Partnering for Children

Collaboration Elevates Pediatric Care, Improves Access to Specialists
Expansion Project Under Way

Biggest Project in 20 Years will add Critical Space

St. Tammany Parish Hospital’s biggest expansion project in almost 20 years is underway as 2019 begins.

About 100 hospital, business and community leaders attended the Nov. 27 groundbreaking for the $53.4 million second phase of an overall three-year master facilities expansion project.

Prompted by rising community demand for services, this two-year phase will set into motion a series of construction phases to complete STPH’s transition from semi-private to all-private rooms while adding much-needed space for surgery, critical care, obstetrics and other services.

“This project is important to our community,” said hospital CEO Joan Coffman. “We’re grateful to be able to keep pace with obstetrics and other services.

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Renovation in the existing hospital will follow the new building construction. This third phase of the project will improve space and introduce new technology for obstetrics and the hospital’s Level III neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

The overall project is scheduled for completion in 2020.

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The project is designed to support the hospital’s growth during the next five to 15 years. Its highest-profile element is a 160,000-square-foot building that will require 18 months for contractor Milton J. Womack of Baton Rouge to complete. Its first phase was to develop sufficient parking at the periphery of the main campus to allow for the new building construction.

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“We’ve seen tremendous growth as a result of the partnership,” Coffman said. “The expansion will accommodate the additional demand created by improved access to specialists.”

Market analysis also shows that more community physicians on the Northshore are using STPH, which already runs at 85 percent capacity most of the time, said Sharon Toups, chief operating officer.

“The need to grow is well established,” Toups said.

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The devices also enhance patient safety by allowing nurses to administer medication with the help of barcodes and easily share information about patient fall risks and allergies, explained Sharon Toups, STPH chief operating officer.

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Enhancing Care through World-Class Technology

State-Of-The-Art Devices to Benefit Patients, Caregivers

ST. Tammany Hospital Foundation has kicked off a two-year, $300,000 initiative to help equip the 160,000-square-foot addition now under construction with next-level technology to enhance patient care, comfort and safety.

STH Foundation’s Expansion Initiative aims to outfit the new building with technology for use by both care providers and patients once the project is complete in 2020.

“This technology is in step with the need to provide world-class care in our growing community,” said Greg Pellegrini, chairman of the STH Foundation Board of Trustees. “These are important investments for quality of care.”

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The role of the arts in promoting healing and well-being at St. Tammany Parish Hospital will be highlighted in a series of short videos being produced by the state of Louisiana’s Division of the Arts.

The state Department of Cultural Development’s videos will examine the purpose and expression of the Healing Arts Initiative at STPH and its evolution into a core element of the hospital’s healthcare-delivery model.

“We’re being told we are one of few hospitals in the U.S. that use art in this way and to this extent,” said Nicole Suhre, executive director of the STH Foundation. “This is a chance to showcase our leadership in this area.”

The Louisiana Division of the Arts video-production team recently toured the STPH campus for up-close views of paintings, fountains, lighting, gardens and other healing arts installations.

The production team completed interviews with select hospital administrators, employees and caregivers. STH Foundation Board of Trustees member, Healing Arts Initiative committee chairman and former nurse Mary Lee talked about the role of art in promoting healing.

The team also spoke to Bill Stewart, a Covington artist and military veteran who participated in a recent Healing Arts exhibit. Stewart credits teaching himself to paint with his left hand as essential to his recovery from a stroke that cost him the use of his right hand.

The videos on the STH Foundation’s 14-year-old initiative will be shared with Louisiana health leaders as well as the National Endowment of the Arts as an example of art’s role in healthcare.

St. Tammany Parish Hospital will expand pediatric services in early 2019 with the opening of a new pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) and new round-the-clock hours of operation of its pediatric emergency department.

The opening of the PICU in 2019 means children who need higher-acuity care will be able to remain close to home.

“Our mission is providing world-class healthcare close to home, and that mission includes pediatrics,” said Kerry Milton, chief nursing officer at STPH.

Opening the PICU and launching 24-hour pediatric emergency care are examples of steady growth in pediatric services for STPH in recent years.

Earlier expansions include the 2016 opening of the pediatric emergency department and separate pediatric waiting area as well as a pediatric-specialty clinic through partner Ochsner Health System.

Ochsner played an important role in the latest expansion of pediatric services at STPH by providing specialized caregiver training and other support tied to the new PICU.

As with past expansions, the opening of the PICU will ease the burden of Northshore families who previously had to travel out of the area to get care for their children, said Cindy Ingram, director of Women and Children’s Services.

