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Jones Regional Medical Center

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UnityPoint Health®- Jones Regional Medical Center Named Top 20 Critical Access Hospital in America

UnityPoint Health - Jones Regional Medical Center (JRMC) has been recognized as one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). This recognition places JRMC in the top 1.5% of all 1,353 critical access hospitals nationwide and highlights JRMC's ongoing commitment to delivering exceptional, patient-centered care.

The Top 20 designation is based on the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX, which evaluates hospitals on eight key performance areas: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and finance. The hospitals selected were part of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospital list released earlier this year by the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

"We are humbled and honored to be recognized among the top 20 critical access hospitals in the nation. This award is a tribute to our incredible providers and dedicated team members who serve our community with compassion and excellence every day," said Eric Briesemeister, JRMC CEO.

Critical access hospitals like JRMC are essential to ensuring access to care in rural communities. In addition to celebrating this recognition, JRMC continues to invest in its future with ongoing facility enhancements, including a new pharmacy drive-thru and a \$5 million expansion project to bring in-house MRI services to the hospital.



FROM THE CEO We'll Figure This Out, Together, Just Like We Always Do



Eric Briesemeister, CEO

Hi everyone. I hope this fall season is treating you well. I usually focus on our services and the great things we have going on, but, based on the number of calls and questions I've received over the past few weeks, I thought I'd talk about the impact of the Big Beautiful Bill funding cuts on Jones Regional and how we'll respond to that challenge.

For those who don't know, the newly passed Big Beautiful Bill will mostly impact hospitals through funding cuts and reduced eligibility to the State/Federal program (Medicaid) that provides health coverage for low-income individuals and families. Like every hospital in the nation, Jones Regional will feel the pinch. But challenges aren't new to Jones Regional or the great communities we serve. Whether it's financial hurdles like this one or helping our neighbors clean up after the derecho, we've always found a way through.

We didn't become a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital by luck. We got here by rolling up our sleeves, getting creative, and keeping our eyes on what matters most: taking care of each other. Around here, when there's a problem, we don't throw up our hands-we get to work. This challenge is no different. Thankfully, we've got a little breathing room. The cuts don't kick in for another two years, which gives us time to plan, prepare, and make smart choices. That's a gift, and we'll use it well.

One thing I want you to know: Jones Regional isn't going anywhere. We've been here through thick and thin, and we'll keep being here-day in and day out-when you need us most.

And here's where we could use your help. Keep telling your family, friends, and neighbors why keeping care local matters. Share your stories about how Jones Regional has touched your life. Every visit, every kind word, and every bit of trust you place in us makes us stronger.

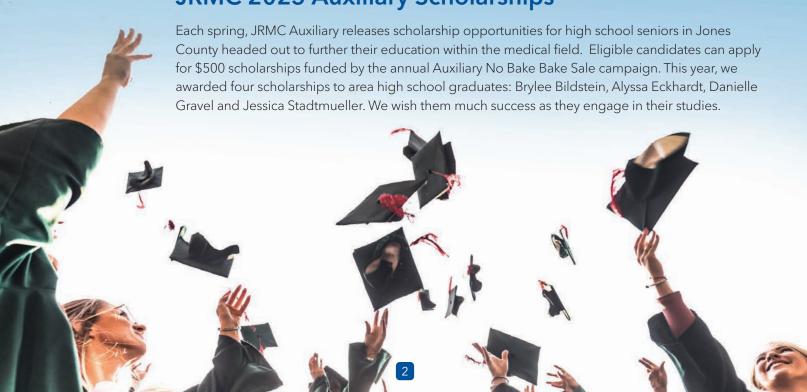
We're all in this together, and together we'll make sure Jones Regional stays strong for generations to come. That's just how we do things around here.

Yours in Service,

Eric Briesemeister

Eric Briesemeister, CEO

JRMC 2025 Auxiliary Scholarships



JRMC Auxiliary - Annual Meeting & Fellowship

Earlier this year, the JRMC Auxiliary held its annual meeting at the scenic Lubben Vineyards & Wines, welcoming members and guests for an afternoon of updates and connection. The event included a tour led by Judy Lubben and featured key updates from both the Auxiliary and hospital leadership.

