

## *In Memory of* Ike Walter

Three years ago at the 21st Annual Benefit themed "Race to the Finish", Ike Walter was a proud participant in the Derby Hat Contest, but unlike most hats entered in the contest, Ike's hat held a very special story. What was special about Ike's hat was that he had sported that very hat during his interview to become the first Administrator of Hoisington Lutheran Hospital. Ike was offered the position and served as the hospital's administrator for six years. Although Ike later resigned as administrator, his involvement with the Hoisington Lutheran Hospital, which was later named Clara Barton Hospital, did not stop there.

Ike later served as Chairman of the Clara Barton Hospital Board of Directors and also aided in the creation of the Clara Barton Foundation. Ike spent many hours attending meetings with various

committees and organizations explaining the need and advantage of establishing the Clara Barton Hospital Foundation. Many rural hospitals were closing or converting to nursing type care. At this time the hospital had only one doctor on its staff. The Board agreed that the formation of the

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Foundation would not only help address the growing financial needs of the hospital, but would enhance support of their patient base. The Clara Barton Hospital Foundation was established in 1990. In January of 2007, the Clara Barton Hospital Foundation established the I.C. Walter Endowment in honor of Ike Walter and his commitment to Clara Barton Hospital. The fund has and will continue to support Clara Barton Hospital for years to come. As a way of saying thanks to



Ike Walter sporting his hat for the Derby Hat Contest at the 21st Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction.

the supporters of the Clara Barton Foundation, Ike matched donations made to this fund up to an additional \$10,000. These gifts came from Ike's friends, family and business associates from all across the United States. As a result of this match, the endowment grew from \$10,000 to over \$30,000 within a matter of months and has doubled since then. After the I.C. Walter endowment was established, Ike stated, "It is my hope that the community will support the hospital with contributions to this endowment, as well as other worthy projects. It is my vision that the endowment can be the 'building blocks' to the future."

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Clara Barton Hospital and Clinics currently has three primary care physicians, two general surgeons, seven physician assistants, four physical therapists, an occupational therapist and a speech pathologist. Clara Barton Hospital is a trauma four level facility providing telemedicine, pulmonary function testing, and countless other medical services available for the patients the hospital serves. This growth and success can be attributed to Ike's vision, support and leadership. Ike had a bold vision for the future of Clara Barton Hospital, a vision that our current leaders embrace as well. The I.C. Walter Endowment, a permanent endowed fund, will fuel

the future providing much needed funding for capital building and renovation projects and establishing innovative programs to benefit Clara Barton Hospital. The endowment named in Ike's honor has been the greatest gift the present can offer to the future. In 2014, a portion of the interest earned from the endowment helped to fund the *Complete the Dream... Continue the Vision* campaign, an expansion of the Therapy Services and Laundry Department.

Ike was an avid supporter of the Clara Barton Hospital and Foundation and was always eager to attend the Foundation's Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction. Ike was proud of his community and was a

great champion for the Hospital. Ike once said, "My heart has been with the hospital ever since my arrival to Hoisington in 1951." Ike will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on at Clara Barton Hospital and throughout the Hoisington community.

Gifts can be made in memory of Ike to the I.C. Walter Endowment online at [www.clarabartonhospital.com](http://www.clarabartonhospital.com) or by mailing your gift to:

Clara Barton Hospital Foundation  
P.O. Box 25  
Hoisington, KS 67544

For more information, please call the Foundation at 620-653-5012.



Pictured left to right: Ike Walter, Jackie Walter, Jim Turnbull, and Dick Stanley pose for a picture as Ike Walter presents a \$10,000 donation to I.C. Walter endowment fund in 2007.

LAB FAIR  
2017 DATES

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND  
SATURDAY, JULY 22ND  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

# Paying It Forward

For many, retirement means lots of rest and relaxation, but for Hoisington native, Mike Aylward, retirement is giving him an opportunity to get involved and give back. Aylward was born and raised in Hoisington, Kansas and was a graduate of Hoisington High School. After High School, Aylward served in the United States Navy for 22 years before he became the Postmaster at the Hoisington Post Office where he worked for 35 years. Aylward retired as postmaster in 2010, but his service to the community didn't stop there.

After retirement, Aylward began to focus on serving others through volunteer work. Every Thursday, Aylward volunteers as the driver for the city trolley, which offers rides throughout Hoisington to those who do not have a means of transportation, are wheelchair bound or need assistance getting from one place to another.

"A lot of times people riding the trolley say, well I couldn't have made it to the doctor without you, or I couldn't have gotten my hair done without you," said Aylward. "Just knowing that they truly appreciate you and seeing the satisfaction on

their face makes it all worth it."

Aylward also shared that many of the people who utilize the trolley services have lost their spouse or do not have family in the area to take them to appointments or to run other errands. The trolley service gives them piece of mind knowing that they are able to receive assistance with transportation from one place to another.

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Aside from the trolley, each summer Aylward also volunteers for Camp Hope, a camp for children who have battled or are currently battling cancer. Last summer, Aylward took on the position as Head of Facilities at Camp

Hope.

