

# SaintsForward

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### Philanthropy is moving the Mission Forward

Big things are on tap for SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - and philanthropy is playing a significant role to move the Mission forward.

Over the next 12-36 months, contractors and construction crews will be a fixture on the Midtown campus as three large construction projects, addressing critical hospital infrastructure, safety, and capacity needs, will get under way as funding becomes available.

St. Anthony Hospital has been delivering on its Mission to provide exceptional health care services to reveal the healing presence of God for over 125 years. This Mission is shared by pioneering philanthropists who have chosen to be a part of the Saints legacy. Now there is a great need for Saints' supporters to continue to play a crucial part – and some have already stepped up in a BIG way.

#### **The Grand West Entrance**

As previously announced, the Love Family Entrance, is expected to begin construction in Fall 2024 thanks to a significant lead gift from the Tom and Judy Love Foundation. The Love Family has been an early and meaningful supporter of St. Anthony Hospital through both gifts of service and philanthropy.

"Extraordinary things happen when families like the Loves come together to invest in a vision that will not only impact this generation, but many more to follow," said Joe Hodges, Regional President, SSM Health, Oklahoma and Mid- Missouri. "The Loves have, and continue, to model transformational philanthropy at St. Anthony and across our community."

The Love Family Entrance will improve overall safety for patients, families, visitors, physicians, and staff, while presenting a welcoming atmosphere. Fundraising efforts are still actively underway to raise the remaining funds needed to ensure St. Anthony Hospital's main entrance, annually welcoming more than 21,000 inpatients and 260,000 outpatients, plus thousands more visitors and employees, is safe, accessible, and promotes healing for generations to come. Currently, Miller Architects is matching all donor gifts up to \$100,000.

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#### Philanthropy continued...

#### **Patient Floor Renovation**

An important component of healing is being in an inviting physical space where patients feel comfortable and are surrounded by their loved ones. The St. Anthony Hospital patient tower, constructed over 50 years ago, has many patient rooms in need of a complete renovation for the comfort and healing of our patients. Floors 6 through 11 in the patient tower will be remodeled one floor at a time, as funding is made available. Thanks to an anonymous lead gift from a longtime generous supporter of Saints, philanthropy has propelled the project into motion! Floor 6 is slated to be the first phase of the remodel. Design work for Phase 1 has been completed and plans for construction are moving forward. The anonymous donors have a deep love for St. Anthony Hospital and understand the impact exceptional health care, and an exceptional facility, has upon patient healing. The cost of the project is expected to total between \$20-30 million.



Artist rendering of the to-be-named SSM Health St. Anthony building to house a Comprehensive Digestive Disease Center, Advanced Endoscopy Center and surgery services.

### SSM Health St. Anthony Comprehensive Digestive Disease Center

Plans are in place for the establishment and construction of the first comprehensive digestive disease center in the state. Including the Crohn's and Colitis Center of Excellence, an Advanced Endoscopy Center, and surgery services, this Comprehensive Digestive Disease Center, under the leadership of Dr. Tauseef Ali, an internationally recognized expert in inflammatory bowel disease specialties, will provide much-needed specialized care and resources for individuals suffering from digestive diseases, their families, and caregivers.

The Center will offer a multi-disciplinary team of experts and incorporate the latest medical technologies and research, including state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and advanced treatment options. Importantly, it will provide a central location for patients to access high-quality care and specialized treatments for digestive disorders.

The on-campus site selected for the new 5-story, 89,000 square foot ambulatory care building to include clinics, procedure rooms, education resources and physician office space, is the southwest corner of Lee Avenue and NW 9th Street.

The project is slated for completion in 2026 at a total cost of \$69 million. Naming rights are available.

These projects are investments in the well-being of our patients, both today and tomorrow. We are grateful for those donors that help SSM Health Oklahoma continue building a healthier future for all. Join these *forward*-thinking philanthropists to move the Mission by considering a gift to one these vital projects and bless countless lives in the communities we serve.

To help move the Mission *Forward*, call 405-272-7070 or go to GiveToSaints.com.

### You gave the gift of hope.

As last year came to a close and the Giving Season was upon us, we asked you to consider giving the Gift of Hope. Your generous response included gifts totaling nearly \$56,000, directed to Sisters Fund, Care & Compassion Fund, and other areas of need. Your kindness helps us continue supporting our community's most significant health care needs and providing personal and compassionate care to all who enter our doors.



# Foundation announces new leader.



The Foundation is excited to introduce our new leader! On February 19, **Lynann Sterk-Brooks** joined the Saints team and assumed the role of Regional Vice President, Philanthropy for SSM Health Oklahoma, following the retirement of longtime Foundation head Sherry Rhodes on January 1.

Named *Outstanding Fundraising Professional 2023* for Oklahoma City by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Lynann has an impressive track record of success in fundraising and donor relations for large institutions. She joins us from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oklahoma, where she served as CEO. Prior to that, she held the position of Vice President, University Advancement at Oklahoma City University, and she has held multiple development roles at the University of Oklahoma's Price College of Business, along with other major educational institutions.

Not only do Lynann's roots run deep in the greater Oklahoma City metro area, but she was born in Janesville, Wisconsin where her family served for decades in Catholic health care. She supports the communities she serves in a personal capacity as well through various volunteer efforts, including Leadership Oklahoma City.

We know Lynann will bring her passion and perspective for the growth and success of our philanthropy efforts, contributing to our shared Mission and helping to move Saints forward!



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A Message from SSM Health Oklahoma Regional President

# Joe Hodges

As the season has transitioned to spring, I am pleased to share with you updates about our health ministry in Oklahoma.

