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Cook County Health & Hospitals System



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Community Edition

Letter from the CEO

Dear CCHHS Friends,

I would like to offer my most heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to the members of the Auxiliary of John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital as we mark their 50th Anniversary. Founded in 1968 by a group of friends from DuPage County who wanted to give back to society in a meaningful way, they chose to dedicate their time, funding, and support to our public hospital on Chicago's west side. Through the next five decades, the Auxiliary grew in size and expanded their mission, yet many of these same founding women continue their efforts today to support projects and programming that enhance the care, comfort and experience for our patients and their families.



The Auxiliary's good works include the extras and amenities that a public hospital can't always afford, but make such a remarkable difference in the lives of the people we serve. Examples include free, framed photos of newborns presented to the proud parents of our littlest patients. To ensure the transition home is safe and comfortable for these new families, the Auxiliary distributes free layettes stocked with linens, toiletries, and handmade items, and car seats are provided at a discount to those who need them. The Auxiliary funds a program in the Eye Clinic to assist patients with eyeglass selection and fitting, and importantly, they budget dollars to help those who cannot pay for their new lenses. Additionally, the Auxiliary offers free and discounted lodging in the Illinois Medical District Guest House for the families of patients who are being treated across the street at Stroger Hospital.

Just this month, the Auxiliary donated all of the artwork that quite literally covers the walls of our new Women's & Children's Center, creating an atmosphere of health and happiness for all who visit. Along with pieces of art displayed throughout, two murals welcome our young patients to the Center with whimsical images of children swimming underwater with dolphins, dogs and cats blasting through space in a rocket ship, and dozens of animals gathered together in the sunshine to listen to a young girl read a book.

We are so fortunate to have the longstanding support of the Auxiliary, and their contributions are felt by all of us each and every day. On behalf of the physicians and staff at CCHHS, and the hundreds of thousands of families who visit us each year, I offer my sincerest thanks to the Auxiliary for their steadfast commitment to our hospital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John J. Shannon".

Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, CCHHS

Ribbon Cut at New Women & Children's Center

This month CCHHS unveiled the new Women and Children's Center at Stroger Hospital. The Center has consolidated the comprehensive in-patient and outpatient services in one area, making it more convenient for patients. The Center offers pediatric primary and specialty care from comprehensive family planning services to a level III perinatal center. Dedicated physicians and staff offer patients care in obstetrics and geriatrics to modern treatment in breast and pediatric oncology and gynecology.

A special 'thank you' to The Women's Auxiliary for funding the beautiful, hand-painted artwork that fills the walls of the Center. The murals and paintings are custom-made for the unit, and include whimsical images for the medical center's youngest patients to enjoy.



Women's Auxiliary Board Members join Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and CEO Dr. Jay Shannon to cut the ribbon for the new Women and Children's Center.



Pictured l-r are one of three artists Steve Musgrave, and Art Coordinator, Lisa Mulvaney, with CEO Dr. Jay Shannon, COO Debra Carey and Auxiliary President, Joan Poulson. (Not pictured are artists Natalie Gerny and Rafael Lopez)



The top four works of art represent a sampling of the beautifully decorative wall coverings and exam room door signage. The bottom work of art is a mural over 20 feet wide, displayed as you enter the Pediatric area, with a direct view from the waiting room.

Provident Hospital Celebrates 25 Years

August 16, 2018 marked 25 years since Provident Hospital joined the CCHHS as a public, community teaching hospital. Located in the Bronzeville neighborhood, Provident Hospital has served as an anchor in Chicago's South Side community since it first opened its doors in 1891. Throughout its history, Provident Hospital's mission has remained unchanged—to deliver health services with dignity regardless of a person's ability to pay, to partner with communities and providers to enhance public health, and to advocate for policies that promote the physical and mental well-being of the people who are served.

To celebrate this important milestone, dozens of community members gathered at the 25-year anniversary event, which included an open house, tours of Provident's new ophthalmology and mammography suites, information on specialty care and primary care services, and a tour of the Sengstacke Health Center.



