

# IN THE CENTER

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## Rare Condition Bonds NICU and Family

Zackary and Jakob with their parents, Kayleen and David Olson.



When Capt. David Olson, an Army dentist with the First Infantry Division from Ft. Riley, Kan., was deployed to Iraq last September, he promised his wife he'd be back soon.

He kept that promise Dec. 29. As soon as he stepped off the plane, he came directly to The University of Kansas Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). There he was reunited with his wife, Kayleen, and their twin sons, Jakob and Zackary, who were born at the hospital May 31, 2003. The NICU staff prepared a surprise party for Dad and decorated the twins with American flags.

"The NICU staff and doctors – they've been like family," Kayleen said. "They've fallen in love with

these boys. I don't know what we would have done without them."

The boys were delivered 11 weeks prematurely during an emergency C-section performed by Timothy Bennett, MD, perinatologist. Although both boys weighed only 2.9 pounds at birth and were hospitalized for the usual problems associated with "preemies," Zackary was able to leave the NICU after two months.

Jakob has remained in the NICU because of additional complications. He was born with a rare condition known as spondylothoracic dysostosis. Jakob is missing the first seven ribs and vertebrae on his left side and has other spinal column abnormalities, causing severe curvature of the spine. This means his spine can't develop properly as he grows, his chest wall collapses and his lungs won't inflate normally.

Already Jakob has had several surgeries to correct a bowel malformation, and his appendix has been

removed. He also has had a tracheotomy and is now on a ventilator. A gastric feeding tube provides most of his nourishment.

But his recovery is far from over. Perry Clark, MD, medical director of the NICU and one of a team of physicians and nurses who have cared for Jakob during his seven-month stay, said the boy's condition is quite rare.

"The complexity of his syndrome and the day-to-day care he requires turns this into a grueling marathon," Clark said. "Our job is to help him gain weight and stay healthy so we can get him to the next stage of treatment. Everyone – from the nurses and respiratory therapists to the feeding team specialists, occupational therapists and social services – has made sure Jakob receives the care he needs."

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# Grant Aids Silver City Health Center

A KUMC health care clinic that serves the uninsured will keep its doors open in 2004 thanks to a \$133,000 grant from the Wyandotte Health Foundation of Kansas City, Kan. The grant was announced Dec. 15 by Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive dean of the KU School of Medicine.

The foundation's grant to the Kansas University Endowment Association will provide funding for the operating expenses of the Silver City Health Center, 3015 Strong Ave., Kansas City, Kan. The clinic is one of six area "safety net" clinics that provide services on a sliding scale to Kansas residents. KU purchased the clinic in 1997.

"The Silver City Health Center provides a necessary service to our community and is a part of KUMC's dedication to the people of Kansas City," Atkinson said. "We are grateful to the Wyandotte Health Foundation for its support

and its ongoing mission to improve the health of area citizens."

In addition to providing services for the community, the Silver City Health Center also helps train residents completing their education at the SoM. The clinic is staffed by 13 residents in the SoM's combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics program. All KU residents are required to work in a clinic for a half-day each week during their four years of training.

A. Candace Moseley, MD, medical director, said the clinic serves both adult and pediatric patients, providing well-child visits, immunizations, management of chronic conditions – including diabetes and high blood pressure – as well as treatment of acute illnesses, such as ear infections, bronchitis and the flu.

"Our clinic is like a small town doctor's office in the middle of the city," Moseley said. "Our goal is to provide affordable comprehensive

health care to the members of our community while promoting the clinical education of physicians."

Moseley said the clinic would have been in danger of closing if it had not received the grant.

"We operate at a loss," she said, noting that of about 1,600 patients who visited the clinic from January until September 2003, 48 percent had no health insurance. The clinic has historically been funded by the departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. However, Moseley said with state budget cutbacks, there was less support available. The departments currently fund the salaries of faculty members who staff the clinic.

