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WHAT'S INSIDE

Special Edition

**Reader's Choice-
Top 10 OMHS stories of 2010
(as voted by OMHS
employees)**

**"Write it on your heart that
every day is the best day in
the year."**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Ralph Waldo Emerson

#1 – OMHS is named 1 of only 16 in the nation



HealthGrades names OMHS Top 5% in Clinical Excellence, Patient Safety & Patient Experience

For the second year in a row OMHS received the distinguished Clinical Excellence award from HealthGrades. This year, however, the award was accompanied by the Patient Safety Excellence and Outstanding Patient Experience awards. The trifecta of honors from HealthGrades made the hospital one of only 16 in the nation to be given all three. So what do these awards mean for the patients?

They mean higher quality healthcare, lower mortality rates and better outcomes. Dr. Christopher Havelda with Green River Heart said in January an estimated 487 people are alive today that would not be if they gone somewhere else for their healthcare.



#2 – OMHS breaks ground on a new hospital



Thousands come out to celebrate the new home for quality care, scheduled to be completed in 2013

On a hot, summer day in June the community helped OMHS celebrate the groundbreaking for its new, state-of-the-art, hospital which is scheduled to open in 2013. Local leaders, OMHS employees and members of the community all came out to the construction site for a day filled with activities, food and the groundbreaking ceremony. The event started with a 2.3 mile walk run from the old hospital to the site of the new hospital.



Now steel is going up at the site and Merrill Bowers, project manager with Turner Construction says millions of dollars in contracts have been awarded for work on the new hospital.



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Upcoming Events at OMHS

January 13th

New Hospital Employee Campaign Kickoff

Get your team together. The kickoff will be held in the Conference Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A relay race will be held. Details coming soon.

Do you have an OMHS related event you'd like to share in Extra? Send it to stuart.peck@omhs.org and we'll include it in the 'Upcoming Events' section!

#3 – New NICU opens its doors at OMHS



Now some babies with complications can stay closer to home, closer to their families

A partnership with the University of Louisville and Kosair Children's Hospital made a major expansion of the neonatal intensive care services at OMHS possible. The opening of a new NICU at the hospital also meant family wouldn't need to travel to Louisville, Evansville or further after the birth of their

child if the baby has complications. The new NICU opened at the beginning of 2010 and now as the year comes to a close that same NICU is in expansion mode again because of the need for more beds.



#4 – OMHS employees volunteer in Haiti after devastating earthquake



7.2 magnitude earthquake left Port-au-Prince in ruins, thousands in need of medical treatment

When the earthquake hit Haiti early in 2010 aid from all over the world started pouring into the small island nation in the Caribbean. Some of the aid that arrived came from right here in Owensboro, that help included several hospital employees who

donated their time, taking vacation to volunteer in Haiti. The team spent most of their time at St. Damien Hospital and saw hundreds of patients while there. It was one of the many examples of how OMHS and its employees manage to touch lives around the world.



#5 – OCRP receives \$4.5 million for research



The grants were from the Helmsley Charitable Trust and 'Bucks for Brains' program

At a news conference held in mid-August the Owensboro Cancer Research Program in conjunction with the University of Louisville announced a major grant for cancer research in Owensboro. A grant, made possible by the

Helmsley Charitable Trust and 'Bucks for Brains', gave OCRP 4.5 million dollars to further research on the campus of OMHS. The funding will help the continued growth of the bio-tech sector in the region and provided funds for an endowed chair in the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center where OCRP is housed.



#6 – OMHS Volunteer Auxiliary donates \$750,000 to new hospital

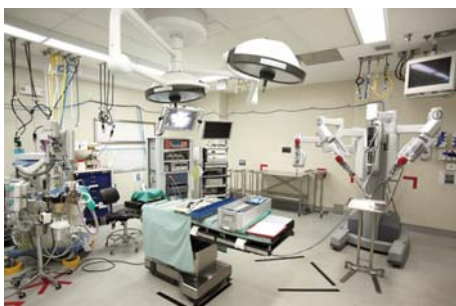


Money will go toward a chapel and courtyard at the new hospital

In March the Volunteer Auxiliary at OMHS made a big announcement and gave the hospital and Foundation For Health an even bigger check. The group, made up of hospital volunteers, voted to donate \$750,000 dollars toward the construction of a chapel and courtyard outside the new hospital. The Volunteer Auxiliary Board voted unanimously to make the donation to the new hospital. The gift shop at the hospital is one of the primary sources for fundraising for the group.



