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Creating a Foundation for the Future of Healthcare in Southeast Arkansas



October Was a Month of Pink!

The Jefferson Regional Foundation hosted a series of impactful events in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness, and the community showed up in full force! The Pink Out 5K was our largest yet, with over 375 registrations, and Saracen Casino taking the spotlight as the largest team.

Our inaugural Dink for Pink Pickleball Tournament was a big success, with 12 teams competing and plenty of fun had by all!

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The annual Pretty in Pink Luncheon continued its tradition of excellence, drawing over 200 attendees. Breast cancer survivor Candy Ladd moved the audience with her heartfelt speech, while Dr. Kathleen Sitarik shared valuable insights on breast cancer awareness and statistics. Proceeds from all three events will directly benefit the Jefferson Regional Breast Centers, supporting their vital work in the fight against breast cancer.

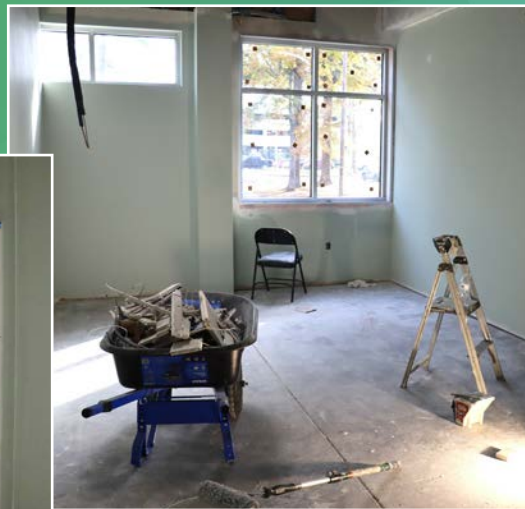






Warrior Lodge Opening Soon Ready to Support Cancer Patients

Construction of Donna Terrell's Warrior Lodge at Jefferson Regional is making great progress, with plans to open shortly after the new year. This incredible facility will provide free lodging to patients of the Jefferson Regional Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center, offering a much-needed respite for those who travel long distances for treatment and need support. We're excited to soon open the doors to this haven of comfort and care. Stay tuned for more updates! If you'd like to support the Warrior Lodge, please contact Laura Beth Shaner at 870-541-7210.





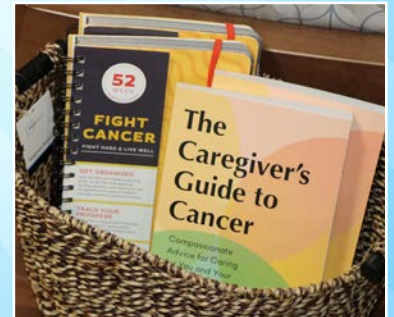
The Boutique

and Resource Center

Now Open!

The Jefferson Regional Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center Boutique and Resource Center is officially open, offering a welcoming space filled with care and comfort. Patients of the Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center can enjoy complimentary wigs and styling services, as well as nutritious smoothies to support their wellness journey. Additionally, a variety of pampering gifts are available for purchase. This incredible resource is made possible through the generosity of the Kline Family Foundation. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their support in providing comfort and care to our cancer patients.

 **Jefferson Regional
Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center**



Leadership Spotlight



Peter Austin, *Senior Vice President and Administrator*

Jefferson Regional recently announced the promotion of Peter Austin to Senior Vice President and Administrator.

In this role he will oversee hospital operations and practice management, building on his years of experience and contributions to our health system. Peter first joined Jefferson Regional in 2012 and was named Chief Operating Officer in 2017.

He has played a key role in expanding the hospital's physician network and driving growth across the organization.



Local Physician Honored by Hospital Association

We are pleased to announce that Steven Wright, MD, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Arkansas Hospital Association (AHA) at their annual awards luncheon. Brian Thomas, President and CEO of Jefferson Regional, presented the award to Dr. Wright.

Dr. Wright has served on the Jefferson Regional Medical Staff for over 28 years during which time he provided compassionate, expert care to thousands of residents across South Arkansas.

One thing he is most passionate about is his involvement with Opportunity House, a refuge for individuals experiencing homelessness where he volunteers every Friday.

Dr. Wright is currently Chief of Medical Affairs at Jefferson Regional. He is not only a physician but a mentor, advocate and community leader whose contributions have enriched the lives of many. His dedication to the people of South Arkansas is unparalleled. Congratulations Dr. Wright!



Steven Wright, MD and Brian Thomas, President and CEO of Jefferson Regional, pause for a photo at the AHA awards luncheon.



Year-End *Giving*

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank you for your unwavering support of Jefferson Regional and the Jefferson Regional Foundation. Your generosity has made a profound impact — helping us provide life-saving treatment to thousands of patients in Southeast Arkansas.

Because of donors like you, we've been able to offer nursing scholarships, enhance the Jones-Dunklin Cancer Center with advanced technology and patient programs, and support vital services like the Donna Terrell Warrior Lodge at Jefferson Regional. But we aim to expand our reach even further, and your year-end gift can help us continue to provide hope, healing, and exceptional care to those who need it most.

Thank you for being an essential part of our mission!

Laura Beth Shaner

Jefferson Regional Foundation Director

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Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care program at Jefferson Regional is thriving, thanks to the vision of Col. Nate Todd and the dedication of our incredible volunteers. This program provides emotional and spiritual support to patients and staff during their times of need. Patients can request a pastoral visit by simply notifying their nurse, and a member of the team will promptly stop by to offer care and comfort. Interested in joining the effort? Call: Laura Beth Shaner at 870-541-7210

