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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ROPER ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION

WINTER/SPRING 2010

THE MEDITATION GARDEN WALL: *A Unique Opportunity for Donors*

Inspired by the majestic oaks gracing the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital campus, the Meditation Garden is a natural cathedral, a place of refuge and reflection.

Guests enter the Garden through a stone wall constructed of Red Desert Flagstone. As an homage to the philanthropic support that made the Garden possible, donors can help preserve and sustain this unique place of healing by donating a stone on the entrance wall—a lasting opportunity to honor a loved one while supporting the mission of Roper St. Francis. Stones are available in a variety of sizes and prices, and may be inscribed with a personal message.

Our hope is that patients, caregivers and visitors will find healing and renewal amidst nature's beauty and that this space will be a peaceful haven, where strength and hope blossom. The Garden reflects Roper St. Francis's commitment to caring for mind, body and spirit and to our mission of *Healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence.*

For more information about how to become involved with the Meditation Garden or to learn more about the entrance wall, please contact the Roper St. Francis Foundation at (843) 720-1205.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS!

The Roper St. Francis Foundation is pleased to announce that Timothy and Pearl Ascue, Jake and Margaret Bigham, John S. Buxton, Theodore Hostetter and Amanda Maybank recently joined the Board of Visitors, a volunteer leadership group of advocates for the Foundation and Roper Xavier Society.

For information about joining the Board of Visitors, call Liza Turcotte, Director of Annual Giving at (843) 789-1616.

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Save the Date

FOR THE SPIRIT OF CARING GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 11, 2010

RALSTON CREEK COURSE DANIEL ISLAND

The Spirit of Caring Golf Tournament event has raised over \$85,000 to help address the national nursing shortage and minimize its impact on our local community by offering scholarships to students pursuing degrees in nursing, as well as to professional nurses wishing to achieve advanced degrees.

For information about event sponsorship or team registration, please contact Joan Wherley at (843) 724-2193.



Visit www.rsfh.com or www.rsfhfoundation.org and look for this button to donate easily and securely to the Roper St. Francis Foundation.

Donate to the Foundation Online!

In September, Roper St. Francis Healthcare unveiled a new dynamic, content-driven website that offers a wealth of health information, resources and support for patients and the community. The new site, www.rsfh.com, offers a more interactive user experience, is easier to navigate and hosts a variety of tools for anyone with questions related to health and wellness.

In conjunction with this launch, the Roper St. Francis Foundation (now at www.rsfhfoundation.org) upgraded its web pages as well, including improved online donation capabilities. Donors may now make monthly recurring gifts in addition to one-time donations with a credit card.

Will Your Company Match Your Donation?

Make the most of your gift to the Roper St. Francis Foundation! If you or your spouse work for a company that matches employees' charitable gifts, it is very easy to help us maximize your generosity. Because every company has individual guidelines and policies that govern its matching gift programs, the process by which you can double or even triple your gift will vary. Make sure, however, that you alert us when you begin the process so we know who should receive extra thanks when the matching gift arrives.



ROPER XAVIER SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP OPEN FOR 2010 ROPER XAVIER SOCIETY!

Founded in 2005, the Rx Society is the philanthropic society of the Roper St. Francis Foundation. Since the Society's inception, its members have donated over \$23 million to strengthen our mission: *Healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence.*

The Rx Society has shown an impressive record of accomplishment with fundraising initiatives for projects including:

Mount Pleasant Hospital, a new, full-service hospital located along Highway 17 North adjacent to Wando High School. Patients will be seen beginning November 2010 at the new facility, which will offer 24-hour emergency services, acute care beds and an advanced Women's Pavilion.

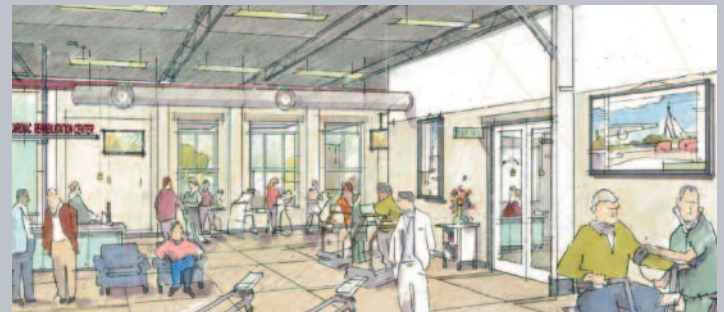


Philanthropy will play a significant role for the **Roper St. Francis Cancer Center.** A new outpatient cancer center is being constructed on the Bon Secours St. Francis campus. Unified treatment, convenience, highly-trained doctors and access to up-to-the-minute technology will combine to create earlier detection and less invasive elimination of tumors. At Roper Hospital, capital improvements to the cancer treatment area and the radiation therapy technology will create the most patient-friendly facility we can provide.



Nursing Scholarships

provide financial assistance for those pursuing a career or advanced degree in nursing. The program is open to anyone who has been accepted to nursing school and to any current Roper St. Francis employee.

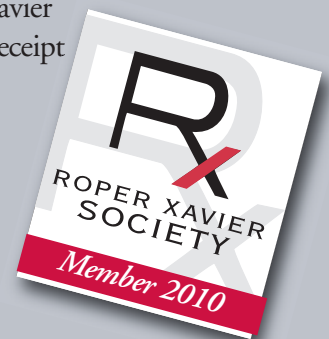


Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness at Roper Hospital

will feature top-of-the-line exercise and monitoring equipment, as well as space for yoga and healthy cooking classes. Other therapy sessions will be included in this project to ensure cardiac patients have the resources they need to recover quickly.

Those who join the 2010 Roper Xavier Society will receive with their gift receipt two car decals available only to members of the Rx Society.

Membership in the 2010 Roper Xavier Society is now open! Visit the Foundation at www.rsfhfoundation.org to join the Rx Society!





THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE FOR THE TRI-COUNTY

The Roper St. Francis Foundation has received a \$635,121 grant from The Duke Endowment to support Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center's Lowcountry Psychiatric Urgent Care Clinic Expansion Project. With this support, the Psychiatric Urgent Care Clinic will be able to offer its services to patients who currently have limited or no access to mental healthcare.

The Endowment grant, to be awarded over three years, will be used to make the mental health urgent care clinic available to patients on weekends

and to add new services through a mobile unit that reaches rural areas and links to an innovative state-wide telepsychiatric consultation system. "The need for this grant truly is community wide," said Wanda Brockmeyer, Director of Emergency Services at Roper St. Francis Healthcare. "We see it here at Roper St. Francis with increasing numbers of mental health patients in our Emergency Departments desperate for care. With this grant, we hope to help these patients before they reach the crisis mode, improving their care and alleviating the strain on our ED staffs

and resources." The grant project will also incorporate marketing efforts that will help raise awareness of the availability of these services—from those who desperately need help to the emergency responders who provide their care.

The Duke Endowment, based in Charlotte, N.C., seeks to fulfill the legacy of James B. Duke by enriching lives and communities in the Carolinas through higher education, healthcare, rural churches and children's services. Since its inception in 1924, the Endowment has awarded more than \$2.6 billion in grants.

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