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GREENE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER NEWSLETTER FALL 2022



EIGHT DAYS OF SKILLED CARE

**How Greene County Medical Center
Skilled Care helped Scranton
resident get back home**

On March 24th, 2022, Larry Barr was getting ready to undergo open heart surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. After the completion of his surgery, the Scranton resident spent 14 days as an inpatient before traveling 230 miles back to Greene County. However, Larry was not ready to return to his home and resume his normal day-to-day activities.

"I was needing some extra help," said Larry Barr. "I needed help because I could not physically walk for that long – I could not walk without a walker and I could not go home."

The solution was Skilled Care at Greene County Medical Center, a service provided to patients who require additional hospitalization after an injury, illness, hospital stay, or in Larry's case, a surgical procedure. Skilled Care provides patients with an opportunity to transition safely from an acute or inpatient hospital setting to Skilled Care, and finally to their home or previous living environment.

Greene County Medical Center was the closest to home. Had it not been an option, Larry would have to drive outside of Greene County to surrounding cities to find the care that he needed.

When Larry arrived to Greene County Medical Center in early April, he was growing tired of hospitals, and could not wait to return to his own bed back home. For the next eight days, he would work to do exactly that. Larry's journey however, was not an easy one.

"I cannot imagine what it would have been like if I would have had to go home after my surgery. Everyone here was so willing to help, whoever was caring for me that day to me, they did all they could to help make me get better. And in those eight days I did get better."

"If Greene County Medical Center had not been here it would have been extra mileage for my family to drive. This is a great offering, and everyone should know that if they need Skilled Care, it is here." The convenience of Greene County Medical Center's Skilled Care department, and the helpful staff made his eight day stay one he is thankful for. Larry was able to go back home with confidence. A few months later, Larry was back, only this time it was to share his story and say thank you. Larry was thankful that Greene County Medical Center was there for him when he needed help.

"I was not ready to go home, and the eight days I spent here got me to the point where I could go home, safely and confidently. I don't ever want to have to do it again, but if I did, I would do it here, at Greene County Medical Center."

Larry is also enrolled in the Greene County Medical Center Cardiac Rehabilitation program which is helping him continue to improve every day.

A Message from Our CEO

Our Mission of being *Always Here, Always Caring* captures a lot in just four words. At the Medical Center our goal is to be here in 5, 10, 15 and 25 years. How do we do that? We set measurable goals each year as an organization and continue providing exceptional care.

Our fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. I'm happy to report we exceeded all three goals set for serving more patients. Inpatient days increased by 25%, outpatient procedures increased by 24% and clinic encounters increased by 16%, in total serving 61,412 patients in these categories only, up from 50,600 last year. It takes every Team Member at Greene County Medical Center to reach these goals and I applaud our Team for their commitment and dedication the past several years.

Each year Leaders set new goals for our Strategic Roadmap. This fiscal year which began July 1, we continue to strive to serve more patients in our communities. The addition of same day appointments in the clinic, and our new pain and urology clinics help serve more patients. Dr. Kelsey Sukovaty has joined our Team and will continue providing Podiatry services every Monday and Tuesday at Greene County Medical Center. Our goal is to continue to bring specialty clinics that are appropriate to the Medical Center, allowing our patients to receive services locally.

Our Providers have initiatives this year to increase Colorectal Cancer screenings for our patients ages 50-75, to adequately control the blood pressure of our patients with hypertension, and to continue providing services and education about other necessary screenings to keep you and our communities healthy.

Thank you for choosing Greene County Medical Center and recommending us to your family and friends. Our entire Team is dedicated to your health and our commitment to be *Always Here, Always Caring* for future generations in Greene County and the surrounding area.



Chad Butterfield
Chief Executive Officer



Mark Wall
Chief Financial Officer



Susan Moore
Chief Nursing Officer



Dr. Laurie Connolly
Chief Medical Officer

PAIN CLINIC TESTIMONIALS

"The Pain Clinic found surgeons to fix my crushed disc, and now I go back to the Pain Clinic monthly for check-ins to see how I am doing, and continue my path to recovery. I benefited from the Pain Clinic and now I can stay in my own home."

- Robert Burnell
Jefferson, IA

"The Doctors at the Pain Clinic are very professional, very calm and caring. They take the time to listen and figure out where you are hurting. It has made a difference in my attitude, my quality of life, ability to sleep, and ability to concentrate at work. The Pain Clinic at the Medical Center has a lot to offer people to help with chronic pain, it is more than just pills and shots."

- Ann Erickson
Paton, IA

Greene County Medical
Center Foundation

Tree of Life

Remembrance Ceremony &
Dessert Reception

December 8, 2022 | 1:00 PM

Dessert tickets and Tree of Life
ornaments can be purchased in
remembrance or honor of loved
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