“It’s a burden on families to have to drive out of the area to get care for their child,” Ingram said. “Offering care close to home eases that burden, and it is especially important for families that have multiple children.”

The more intensive care provided to children in the PICU includes continuous cardiac monitoring. The new unit will be equipped to care for a wide range of pediatric patients age 18 or under, including patients who rely on ventilators.

The new round-the-clock hours of operation at STPH’s pediatric emergency department are similarly designed to make it easier for Northshore families to get specialized care for their children. The 24/7, 365-day schedule also will be put in place in the first quarter of 2019.

“Families want access to specialized pediatric emergency care regardless of the time of day,” Ingram said. “You never know when you will need it.”
A look back at the first months of four-year-old Celia Lewko’s life perfectly illustrates the value of partnership between St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Ochsner Health System. The collaboration, also four years old, improves lives for Northshore families through expanded access to specialists and collaboration on growth to meet the needs of the community.

Celia weighed two pounds, 10 ounces when she was born at STPH in December 2014. She was delivered by C-section at 28 weeks’ gestation after her mother, Shannon Lewko, experienced placental abruption, a condition that puts mother and baby at risk.

Celia’s physicians soon discovered a gap between her aorta and pulmonary artery, a dangerous condition that puts stress on the heart and in her case required surgery. The diagnosis of PDA began weeks of close collaboration between neonatal specialists at STPH and Ochsner’s main campus in New Orleans.

The teamwork involved transporting Celia to Ochsner Medical Center for pediatric heart surgery just one month after she was born, then transport back to STPH after she stabilized from the procedure. STPH’s Level III neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) enabled Celia to recover close to her family’s home in Bush.

“The partnership benefits include weekly, biweekly and monthly clinics to provide Northshore families with access to Ochsner specialists close to home, noted Cindy Ingram, STPH director of women and children’s services. These pediatric specialties include cardiology, general surgery, gastroenterology, pulmonology, endocrinology and orthopedics.

Along with our strong network of community pediatricians, STPH’s own pediatric orthopedist and clinic, plus the hospital’s pediatric emergency department, the Ochsner pediatric specialty clinic truly elevates children’s care in west St. Tammany,” Ingram said. “Our patients now have access to a large number of pediatric specialists. In the past, families typically had to drive out of the area to see those specialists.”

Additionally, STPH’s pediatric and neonatal intensive care units now have round-the-clock access to Ochsner pediatric cardiologists via telemedicine.

“The technology allows echocardiogram technicians at STPH to scan babies’ hearts while interacting in real time with pediatric cardiologists at Ochsner in New Orleans, as the physicians examine the infants’ hearts and provide instruction to the technicians,” Ingram explained. “That’s another separate benefit of the partnership,” Ingram said.

More recently, Ochsner provided specialized training to STPH nurses who will care for children in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) that will open this winter.

“We want to make it as easy as possible for families to get the care they need for their children close to home,” Ingram said. “The partnership helps us do that.” Shannon Lewko hasn’t forgotten her relief at having Celia in STPH NICU for the final weeks of her hospitalization after driving to New Orleans from Bush for weeks after her daughter’s birth. “Having her close to home was a big deal to me,” Shannon Lewko recalled.

Meanwhile, Celia is thriving. She has caught up developmentally, loves cats, dogs, bedtime books and shadowing her older sister. These days, she is also enjoying the role of big sister to a toddler brother.

“She’s a talker with an elaborate vocabulary,” Shannon Lewko said. “She’s also a social butterfly.”
The Gift of Sweet Music

Bogalusa Retiree Plays Thursdays in STPH Lobby

It takes something big to keep Charles W. Magee from his Thursday sessions at the keys of the piano in the St. Tammany Parish Hospital lobby.

Magee has missed once for a funeral since he began playing the piano with the “a sweet, sweet tone” in 2017. He missed another session for a trip to the Smokey Mountains with his wife, Becky, who reads or visits with listeners while the 79-year-old Bogalusa retiree plays from 2 to 4 p.m. after the couple completes appointments with physicians or runs errands in Covington.

Turns out, recovering from heart surgery wasn’t big enough for the volunteer pianist who worked 35 years at the box factory in Bogalusa to miss a chance to play. In May of 2018, Magee had five blockages cleared from his arteries by STPH’s cardiology team. Three days after his Monday surgery, Magee pulled on pajamas, rolled from his hospital room to the first-floor lobby in a wheelchair and spun out four songs. He was back to his standard two-hour schedule by the following week.

