

MCGEHEE HOSPITAL AWARDED KING FOUNDATION GRANT

The Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation of Dallas, Texas, recently notified Terry Amstutz, McGehee Hospital President and CEO, that the hospital was awarded a \$35,000 grant. The grant supports Dr. Jamie Evans' management of the Rural Awareness Initiative (RAI). She will reach out to residents of the Southeast Arkansas-Delta area to increase their awareness of innovative healthcare services at McGehee, especially its Covid and Opioid programs.

The King Foundation has a philanthropic focus on the Arkansas Delta area. It holistically and rigorously evaluates its grant partners. In 2017, the foundation awarded a grant to McGehee Hospital to launch its highly successful Chronic Care Management (CCM) program. CCM provides monthly monitoring of individual treatment plans for patients living with multiple chronic conditions; 415 patients are currently benefitting from this program.

Rural Awareness Initiative (RAI)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, McGehee Hospital patient visits decreased by 52% with a corresponding 52% decrease in patient service and revenue. The RAI is focused on reconnecting the community with its hospital and family clinic. As a Medicare-Certified Critical Access Hospital, McGehee Hospital is on the frontier of community healthcare as the only provider of emergency, inpatient and family medicine clinic in southern Desha County and parts of its surrounding counties. Aging-in-place Seniors, and African American and Latina women will be the primary focus of this Initiative.

Dr. Jamie Evans will conduct Zoom and social media sessions, make community presentations, and build on the information in the new hospital website (mcgeeehospital.org) and its social media platform. She will focus on the innovative programs at McGehee, especially CCM, Visiting Specialists, Opioid outpatient therapy and Covid outpatient treatment. Schedule a time to have Dr. Evans connect with your organization by emailing her at jevans@mcgeeehospital.org or calling 1.870.222-6131.

Other Grants received in 2020

McGehee Hospital has received three 2020 grants totaling \$568,000. Joining the King Foundation as a donor, Blue & You Foundation supported expanding CCM to two teams to serve more patients. The U.S. Department of Agriculture provided funding for the replacement of boilers and eleven pieces of diagnostic equipment.

About the King Foundation

Carl B. and Florence E. King began their namesake foundation in 1966 after making their fortune in the oil industry. The Kings lived first in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and then Dallas, Texas. Mr. King died in 1967 and Mrs. King in 1983. While living in Tulsa, the Kings acquired a farm in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, which established an enduring love for the state. In 2009, the King

Foundation established new geographic guidelines that focused its grants on three regions: 32 counties in the Arkansas Delta and South Arkansas, five counties in North Texas, and 38 counties in West Texas. The foundation distributed \$3.3 million in grants in 2020 and ended the year with about \$90 million in assets. More information is available at www.kingfoundation.com.

A Brief History of McGehee Hospital

McGehee Hospital is a rural Critical Access facility. It has served the residents in McGehee, Desha County and portions of five adjoining Arkansas counties since 1965.

McGehee Hospital is supported financially by current and former residents. This is reflected in the community's significant investment in its own health care. 365 local and former residents donated \$2.2 million to the *Share the Pride* comprehensive fundraising campaign. The new McGehee Family Clinic, adjacent to McGehee Hospital, opened on July 29, 2017, is a direct result of that campaign.

Future growth of McGehee Hospital's scope of services includes:

1. Recruiting and retaining new primary care physicians and other supporting specialists.
2. Adding programs in Chronic Care Management, wellness, physical therapy, farm, outpatient drug treatment and occupational health training.
3. Offering treatment and reduction of chronic health conditions.
4. Improving emergency service, acute access service and internal medicine.
5. Acquiring new diagnostic and treatment equipment and
6. Providing programs and equipment for internal medicine, chronic disease therapy, and rural health care training.

The hospital's expansion plans reflect the changing needs and priorities of the community, where new health issues and demands for healthcare services have appeared and are being proactively addressed. McGehee Hospital offers “big city” healthcare right at home.