Auxiliary President Deanna Butterworth spoke passionately about the group's mission to support Jones Regional Medical Center through fundraising, service, and advocacy. She emphasized the vital role Auxiliary members play in enhancing patient experiences, supporting staff, and

helping fund meaningful improvements throughout the hospital and rural clinics.

Deanna also challenged attendees to think about who wasn't in the room, encouraging them to reach out and invite others to get involved. The continued success of the JRMC Auxiliary depends on active, engaged members who care about making a difference close to home.

The JRMC Auxiliary board meets monthly with a focus on impactful fundraising and strategic support for hospital needs.

To learn more or get involved, contact the JRMC Foundation at (319) 481-6118.



Deanna Butterworth



New Drive Thru Pharmacy Window Made Possible

by Donor Contribution

Jones Regional Medical Center is proud to announce the opening of its new drive-thru pharmacy window, a convenient addition designed to better serve patients and community members. This exciting expansion of our pharmacy services was made possible through the generous donation from the Randy and Nancy Kuehl family, whose support will make a lasting impact on local healthcare.

Located on the west side of the hospital campus, just off the wall of Anamosa Family

Medicine, the drive-thru window offers patients an accessible option for picking up prescriptions - especially important for those with illness, limited mobility, inclement weather conditions, or busy schedules.

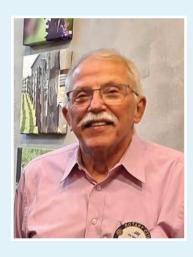
"Convenience is key when it comes to healthcare, and this new drive-thru option helps remove barriers for our patients," said JRMC Foundation Director Amy Keltner. "We are incredibly grateful to Randy and Nancy Kuehl for making



this addition possible and for their dedication to improving health care services close to home."

The new window is open during regular pharmacy hours and is available for all patients who use the JRMC pharmacy. Whether you are leaving an appointment, managing a chronic condition, or simply need a refill, the drive-thru aims to make the experience smooth and efficient.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Jay Willems

The Jones Regional Medical Center Foundation Board is made up of ten amazing community members who have a passion for the continued success of JRMC Foundation. Let's get to know our current President, Jay Willems!

- 1 What is one thing most people don't know about you? I am very shy.
- 2 If you could have dinner with any historical figure, who would it be and why? Franklin Roosevelt to discuss how he managed the Depression Era and WWII.
- 3 If you could instantly master a new skill, what would it be? Computer Expert.
- What was your first job?
 I grew up on a farm all types of farmwork.
- 5 What is something on your bucket list you still hope to check off? Seeing the LA Dodgers play in Chavez Ravine (their home stadium).
- 6 What is your favorite local restaurant or hidden gem in the area? Whitey's in Lisbon.
- What is your favorite way to spend the weekend? With family.
- 8 Coffee or tea and how do you take it? Coffee - black.
- 9 If you weren't in your current profession, what would you be doing? Stock Analyst.
- What motivated you to join the JRMC Foundation Board?
 Community service is important!

Newest Expansion plan for JRMC – MRI Services Suite

MRI expansion progress is going strong! If you're driving by Jones Regional Medical Center you've surely noticed the many piles of supplies in the east parking lot, the multiple pieces of construction equipment, and inside you'll even find workers in hard hats moving from area to area ensuring the timeline remains. The MRI Suite is set to open for patients in January 2026. The Foundation is proud to support this project with the help of our community.

If you would like to learn more about how to support JRMC and the MRI expansion, please call our Foundation at (319) 481-6118.



Guardian Angel Program Shines Spotlight on Remarkable Team Members

Frequently, we receive heartfelt accounts from patients and visitors about the exceptional care they experience at Jones Regional Medical Center and our neighboring rural clinics. These narratives often center around acts of care and compassion, featuring employees from various departments such as Housekeeping, Nursing, Patient Access, and more. The positive impact created by these dedicated individuals resonates deeply with those they interact with, prompting patients and visitors to inquire about additional ways to express their gratitude. This is where our Guardian Angel Program steps in. Specifically designed to acknowledge and appreciate JRMC employees who go above and beyond in making a meaningful difference in the lives of our community, this program aims to provide positive recognition.