William Epperheimer, president of the Wyandotte Health Foundation, said the foundation recognized the community's need for the clinic.

"We were pleased to provide a grant to defray operating expenses to assist in keeping the clinic open," he said.

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"We have a compassionate health care team that supports the needs of the entire family," added Debbie Volts, RN, NICU nurse manager.

The next procedure, scheduled for early April, will require the family to move to San Antonio, Texas, where Jakob will undergo titanium rib replacement surgery at Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, one

of only four hospitals nationwide to perform the experimental procedure.

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In the meantime, Kayleen and David wait patiently. Kayleen has made the Ronald McDonald House at 41st and State Line her home since she was released from the

hospital. Zackary has been with her, too, since his release in July. David, currently on leave, lives there too. Together, with members of their family, they make daily visits to the hospital, where they take turns holding Jakob and making sure he gets chances to interact with his brother.

"It's been an incredible journey so far," Kayleen said. "But we know we were meant to be here at this hospital. We couldn't have gotten this far without the support of the hospital staff and the love of our families."

# Helen Gold 5K Raises \$25,000 for Parkinson's Disease Research

Sponsors and underwriters of the second annual Helen Gold 5K Race/Walk, along with the Parkinson Foundation of the Heartland, recently presented KUMC's Parkinson Research Department with a check for \$25,000. The amount represented all proceeds and sponsor funds from the September race.

This year's race nearly doubled the number of participants from last year. The KC Track Club has recognized the Helen Gold 5K Run/Walk as one of the best-organized races and best race courses in the area.

In September 2004, the Helen

Gold 5K will be part of the "Grand Prix of Racing," allowing top runners in the area to qualify for points by running in the race.



Attending the recent check presentation ceremony were (from left) Meg Duggin, executive director, Parkinson Foundation of the Heartland; Chris Engel, general manager, New Balance Store, Kansas City, a major sponsor; Allen Cinnamon and Ron Gold, both race underwriters and co-owners of The Fountains Shopping Center; Raj Pahwa, MD, associate professor and director of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center; Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive dean of the KU School of Medicine; Chuck Cordt, development director, KU Endowment Association; and Kelly Lyons, PhD, research associate professor and director of research of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center.

## Nursing and Allied Health Students Honored

The University of Kansas chapter of Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society has announced new member initiates from the KU Schools of Nursing and Allied Health.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national academic honor society for junior, senior and graduate students, as well as faculty, professionals and alumni. The society's mission is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.

The 2003 initiates from the SoN are Erin L. Archer, Prescott, Ariz.; Carlene M. Breen, Parkville, Mo.; Kathy Fitch, Weatherby Lake, Mo.; Stacey S. Harter, Gardner,

Kan.; Kristen Renee Reinert, Wichita, Kan.; Kyanna M. Shelar, Shawnee, Kan.; and Kathie Anne Shump, Lawrence, Kan.

The 2003 initiates from the School of Allied Health are Catherine Odell Bayer, physical therapy, Overland Park, Kan.; Rosann Mae Blackmore, health information management, Paola, Kan.; Kalen MacAlpine Fisher, physical therapy, Tulsa, Okla.; Erin Dean Frazier, health information management, McPherson, Kan.; Marcy M. Martin, occupational therapy, Erie, Kan.; and Mary Margaret Segebrecht, health information management, Lake Quivira, Kan.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi

is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by KU's chapter. Only the top 10 percent of graduate students, top 7 percent of seniors and top 4 percent of juniors with more than 72 credit hours are invited to join. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction may also be eligible for membership.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and largest national all-academic honor society and annually awards more than \$500,000 in awards and scholarships to its members. For more information about KU's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, visit [www.ku.edu/~pkp](http://www.ku.edu/~pkp).

# Patients Praise Staff for Exceptional Care

*The following comments are from recent patients at The University of Kansas Hospital.*

## From an ED patient:

“Thanks to the food service and the wonderful ladies who clean and make the hospital the clean and safe place that it is.”