“I do it for the smiles,” said Magee, who took piano lessons as a child but mostly plays by memory. He knows hundreds of songs—tunes by Elvis and The Platters are favorites—and brings a folder of song titles with him so listeners can look it over and make requests.

“I feel blessed to be able to do it,” said Magee.

STPH inpatient physical therapist Jeff Salsiccia likes to walk with his patients around the hospital campus during sessions to improve their strength. He recognized an opportunity when he first heard Magee play in 2017.

The men struck up what amounts to an informal partnership after that first meeting in the lobby. Each week, Salsiccia calls Magee to double check that he will play that Thursday. The therapist then tells his patients about the music to see if they are interested in going to listen Thursday afternoon.

Getting patients the 500-or-so feet from the second-floor rehabilitation unit to the lobby takes careful coordination with nurses, physical therapy technicians and occupational therapists in part because patients can’t be left alone in the lobby at any time. Patients who have heard Magee the week before often tell Salsiccia to save them a spot the next Thursday.

“It takes some arranging to get patients there, but music is a powerful healing force and a mood lifter, and the patients love it,” said Salsiccia, who has managed to bring as many as six patients at a time to the lobby to hear Magee.

Salsiccia’s patients aren’t just there to listen. He encourages them to stand, dance in place or move around the lobby with walkers or canes as the music plays. Effective rehabilitation, Salsiccia explained, can happen many different places.

“We’re literally doing therapy as we listen to him play,” Salsiccia said.

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The 2019 Gurney Games and Get Lucky! Golf Tournament will benefit St. Tammany Hospital Foundation’s Expansion Initiative to equip the hospital addition now under construction with new state-of-the-art technology to enhance patient care.

This year’s popular Gurney Games will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Covington Trailhead.

Sponsored by fl+WB Architects, Gurney Games features costumed teams competing for the fastest time and other awards as they parade and race decorated gurneys through a fun-filled obstacle course. Spectators will also enjoy music, food, beverages and kids’ activities in a festival-style atmosphere.

The STH Foundation’s 2019 Get Lucky! Golf Tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18 at Money Hill Golf & Country Club in Abita Springs.

Presented by Refreshment Solutions, registration for the eighth annual Get Lucky! event begins at 11:30 a.m. Sponsorship opportunities for Gurney Games and the Get Lucky! Golf Tournament are now available. Additional information is available by contacting Melanie Rudolph at 985-898-4141 or mrudolph@stph.org.
OUR MISSION
A full-service acute care facility committed to providing world-class healthcare and the latest technology, St. Tammany Parish Hospital delivers today’s life-improving procedures with the utmost care to area residents with emphasis on wellness, preventive care and disease management close to home. STPH is recognized for quality, safety and the patient experience by CareChex, Leapfrog, Healthgrades, Hospital Compare, Women’s Choice and US News & World Report. St. Tammany Parish Hospital is an independent service district in a clinically integrated partnership with Ochsner Health System. Together, the two organizations focus on aligning their healthcare offerings to best serve patients and families in west St. Tammany and surrounding areas. Under their agreement, the two organizations retain their autonomy; neither partner manages nor owns the other. STPH is a self-supporting not-for-profit community hospital; it receives no tax funding. Learn more at stph.org.

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As the Northshore’s community health network, St. Tammany Parish Hospital hosts events, meetings and opportunities for you to improve and maintain your physical and emotional well-being. We’ve provided a short sample of the many upcoming events below. Please check the calendar on stph.org or additional learning opportunities for individuals of all ages.

**Upcoming Events**

**Gurney Games**
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Noon – 5 p.m.
City of Covington Trailhead
stph.org/gurneygames
985-898-4141

**Boot Camp for New Dads**
SATURDAY, MARCH 16
9 a.m. – Noon
STPH Madisonville Room

**National Doctors’ Day**
SATURDAY, MARCH 30
Celebrate National Doctors’ Day by honoring your physician with a donation to the foundation.
sthfoundation.org/doctorsday
985-898-4174

**Get Lucky! Golf Tournament**
THURSDAY, APRIL 18
Money Hill Country Club & Golf Course
stthfoundation.org/golf
985-898-4141

**Save the Date**

**THE Gala: Step into Paradise**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Transport yourself to paradise and join us at THE Gala, an unforgettable evening benefiting local cancer care in one healing place - St. Tammany Cancer Center—where nationally ranked leaders, St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and Ochsner, are fighting to beat cancer.
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