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Senior Care Project Set to Begin in Spring 2023

Story Medical has long been viewed as a leader in the provision of Senior Care in Nevada and beyond. That commitment to serving older adults with comprehensive residential care is set to grow significantly with the construction of a new facility adjacent to the Medical Center on its South Campus.

“We have a rich legacy of offering high quality, compassionate long-term care,” says Story Medical CEO Nate Thompson. “Our North Campus Senior Care facility has served this community well over the years, but the time has come to replace it. Our new facility will provide convenient care coordination for residents, provide individual rooms, and provide a space that looks like, and feels more like home.”

The new Senior Care facility will enhance overall efficiency at Story Medical by combining Nevada operations onto one campus, while allowing for shared services to be easily leveraged to support Senior Care, the hospital and clinics. While important, those benefits are secondary to what the new facility will provide residents.

“We want this to be home for our residents,” says Ashley Wilson, Director of Nursing at Senior Care. “What better way to offer residents a home-like feel than by offering individual rooms where they can decorate with the memories that bring them joy, and have the convenience

and privacy of simple touches like having their own bathroom within their personal space? That is priceless.”

The new 59,000 square foot facility will be located immediately adjacent to the Medical Center. It is designed to provide 60 spacious private units, inviting porch entries, family gathering spaces, gardens for each house, a conference room, a therapy room and more.

The design of the facility itself allows for the implementation of best practice workflows and facilitates more direct interaction between staff and residents. In all respects, the new Senior Care facility will help residents to live their life to the fullest in a place they can call home.

Story County Medical Center has provided Senior Care services since 1969. As the population in Story County continues to age, and the demand for 24-hour elder care delivered in a facility with private rooms increases, Thompson says “the timing is right.”

The project is being funded through a low interest direct loan as part of the USDA’s Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program. The program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas.

Groundbreaking for the new project is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2023, with opening targeted for late 2024.

For more information on comprehensive Senior Care services delivered by Story Medical, visit storymedical.org/seniorcare



Gift in Memory of Husband Offers Families Convenience

As John McGuire battled a series of health conditions in recent years, he and wife, Brenda, were regular visitors to the Story Medical Emergency Department. The couple often found themselves in the familiar surroundings, receiving necessary treatment delivered by staff who were intent on ensuring they were as comfortable as possible.

Brenda was so impressed with the care and compassion shown by the staff at Story Medical that when John passed away, she wanted to make a gift that would enhance comfort for families in stressful situations at the Medical Center.

Recalling an experience where she arrived with her smartphone battery nearly depleted and no charging cord, Brenda and her children decided to provide funds to purchase a secure charging station to be located in the hallway that connects the Emergency Department and the Inpatient Unit.

"Families need all the help they

can get," Brenda says. "When you are making a visit to the ER, you don't have time to think to grab a charging cord. So as you are trying to make phone calls, sometimes your battery begins to run low. We wanted to reduce the worry for those in that situation."



John McGuire

The charging station is mounted on the wall and offers six secure, password protected charging ports. In addition to the McGuire family, Woodruff Construction and Ames Ford Lincoln contributed to the purchase.

Brenda says she and her children are humbled to know they are helping families and proud to give back to an organization that has given them so much over the years.

"So many times when people have to use the Emergency Department, they walk in and they are terrified," Brenda says. "This ensures that they will have the comfort of knowing they can communicate with their loved ones while they are here. We are happy to support Story Medical and its patients."

Around Story Medical



Maxwell Clinic Marks One Year Anniversary

The care team at Story Medical Clinic - Maxwell celebrated one year in its expanded and remodeled building on September 27.

"This is a true testament to our commitment to serving the people of Maxwell and the surrounding communities," says Michelle Jans, PA-C, who serves patients at the clinic. "In an era where small town clinics like ours are disappearing, we are thriving. Our expanded clinic offers us the opportunity to serve more patients locally than we ever have before. We love it and our patients tell us they do too."

The Maxwell Clinic is located at 403 1st Street and is accepting new patients. Call (515) 387-8815 to schedule.

New Provider Offers Mental Health Services

Daniel Bench, MSN, PMHNP-BC of Central Iowa Psychological Services (CIPS) serves patients at Story Medical Clinic in Nevada.



CIPS is a unique group of psychologists, mental health counselors, psychiatric nurse practitioners, marital and family therapists, and social workers who deliver mental health care across the region.

As a referral partner, CIPS providers will work closely with Story Medical nursing staff and care teams to provide patients with consultation, diagnosis, and treatment plans. Bench will provide services—including medication management—in person and via telemedicine.

CIPS offers a wide array of services, including care for depression and anxiety, couples and family counseling, older adult services, child and adolescent counseling, medication management, addiction care, psychological evaluations and more.

To learn more about making a gift in memory of a loved one, call Loni Pringnitz at (515) 382-7711.

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Family of John McGuire makes memorial gift to provide convenience for families.

MAXWELL MARKS FIRST YEAR

The expanded and remodeled Maxwell Clinic celebrates its first anniversary.

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