In February we welcomed **Lynann Sterk-Brooks** to the SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation as our new Regional Vice President of Philanthropy. We have enjoyed working with Lynann the past couple of months and are fortunate to have her on our Saints team. In this issue, you will have the opportunity to read more about Lynann and the experience she brings to our philanthropy efforts.

You likely saw in the news that on April 1, the State of Oklahoma officially launched managed Medicaid or SoonerSelect. SSM Health St. Anthony has long been an advocate for changes to Medicaid so more Oklahomans may have access to care. SSM Health providers are available to SoonerSelect members on all three of the insurance options available. Our team is actively assisting our medical group and hospital patients as they navigate the process of selecting their trusted SSM Health provider within the plan they select.

On April 19, we paused to remember the tragedy that occurred in Oklahoma City 29 years ago. We honored those lives lost, those who cared for the injured, and friends and neighbors in our community who were changed forever. I was at St. Anthony Hospital on that day in 1995. As the closest hospital to the bombing site, I remain so proud of the response by our employees and physicians as they provided compassionate care to 168 patients that day. We will always remember.

In closing, I invite you to read this issue to learn about the many exciting expansion projects we have underway across the Oklahoma region, and more are planned soon. We are steadfast in our dedication to serve more Oklahomans and fulfill our Mission of providing exceptional, high quality and safe care as we reveal God's healing presence. We could not carry out our Mission without you, our faithful donors, and I thank you.

## Health Care Appreciation Month.

Health Care Appreciation Month is a meaningful celebration of the exceptional health care professionals at SSM Health St. Anthony who continually strive to improve the communities we serve.

While we proudly celebrate **National Doctors' Day** annually on March 30 and National Nurses Week in May, your health care team works tirelessly all year to provide compassionate and lifesaving care.

At SSM Health St. Anthony, we believe they deserve a bigger celebration - longer than just one day or a week!



# Join us in celebrating your entire care team during Health Care Appreciation Month

Your generous gift of any amount holds the power to make a lasting impact on our community. Your gift contributes to expanding patient care resources, enhancing specialty services, and providing innovative new treatment options to patients in need.

Scan the QR Code here or go to GiveToSaints.com



# Thank you for your generosity!

Philanthropy plays a vital role in continuing our Mission of providing exceptional, compassionate health care in our communities. You are a part of our lifesaving work, and we are grateful to you for helping to move Saints *Forward.* We are honored to recognize your generosity here. The list below reflects donors who made a gift between July 1 and December 31, 2023.

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# Leadership Spotlight: Tammy Powell

President, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital and SSM Health Bone & Joint Hospital at St. Anthony.

#### What drew you to health care?

I am not sure I have a clear answer to this question because no one in my family was in health care, nor did I know anyone in health care during my formative years. Thinking back, I may have been influenced to pursue health care because of health issues my family experienced when I was a child. and the lack of transparency around it. For example, when my grandfather had colon cancer, we did not discuss it as a family. The day I enrolled in college I made the decision to become a nurse and I was one of the few students who never waivered on that commitment. Since that time. I have recruited many family members into healthcare including my husband, my sister, and my son who is now a physician. I suppose I have tried to instill the importance of health and transparency in our family to chart a different course.

# What helped you push through the pandemic? How do you feel like it has changed you or your leadership style?

The pandemic was incredibly hard on our physicians, nurses, staff, and leadership. The difference for me, and what helped me to push through, was the culture of our organization. At Saints we are all about team, and during the pandemic we really worked together to ensure we provided our patients and the community the best care possible during such a trying time. When I look back at the early days of the pandemic and the unknown, we were managing a lot of inputs and trying to manage a lot of fears. I believe we got through it with transparency, communication, and trust. I don't know that it changed my leadership style, but I would say I have an even greater appreciation for the saying, "if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others." I have been blessed to work with a great team, and at St. Anthony Hospital it never feels like I need to go it alone!

### What do you think is the best thing about Saints?

Of course, the Mission is near and dear to my heart. I have worked at St. Anthony for more than 30 years. I personally know so many of our 5,000 coworkers. St. Anthony is a big city with a small-town feel. I love that we accompany

patients to where they are going; we smile; we stop and say hello. We genuinely care about each other. I feel and see it every day.

### What excites you most about the future of health care?

I am most excited about the opportunity to help shape the health care of the future. Health care costs are not sustainable. As health care leaders, we are obligated to create a future in which health care is affordable, as well as, best in class. SSM Health does not take that responsibility lightly, and I feel blessed to be a participant in that work.

### What would you want the world to know about the St. Anthony Foundation?

Without the Foundation, St. Anthony Hospital would not have the resources to provide exceptional patient care to those who are marginalized. Our founding sisters would reference patients as "our dear Lord's" when in need of support. The Foundation, along with the hospital, has not waivered





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Saints Ball, the SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation's annual fundraiser, returns to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum on Friday, November 1. This year's fun, Monopoly game-based theme is "Advance to GO!" The black tie event features dinner, live and silent auctions, live entertainment and dancing. The co-chairs of Saints Ball 2024 are Dr. Tauseef & Ammara Ali and Kim & Joe O'Connor.

Proceeds from this year's event will go to support the realization of a new clinical building at St. Anthony Hospital to house not only the region's most advanced, comprehensive Digestive Disease Care facility, but also critically needed space for physicians and staff from multiple service lines. The goal for this year's event is to raise \$650,000.

The Foundation has been raising funds for patient care for more than 60 years, and the annual fall event has been integral to raising funds for St. Anthony for more than 30 years.



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