete information is at khpa.ks.gov.

Enroll through the state employee Self Service Center, da.state.ks.us/ps/subject/ssc. Use your employee ID number and password from last year. For new users, your initial password is the first two letters of your last name (lower case) and the last six digits of your Social Security number.

NEW THIS YEAR: Non-tobacco users can receive a \$20 discount per pay period on health insurance premiums by signing a tobacco declaration form. To get the reduced rate, complete the online open enrollment process and indicate either:

- You do not use tobacco
- You are a tobacco user, AND you agree to complete a tobacco cessation telephone course through HealthQuest

Employees who do not complete the declaration form default to "I do not want to disclose my tobacco status" and cannot receive discounted premiums. For questions or assistance, visit KUMC's Benefits Office, 1044 Delp.

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Vehicles

2008 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER, 18.5K, silver exterior and interior, third-row seat, V6, front-wheel drive, \$20,500. 913-341-1232.

2007 JONWAY SCOOTER, 49cc, only 4 miles on it, yellow and black Sleek, 75 mpg, all paperwork included, \$1,000 OBO. 816-506-5349.

2005 HYUNDAI SANTA FE, 44K, silver exterior, gray interior, some hail damage, 4-wheel disc brakes, power mirrors/locks/windows, alloy wheels, cassette/CD player, \$9,000 OBO. 816-743-0223.

1997 DODGE AVENGER, 100K, black, needs starter, you haul, photos, \$2,000. 785-608-1968.

1996 DODGE INTREPID, 199K, tinted windows, power locks/windows, chipping paint, runs

great, photos, \$1,700 OBO. 636-634-1148.

For Sale

SONY TV, 57" widescreen, projection, silver, approximately 3 years old, like new, remote, manuals, \$500 OBO. 816-606-9377.

2 KU MEN'S BASKETBALL tickets for Nov. 4, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18 games, face value \$55/ticket, asking \$45/ticket. 913-209-9141.

3 LION KING tickets, Friday, Nov. 14, Midland Theatre, third row, center section, \$85 each. 785-550-5652.

ARMANI FIGURINE, Society 2003 "Springtime of Life," discontinued piece, never taken out of box, \$200 OBO. 816-389-1612.

1 BR LODGING at Las Vegas resort, 4 nights anytime through end of year, \$125/night. 913-636-0552.

2 SMASHING PUMPKINS tickets, Monday, Nov. 24, Midland Theatre, section 404, row D, seats 3 and 4, \$124 total. 816-699-5241.

Housing

• FOR SALE

FAIRWAY RANCH, excellent condition, 2 BR, 1 BA, living room, dining room, study, hardwood floors, new kitchen/bath/roof/furnace, less than 5 minutes from KUMC. 913-671-8805.

• FOR RENT

HOUSE, 3227 W. 42nd Ave., 1 BR, landlord mows lawn, walk to KUMC, \$500/month plus utilities. 913-403-9943.

Pets

FELINE FESTIVAL: 3 cats, 18 months old, declawed and fixed, tuxedo male and female, orange tabby male; 2 tabby kittens, 9-week-old males, social and loving, abandoned on porch. 913-486-0721.

2 CATS, 2 years old, can be separated, spayed and declawed, litter-box trained; a female tortoise-shell

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(gray, white, orange) and male orange tiger. 913-424-2793.

2 KITTENS, 4-month-old boys, black with white faces, good with kids and other animals. 913-972-6802.

Wanted

HANDYMAN for home repairs, dependable, efficient, economical. 913-831-7551.

Lost/Found

LOST: ruby earring, flower-shaped post, diamond center with ruby petals, offering reward. 913-381-6661.

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

How I 'Live United ...'

Dorothy McGhee throws herself into causes she feels passionately about

– and that includes United Way.

That's why McGhee volunteered to co-chair The University of Kansas

Hospital's campaign this year with long-time co-chair **Lisa Ward**, Employee Relations. Projects director for Organizational Improvement since 2004, McGhee has worked for all three campus partners: the University of Kansas Medical

Center, Kansas University Physicians, Inc., and the hospital. She brings experience to her task as United Way co-chair from three years as campaign chair for KUMC and KUPI.

"It's such an encompassing organization," she said, explaining her dedication to United Way. "So many groups and so many people benefit from it – people of every age and circumstance."

One such beneficiary is the American Red Cross in Wyandotte County. McGhee noted the organization offers not only disaster assistance, but also provides lifesaving training.

In 2007, it trained:

- 8,920 county residents in CPR/first aid/AED

- 2,293 in emergency preparedness
- 2,262 in swimming or lifeguard certification
- 2,235 in care giving
- 742 in HIV/AIDS education

In addition, the local unit provided disaster relief to 444 residents, nearly 40 percent of whom were younger than 17.

"This year, especially, in such challenging economic times, it's not about how much an employee gives to United Way, it's that he or she gives," she said.

McGhee loves presenting brief programs on United Way during staff or departmental meetings. To arrange one, contact her, dmcghee@kumc.edu.

The hospital's campaign

continues through Friday, Nov. 7. Check progress toward the \$100,000 goal on 24/7. For a pledge form, contact McGhee or Ward, ward2@kumc.edu.



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