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A Message from Our Director

I want to thank each one of you—our generous donors, supporters, and friends. 2025 was filled with remarkable moments of compassion, progress, and impact, all made possible because of you.

Every gift you shared this year, whether large or small, helped us provide comfort to patients, support families during difficult days, and strengthen the care our community relies on. From enhancing equipment and funding patient assistance, to expanding programs that make healing a little easier, your generosity touched lives in ways that truly matter.

Your partnership reminds us that healthcare is more than treatment. It's hope, dignity, and support that brings comfort. And because of you, the Foundation continues to grow in its ability to meet needs, respond to challenges, and support the teams who care for our patients every day.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for walking beside us throughout 2025. I look forward to a prosperous 2026 and the great work we will accomplish together.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Laura Beth Shaner
Foundation Director

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Fueling Hope: Gas Cards Ease Cancer Journey

Emery "Chip" Green, a patient at Jefferson Regional's Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center, was first diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2020. Now 60 years old and facing its return, Chip travels long distances from his home outside Rison four days a week for radiation treatments. Thanks to the foundation's gas cards, we've been able to ease the financial strain of these trips, lifting a heavy burden from Chip and his family. With one less worry, they can focus on what truly matters—his health and healing.



Nursing Scholarship Recipients Honored

Congratulations to all of the December graduates! The Foundation proudly awarded nursing scholarships to several deserving recipients:

- Tori Gaston - Julie Bridgforth Scholarship
- Keyonna Cranford - Kathy Pierce Scholarship
- Kayla Earnest - Louise Hickman Scholarship
- Errika Boykin - Alice Lawson Scholarship
- Shentania Wine and Emily Birk - Trinity Foundation Scholarship
- Anna Blasengame, Katelyn Bradberry, Jaycee Rauls, & Taylor Storz - Trinity Foundation - Marshall Scholarships

Congratulations to these outstanding individuals as they continue their journey in nursing!
To donate, contact Laura Beth Shaner at 541-7210.

Jefferson Regional Foundation: Transforming Lives in 2025 Through Compassion and Community Support

- **Gas Card Program:** \$12,000 provided annually for gas cards to assist qualifying patients
- **Housing for Cancer Patients:** Over \$10,000 given annually to house cancer patients receiving daily treatment far from home.
 - Seven patients stayed in the apartment (some for 2-3 weeks).
 - A waiting list included 8 additional patients in need.
- **Nursing Scholarships:** \$15,000 awarded, benefiting 18 nursing students
- **Patient Assistance Program:** \$10,000 allocated to help patients afford critical medications needed for hospital discharge, with some medications costing thousands of dollars
- **Breast Center Fundraising:** Over \$18,000 raised to support the Breast Center
- **Employee Contributions:** Employees participating in iGive raised over \$75,000.

Winter W O N D E R L A N D Ball 2026

What an incredible night we shared at the Jefferson Regional Foundation's Winter Wonderland Ball! From the delicious dinner to lively entertainment and dancing, the evening was nothing short of magical. Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised vital funds to benefit the patients of Jefferson Regional who call South Arkansas home. We are so grateful to each of you for making this event such a success and for being part of this special night!





COMING SOON!

DONNA TERRELL'S
WARRIOR LODGE

Providing lodging for patients of the Jefferson Regional Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center

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Warrior Lodge: A Home Away from Home for Cancer Patients

Donna Terrell's Warrior Lodge at Jefferson Regional is set to open its doors soon!

- This no-cost housing facility, located on the Jefferson Regional campus across from the Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center, will provide a convenient and comfortable stay for out-of-town cancer patients and their caregivers.
- Guests will enjoy private rooms and lodging at no cost, easing the burden of travel during treatment.

Compassion in Action: Social Worker Launches Clothes Closet for Those in Need



Emily Rusing, a dedicated social worker at Jefferson Regional, saw a critical need while working in our mental health unit. Many patients left our care only to return home without basic necessities. Determined to make a difference, she started the Clothes Closet to provide clothing for discharged patients. What began as a small effort has grown into something much greater. Today, the Clothes Closet also supports new mothers in need, offering baby clothes, car seats, and other essentials that many of us often take for granted.

To donate to the Clothes Closet, contact
Laura Beth Shaner at 541-7210.



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Pine Bluff Country Club

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Winter Wonderland Ball: Advancing Care in Southeast Arkansas

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters at the Winter Wonderland Ball, a portion of the funds were raised to benefit Jefferson Regional's Special Procedures Lab. These contributions will go toward acquiring cutting-edge technology and equipment for the only Special Procedures Lab in Southeast Arkansas, ensuring patients in our region have access to advanced care close to home.

Support Jefferson Regional: Many Ways to Give

There are many meaningful ways to support **Jefferson Regional Foundation** – through one time gifts, monthly giving, tribute gifts, or planned giving. Every contribution helps strengthen patient care and supports the programs that matter most. Together, we are building a healthier future for our community.

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