## From a Unit 53 patient:

“I did not expect such personal care at a very large hospital. Everyone – from valet parking, to maintenance, to nurses and doctors – gave great service with a smile.”

## From a Cancer Center patient:

“My visit to The University of Kansas Hospital was for a checkup with one of my favorite doctors, Dr. Sarah Taylor. She’s a great lady! The people working with her were so kind and considerate.”

## From a Unit 55 patient:

“I can’t thank you enough for the care and service we received. We appreciate all of the love and support you gave to us.”

## From a Unit 56 patient:

“I was originally worried because The University of Kansas Hospital was so big. But I was treated with respect and care. I especially like how the staff worked together. Thanks for the great stay!”

## From a Cardiac Care Unit patient:

“The ladies in the CCU were so very cordial and nice to us. We really appreciated them and their hard work.”

## From a Unit 15 patient:

“Everyone who helped with my care was wonderful. You should be very proud of your staff and the concern they show to patients.”

## From a Unit 42 patient:

“Everyone from each department was very kind and considerate to me and my family. From check-in, X-ray, lab, EKG, surgery, my unit and the woman who cleaned my room, everyone was great!”

## From a Unit 51 patient:

“The RNs and all the aides were very professional, friendly, knowledgeable, caring and more. Their attitude made a world of difference.”

## From a Unit 43 patient:

“The very kind and considerate attention I received from your nurses was wonderful.”

## From a Unit 43 patient:

“Everyone on your staff was great taking care of me and helping me deal with the huge amount of pain. One lady stands out, and her name is Dee. When I was feeling so bad, I could literally feel her strength coming to help me.”

## From a Unit 66 patient:

“Best care I have ever had, and I have been in the hospital many times.”

## From a Same Day Surgery patient:

“I have been coming to The University of Kansas Hospital for 50 years, and I am treated as if it belongs to me.”

## Bird’s Eye View

Workmen had to construct scaffolding four stories high in the School of Nursing Atrium in order to replace sprinkler heads on the ceiling during holiday vacation. The sprinkler heads were part of a manufacturer’s product recall.



# KU SoM Receives Grant to Recruit and Assist Minority Students

The University of Kansas School of Medicine has received a federal grant designed to recruit more underrepresented minorities to become physicians.

The \$3.75 million, two-year grant is from the National Institute of Health's National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities.

"Studies have shown that physicians from underrepresented minority groups, especially African American and Americans of Latin descent, are more likely to practice in underserved communities," said Patricia Thomas, MD, associate dean for Cultural Enhancement and

Diversity. "Increasing the number of minority physicians will not only ensure that the medical profession will reflect the diversity of the nation, but it also will be an effective force against health disparities that exist throughout the nation."

Thomas said the grant will go to the KUMC Minority Student Endowment Fund to attract more minority students from the Greater Kansas City area and across the nation. Under this program, merit scholarships will be awarded to promising minority students.

The Endowment Fund also will be used to strengthen academic support services, which will assist



Patricia Thomas, MD

students through the challenging medical education program.

"The fund will also reduce medical students' debt burden at graduation and enhance their success," said Thomas.

Thomas said much of the work for the grant was done by Iral Porter, assistant dean for Cultural Enhancement and Diversity. Porter directs the Center of Excellence for Minority Medical Education Program.

"We want our campus to be part of the solution in bringing quality medical care to every community," said Donald Hagen, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor. "We have been innovators in finding ways to train more physicians to serve in rural Kansas. We will be just as innovative in serving diverse communities across the state and throughout the nation."

The Kansas University Endowment Association, an independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fund-raising and fund-management organization for KU, manages the Minority Student Endowment Fund.

## Read *In The Center* Online

You can read weekly issues of *In the Center* online at the [kumc.edu](http://kumc.edu) Web site. Hospital employees can also access the newsletter through the KU Med intranet site. In addition, you can also look up back issues, search by topic and print out copies. Each issue is posted on Friday following Thursday's publication.