#7 – OMHS performs 500th da Vinci® surgery



Hospital adds second robot in 2010

A major milestone in minimally invasive surgery came to pass in September of 2010. The 500th da Vinci® surgery at OMHS was completed just a little over a year after the hospital purchased its first da Vinci® surgical system. The first robot arrived at OMHS in July 2009 and in August 2010 the hospital added a second system.

The da Vinci® provides surgeons with a minimally invasive tool that provides less scarring and faster recovery time for patients.



#8 – OMHS receives breast center accreditation



Accreditation is one of the hospital's organizational goals

In November the hospital received a three year full accreditation designation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. The program is administered by the American College of Surgeons and according to Vanessa Sorrels, supervisor of the cancer registry, this accreditation demonstrates to patients that they are going to get the best care. The accreditation was nearly a year long process.



HIP 2011

If you complete your screening during January, your name will go into a drawing for a great prize. One prize will be drawn each day of the screening.

Go to Lawson and register for your screening date and time to reserve your spot. Please reserve only one date and time so everyone has a chance to enter. If you have questions you can contact Nancy Velotta at 688-4881.

HIP screenings will be held at the Breckenridge Medical Office Building on the 2nd floor across from the Women's Pavilion in January and February. All screenings will be held in the Ford Medical Office Building suite 201 during March.

All HIP participants will need to fast 10 to 12 hours before their screening.

#9 – Family Care Unit opens & TCC expands



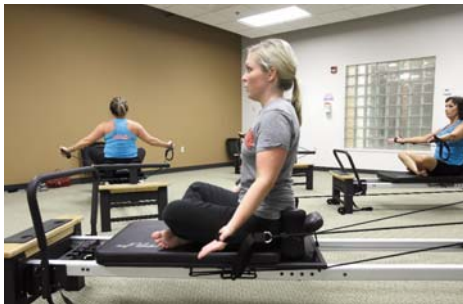
New unit combined Pediatrics and Women's Surgical Care Unit

Over the summer months at OMHS several changes were made to the fourth floor of the hospital. Two units combined to create one and another expanded, giving all its patients private rooms. Pediatrics and the Women's Surgical Care Unit became the new Family Care Unit,

moving to the newly renovated 6th floor of the hospital. Once the Family Care Unit moved, the Transitional Care Center expanded into the space and made all its rooms private.



#10 – HealthPark 3rd floor expansion



The new area provides space for aerobics classes and group personal training sessions

It's something staff at the HealthPark have been talking about since the facility opened in 1998. With the growth in popularity the HealthPark has seen, space for classes was a hot commodity. In 2010 the facility opened its brand new area

on the third floor which includes an aerobics, Kinesis training and Pilates Reformer studios.

*From all of us
to all of you
Happy New Year!*

Honorable mentions

Epic team formed – OMHS staff is currently working to roll out a brand new Electronic Medical Records system. Over 70 OMHS employees have joined the implementation team. Nearly one-third of US physicians use or will soon implement Epic. That will account for 80 million patient charts across the country.

Get Movin' 2011 community challenge begins in January – Over 1,400 people stepped up to the challenge and registered for the Get Movin' 2011 challenge. The challenge kicks off in January and runs through the end of March. Over 200 teams are represented in the Owensboro-Daviess County region. The idea behind the community wide competition is to encourage people to live healthy lives through exercise.

Community Benefit program donates thousands in 2010 – OMHS' Community Benefit program is meant to help fund organizations in the area who are working to further the health of local communities. This year the program awarded over \$450,000.

Non-profit organizations that provide plans for specific programs and services addressing identified community health needs may apply for grant funding. You can go onto www.omhs.org for more information about the grant process.