Recipients of this recognition are pleasantly surprised with a note of thanks while on duty. Additionally, they receive a special golden pin adorned with a Guardian Angel, which they can proudly display on their name badge. The presentation of these awards is typically done as a surprise while the employee is on duty, creating a celebratory atmosphere with their family and colleagues from across the hospital gathering to join in the well-deserved recognition.

Congratulations to our most recent Guardian Angel awardees: Beth Alger, Molly Clemens, Mackenzie Ehrisman, Katie Hasler, Kirk Kilburg, Tiffany Klatt, Steph Potter, Stevie Tierney, & Staci Whitson!



Beth Alger, Devon (nominator) and Dr. Kilburg



Molly Clemens (center) with Dr. Grief and Eric Briesemeister, CEO



Stevie Tierney and Steph Potter



Staci Whitson



Tiffany Klatt



Katie Hasler and staff



Mackenzie Ehrisman (center)



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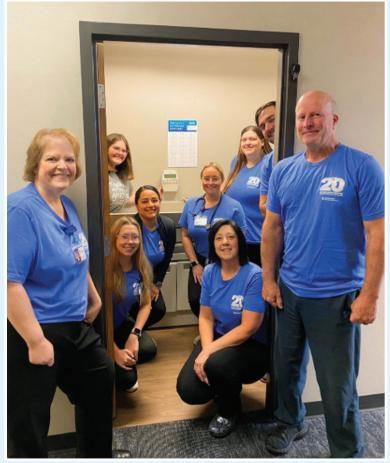
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iGrant Impacts - Monticello Clinic Offers Comfortable Space for the Youngest Patients

Each year, Jones Regional Medical Center employees take part in a Team Giving Campaign giving them the opportunity to donate dollars to departments and programs they are passionate about within the hospital and clinics. The iGrant program is one of the top supported programs as it benefits all departments through a grant selection process.

Last season's requests benefited seven departments, including Monticello Family Medicine. Their grant allowed them to purchase a Pediatric Exam Table, which they had not previously had. Tricia Dausener, Clinic Administrator recently shared "We use this for every pediatric patient for every exam until they can stand at our adult height meters and on our floor scales. The parents appreciate having a place to set down the diaper bag and car seat while undressing their baby on a safe, soft table. The entire clinic is so grateful for this piece of equipment!"

These purchases would not have been possible without the generosity of our Team Giving Campaign. Thank you to our staff members who go above and beyond - not only by providing exceptional care, but also through their financial support. Thank you!



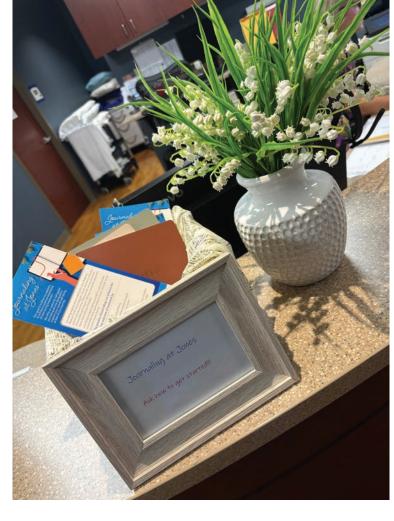
Monticello Clinic Team



Pediatric Exam Table

Journaling at Jones

Our Infusion Center offers convenient care to members in our community for various needs such as blood transfusions, IV antibiotics, injections, and various treatments involving care secondary to cancer and cancer treatments. "Journaling at Jones" is a new program offered to patients during their treatments as a way to support their mental health and express themselves in a safe and private environment. This opportunity provides resources to put their own thoughts and emotions on paper, in their own words and aids in reducing stress, promotes a healthy well-being and allows them to process their emotions with whatever they are facing during their treatments. This project has been funded by the Foundation's iGrant program which is fully funded by employee donations.



Journaling supplies provided by iGrant program

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We've made it easier for you to give, right on your mobile device or computer. To give a gift or to honor a caregiver or loved one visit unitypoint.org/anamosa/donate-online

Or mail your gift:

JRMC Foundation 1795 Hwy 64 East, Anamosa, IA 52205

Phone: (319) 481-6118 or (319) 481-6326 Email: jrmc_foundation@unitypoint.org

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 Thank you for considering a gift to the JRMC foundation with your loved one's memorials.

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