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An eight-person advisory panel, representing the hospital and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health, Research Administration, Community and Alumni Relations, and Student Services, provides editorial input.

# Bott Appointed SoN Associate Dean for Research

Marge Bott, RN, PhD, has been appointed associate dean for Research for the KU School of Nursing. Karen Miller, RN, PhD, dean of the Schools of Nursing and Allied Health, made the appointment, which was effective Nov. 1. Bott previously served as the director of the Office of Nursing Grants and Research at the SoN.

As the associate dean for Research, Bott will establish, promote and coordinate long-term research goals for the SoN in collaboration with faculty and administrators. She also will serve as an advocate for nursing research and communicate findings at the local, state, regional and national levels.

Her role also includes ensuring integrity and continuity of research through program development and implementation. Bott will work with other KUMC research administrators on general research issues and interests of the medical center.

In her new position, Bott will



Marge Bott, RN, PhD

assist faculty in establishing collaborative teams of researchers from both inside and outside the university. Bott's goals include achieving and maintaining a "top 25" National Institute of Health (NIH) research funding level for the SoN and increasing other non-NIH research sources of funding.

She also plans to increase pre- and post-doctoral opportunities for students within the SoN's active research programs.

Bott will maintain the Shared Leadership Model that the SoN has used for the past two years. In this

mentorship program, senior professors work with the associate dean for Research to provide direction and mentorship to faculty and students for research and grant-related activities. Individual faculty on tenure track or clinical faculty with substantial involvement with research are mentored by experienced senior professor leaders to achieve their research goals.

Bott has held various research appointments with the SoN since 1990 and has been a research assistant professor since 2001. Prior to her research focus, Bott held administrative positions in several clinical service organizations.

The SoN has a research-based curriculum that supports scholarly work and research by the faculty and faculty mentoring of student research. The SoN also encourages multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research among colleagues in schools and departments throughout the University of Kansas.

## Date and Co-Chairs Set for Treads & Threads 2004

The calendar may say January, but planning is already under way for the next Treads & Threads on Friday, September 10, 2004. Once again, proceeds from the annual creative-black tie gala at Kansas Speedway will benefit the Cancer Center at The University of Kansas Hospital.

Serving as 2004 co-chairs are Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius

and her husband, Judge Gary Sebelius, along with hospital board member John Payne and his wife, Nancy. Payne is president and general manager of Bayer Corporation, a Treads & Threads title sponsor in 2003. An honorary chair will be selected in the coming months.

Last year, Treads & Threads was attended by almost 2,000 peo-

ple and raised more than \$300,000 for the Cancer Center.





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Jeanne A. Drisko, MD



Talal Khan, MD



Stacey Knobler, MD



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**Amy Belville, DO, clinical assistant professor, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine**, specializes in general rehabilitation medicine with interests in musculoskeletal electro diagnostic studies, traumatic brain injury and amputation. She completed medical school at the University of Osteopathic Medicine, Des Moines, Iowa, an internship at St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee, Wis., and a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at The University of Kansas Hospital.

**Talal Khan, MD, assistant professor, Department of Anesthesiology**, specializes in pain management with special interests in treating patients with abdominal pain, cancer pain, diabetic pain, facial pain, post-herpetic neuralgia, low back and leg pain, vascular pain (claudication), musculoskeletal pain, neck and arm pain, neuropathies, headaches and pain from a herniated disc and spinal stenosis. He completed medical school at King Edward Medical College, Lahore,

epilepsy, headaches, tics/Tourette's, developmental delay, learning problems and behavior problems. She completed medical school at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Ohio, and a pediatric residency and pediatric neurology fellowship at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, N.Y. She completed an additional fellowship in pediatric neuromuscular disease and neurorehabilitation at the Scottish Rite Hospital and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