"Volunteering for Camp Hope is an extremely rewarding experience," said Aylward. "It's all for the kids and we try to make it the best week possible for them. Just seeing the smiles on their faces shows that you are truly making a difference."

Additionally, Aylward is currently involved with the American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus, City



Each year, Mike Aylward and his granddaughter, Gracie Aylward, volunteer together by helping to transport auction items to the Knights of Columbus Hall for the Foundation's Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction.

Council, Clara Barton Hospital Board of Directors, St. John's Catholic Church Finance Council and Cemetery Board, assists with the local blood drives, volunteers for the summer baseball program, helps with the loading and unloading of auction items for the Clara Barton Hospital Foundation Annual Benefit Event, and participates in countless other volunteer activities throughout the community.

"Volunteering is my way of giving back to a community that has given me so much," said Aylward. "I grew up in this town, my kids grew up in this town, and people here have always treated us so well. Volunteering is my way of paying it forward."

Aylward spends his spare time chasing his six grandchildren to all of their activities and traveling when he can. Although Aylward's retirement has not involved much rest or relaxation, he plans to stay involved by serving others for as long as he can.

"There are a lot of people down on their luck, so it's my goal to help those people the best I can," said Aylward. "My mother always told me, 'if you can't help anyone, what good are you doing?' I really try to live by those words."



Mike Aylward volunteers by driving the Hoisington Trolley every Thursday to help those in need of assistance with transportation to and from appointments or to run errands.

# Nanosphere Creates New Level of Efficiency During '16-'17 Flu Season

The 2016-17 flu season has been busier than usual, but because of the Nanosphere, the process of diagnosing influenza and prescribing the correct treatment has been quick and efficient.

In prior years, the Clara Barton Hospital Laboratory was not equipped with the Nanosphere, which is a multiplex instrument that performs molecular diagnostic testing. Before the hospital lab had the Nanosphere, when labs were drawn for Respiratory Panel testing, they were sent off-site to a reference lab and it often took over a week to receive results. Now, because of the generous donors who helped to fund the Nanosphere, testing is completed in-house and results are finalized in as little as two and a half hours.

When a patient visits their primary care provider with flu-like symptoms, the provider often administers a point-of-care test to determine if the patient is positive for influenza. A point-of-care test involves the swabbing of the nose and the testing of the swab to see if it is positive or negative for influenza, but point-of-care testing is not always 100 percent

accurate. Having the Nanosphere has allowed for more accurate flu testing that produces an absolute correct diagnosis and allows the provider to diagnose the illness and prescribe medication the very same day.

"Antibiotic resistance is a top health concern that our world faces today, therefore, we want to ensure that patients are only receiving antibiotics when they have a bacterial infection," said Kacey Beck, Clara Barton Hospital Infection

Prevention and Employee Health Nurse. "The Nanosphere allows us to quickly and accurately determine if the illness is a bacterial or viral, which aids our providers in the prescription of the correct

medication for the patient."

This year's flu season began in October and is expected to last through March. So far this season, the Clara Barton Hospital Lab has collected 198 lab draws to test for influenza and have had 32 test positive.

"The great thing about the Nanosphere test is that it tells us so much more than just the flu diagnosis," said Myrtle Whitmore, Clara Barton Hospital Lab Director. "If the illness is not the flu, the respiratory panel test can also determine if the illness is RSV, Parainfluenza, pertussis, adenovirus, the common cold, or other flu-like symptoms."

The efficiency of testing for influenza in the Clara Barton

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- Myrtle Whitmore**



Lab Technician, Tyler Brown, swabs a patient for a Respiratory Panel test to determine if influenza is present.

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Hospital Lab has been made possible by the generous donations made by many giving supporters. Money was raised to help fund the Nanosphere through a special appeal at the 22nd and 23rd Annual Foundation Benefit. These donors are making a significant impact on the quality of patient care being delivered at Clara Barton Hospital.

Additionally, the 2017 membership contributions were used to fund a blood culture analyzer, which is an attachment to the Nanosphere that will allow the lab to perform in-house blood cultures, which diagnose infection in the blood stream. The blood culture analyzer will help to create

Pictured below is the Nanosphere, which processes the Respiratory Panel to determine if the patient has influenza.



quick turnaround of lab results, accelerate patient recovery and shorten the patient's length of stay. The analyzer will also allow the lab to perform approximately 350 blood cultures per year in-house instead of outsourcing the tests.

"We sincerely appreciate all that the foundation has done to make the recent enhancement of laboratory equipment possible," said Whitmore. "Because of the generosity of the donors, we are able to provide better care for our patients."

## Together, We Make a Winning Combination

Clara Barton Hospital Foundation's 24th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, Dinner, and Auction will feature some high rollin' fun on Friday, June 16th! The Foundation has been "on a roll" as they strive to meet the \$1.4 million *Complete the Dream... Continue the Vision* capital campaign goal, funding the Therapy Services and Laundry Department at Clara Barton Hospital.