**Karin Porter-Williamson, MD, assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine**, specializes in the medical management of hospitalized patients and does palliative care consultation, working with the Palliative Care team to address pain, symptom management and comprehensive goals of care for individuals with progressive illness. She completed medical school at the KU School of Medicine and an internal medicine residency at The University of Kansas Hospital. She has also done a fellowship in palliative medicine at the Center for Palliative Studies, San Diego Hospice, in California. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

# Physician Update

Recognizing recent additions to the medical staff

**Jeanne A. Drisko, MD, clinical assistant professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**, specializes in integrative medicine (complimentary and alternative medicine). She graduated from the KU School of Medicine and completed an internship at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, N.Y., and residencies at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, and at The University of Kansas Hospital. Drisko also completed a fellowship in integrative medicine. She is certified by the American Board of Radiology.

Pakistan, and an internship and anesthesiology residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Fla. Khan also completed a pain management fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Ga. He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

**Stacey Knobler, MD, clinical assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, Neurology**, specializes in general pediatric neurology. She has special interests in neuromuscular disease and mitochondrial disorders and extensive experience with

# Classifieds, etc.

## Automotive:

1998 Chevy Silverado, extended cab, sport bed, sprayed liner, fiberglass cover, after-market wheels, AM/FM/cassette, CD, alarm system, excellent condition, 98K, \$11,000. 816-896-8463.

1991 Toyota Celica, as is, \$600 OBO. 913-831-9095.

## For Sale:

KC Chiefs playoff tickets, excellent seats, 50-yard line, Chiefs side, sec. 325, row 17, seats 3 and 4, make offer. 913-397-6458.

Light-colored solid oak crib and 3-shelf changing table, both for \$125. Leave name/phone number. 913-334-6193.

Amana refrigerator, 20 cu. ft. freezer on bottom, \$250. 913-422-1379.

10-year-old, 20 cu.ft. Kenmore refrigerator, \$150; computer desk, assembled, \$50; bedside commode, \$25; 4-wheel walker with bench and hand breaks, \$35; electric lift chair, rose color, \$250. 913-432-9336.

Antique oak wardrobe, 7 ft. tall, drawers built into cabinet for storage, shelf for TV/stereo, perfect for bedroom or living room. \$600. 816-276-3799.

## Free to Good Home:

Pure-bred Labrador puppies, females. 913-371-3258.

## How to Request Cafeteria Display Space

Here are guidelines for KUMC departments or groups who would like to reserve the space outside the cafeteria for displays.

- Displays are limited to KUMC-sanctioned events and groups.
- There can be no more than two display tables outside the cafeteria on any single day.
- Reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance.
- Table reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Communications Services handles all display requests. E-mail Aimée Birlingmair at [abirlingmair@kumc.edu](mailto:abirlingmair@kumc.edu) or call 8-1067. (E-mail is preferred.) Provide the following information:
  1. The name of the department or organization requesting the space.
  2. A brief description and the objective of the display.
  3. The number of tables desired.
  4. The dates and times you need the space.
- You will receive a display card to post on your table. The card indicates you have authorization for your display.

# Coming Up

Thursday, Jan. 8

- Clendening Lecture Series, "Professor Ralph H. Major, MD," Fred Holmes, MD, professor of History and Philosophy of Medicine, 5 p.m., Clendening Auditorium.

Friday, Jan. 9

- Psychiatry Grand Rounds, "Treating the Acutely Agitated Patient," Bradley Grinage, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sudler Auditorium.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

- Preventive Medicine and Public Health, "Negotiating and Managing Intimacy When the Gendered Self is Threatened: Living and Loving with Alzheimer's Disease," Jeanne Hayes, PhD, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Preventive Medicine and Public Health, "Left, Right and Interval Bivariate Censored Data," Jonathan Mahnken, PhD, University of Texas, assistant professor candidate, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major.

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