This year's annual event will again consist of a golf tournament, dinner, and silent and live auctions. This will be the fourth year the benefits from the annual event will help fund the Therapy Services and Laundry expansion

project.

We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us for the annual benefit event to help the Foundation hit the jackpot! With only 225 tickets sold, be sure to get yours early! Tickets will be available on May 1st until sold out and can be purchased online, by email, or by phone. And remember, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas! So don't be afraid, come support and spend as much as you'd like and we won't tell! Together, we can make a



**Friday, June 16th**

"winning combination."

Anyone interested in volunteering, registering, or supporting the event should contact the Foundation at (620) 653-5012 or by emailing [foundation@clarabarton.hpmin.com](mailto:foundation@clarabarton.hpmin.com).

# Great Bend Clinic Offers Convenient Lab Draws

For many Clara Barton patients, lab work is often needed after visiting the doctor and for some patients, is routinely needed to monitor the effects of medication. Lab testing is usually associated with a visit to the hospital lab, but Clara Barton Medical Clinic in Great Bend now offers a more convenient option for their patients at Jackson Square, one block off 10th Street. Instead of traveling to a hospital lab, blood draws can be taken right inside the clinic.

The Clara Barton Medical Clinic in Great Bend began offering lab draws in January of 2016 in hopes that the extended services would add to the convenience of the Great Bend location for their patients. Because these services are now available at the Great Bend location, those working or residing in or near Great Bend no longer have to travel to Clara Barton Hospital to have their lab work completed.

“Before the Clara Barton Clinic in Great Bend offered lab draws we would drive to Hoisington for my husband’s lab

work,” said Marla Brocher. “Traveling just a few miles into Great Bend has been much more convenient for us because, not only is it closer, but my husband is able to be seen quickly, have his labs drawn, and see his provider all in one visit.”

Labs can be drawn in a walk-in fashion on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and are also available at any office visit provided physician’s orders are available. Lab work must also be ordered by a Clara Barton provider in order to be drawn at the Great Bend location.

“Offering lab draws at our Great Bend location has made it possible for me to better manage my patient’s care during their visit,” said Kelci Burkey, P.A.-C at Clara Barton Medical Clinic-Great Bend. “I am able to listen to the patients concerns, figure out a plan of action and collect most



Ken Ragan utilizes the convenient lab draws offered at the Great Bend Clinic during his visit.

everything I will need to help me make a diagnosis.”

The labs draws collected at the Great Bend Clinic are taken to the Clara Barton Hospital Lab to be processed.

Burkey said, “Because the labs are processed at our own facility, I rest assured knowing that the labs will be completed and the results will be at my fingertips in just a short period of time.”

*When you make a choice, you change the future.*

Some people think that the future will take care of itself. But after making a choice to give a gift that funds the future, the planning is easy! Get more information about making a charitable gift in your will or IRA, contact us at (620) 653-5012 or [foundation@clarabarton.hpmin.com](mailto:foundation@clarabarton.hpmin.com)



# Clara Barton Hospital Foundation Seeking Applicants for 2017 Scholarships

The Clara Barton Hospital Foundation is currently seeking applicants for their 2017 healthcare career scholarships. Each year the Foundation awards several scholarships to students pursuing a career in a healthcare field. Scholarship amounts vary depending on the merits of the application and funds available from the endowments. The four scholarships to be awarded this year are: the Jonathan Witt Scholarship, the Sadie Stalcup Scholarship, the Verda Lane Nursing Scholarship and the Dr. Robert Moore Scholarship. Application deadline for all scholarships is April 1, 2017.

Both the Jonathan Witt and Sadie Stalcup scholarships are limited to applicants accepted into, currently

enrolled in, or planning to pursue a healthcare career. Applicants must be a current resident or a high school graduate in the Clara Barton service area.

The Verda Lane Nursing Scholarship was established at the request of her family to assist students in their academic pursuit to become an RN or LPN. Applicants must be admitted to a nursing program and have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher. The scholarship cannot be awarded to pre-nursing students.

Established by his family in honor of his dedicated service to the patients of Clara Barton Hospital, the Dr. Robert Moore Scholarship assists employees of Clara Barton in continuing their education. Only

current employees are eligible and if interested, can call the Foundation office to learn more about this scholarship.

Last year's scholarship recipients were: Besa Bwalya, Cynthia Brack, Bailey Hensley, and Cara Moore. This year's scholarship recipients will be awarded by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee. Individuals interested in contributing to a scholarship fund or who wish to receive an application may call 620-653-5012 or write to Clara Barton Foundation, P.O. Box 25, Hoisington, KS 67544. All applications are also available under the Foundation link at [clarabartonhospital.com](http://clarabartonhospital.com).

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Being a part of the 24th Annual Golf Tournament, Dinner, and Auction is easy! Help to sustain our rural hospital by donating an auction item, volunteering to help with the golf tournament, or making your donation today! For more information get in touch with us at [foundation@clarabarton.hpmin.com](mailto:foundation@clarabarton.hpmin.com) or by calling 620-653-5012.

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