Community members, physicians and staff helped celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Provident Hospital.

Navy Corpsmen Graduate Stroger Hospital Trauma Training Program

The Cook County Trauma and Burn Unit team cares for more than 5,000 patients each year, many with penetrating, life-threatening wounds, similar to injuries suffered on the battlefield. With a high standard of care and volume of patients, it serves as one of very few partner hospitals in the country to provide Navy Hospital Corpsmen experience treating trauma injuries. The Hospital Corpsman Trauma Training is a partnership between Navy Medicine, the Capt. James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (Lovell FHCC), and John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County.

The 7-week program provides real trauma care experience by providing Hospital Corpsmen with hands-on exposure to clinical and trauma environments. Stroger Hospital's Trauma and Burn Unit provides corpsmen with a unique learning environment that expands and strengthens their ability to respond to any contingency by ensuring they are physically and mentally prepared.

The trauma training experience was one of several Hospital Corps initiatives developed to meet the U.S. Navy surgeon general's goal of achieving maximum life-saving capabilities through educational programs, and while at Stroger, the students assist trauma surgeons to treat patients with a range of life-threatening injuries.

This month, CCHHS honored the third class of corpsmen to complete the program with a graduation celebration featuring renowned Chicago Blackhawks signer Jim Cornelison offering his acapella rendition of the national anthem. Speakers included Navy Medicine Force Master Chief Hosea Smith Jr., Director of the Hospital Corps; Dr. Faran Bokhari, Chairman of the Trauma and Burn; and special guest Captain James A. Lovell, U.S. Navy (Retired) and former astronaut.



Sixteen Navy Hospital Corpsmen are joined by their instructors, Navy leadership, and former Astronaut Captain James A. Lovell, at a celebration of their graduation from the trauma training program at Stroger.

Be Inspired at the 2018 Food Summit

There is an urgent need to transform the local food system to improve health, support sustainability and ensure food justice. Join the Cook County Department of Public Health, Cook County Health and Hospitals System, and Loyola University Chicago, Health Sciences Division for the 2018 Food Summit on October 5-6, 2018 at Loyola University Chicago, in Maywood.

Be inspired by a vision for food system transformation and learn about investments and policy opportunities, including the Good Food Purchasing Policy (GFPP), recently adopted by Cook County government, that advance equitable, healthy and sustainable local and regional food systems. Stakeholders will also be engaged in identifying actions for effective implementation of the GFPP.

Summit attendees can also join a 1-hour tour on the morning of Friday, October 5 to see firsthand local urban farms in Maywood: The Giving Garden and OK Farm. Attendees will hear their stories, and learn how the social and business enterprises supported by each urban farm are making a difference to local communities and residents. Registration is now open. Visit www.cookcountypublichealth.org for more information.



The banner features a green header with the text "Register Now". Below it is a white box containing a carrot icon, the year "2018", and the text "FOOD SUMMIT" and "Cook County Department of Public Health". To the right is a photograph of fresh vegetables (carrots, onions, radishes) with the text "How to make good food affordable & widely available". A green footer contains the dates "OCTOBER 5 & 6" and the location "Loyola University Chicago Maywood, IL". At the bottom are logos for Cook County Public Health, CCHHS, Loyola Health Sciences Division, and the website www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

Physician Profile: Claudia M. Fegan, MD, FACP, CHCQM



Dr. Claudia M. Fegan was appointed as the Chief Medical Officer for the Cook County Health and Hospitals System in February 2013 and has served as the Chief Medical Officer at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital since December 2011.

Dr. Fegan, an internist, received her undergraduate degree from Fisk University and her medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and a fellow of the American College of Physicians. She is also certified in health care quality and management and is a diplomat of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

Dr. Fegan joined the Cook County Health System in 2000. She has served in several leadership roles including the Medical Director for two Ambulatory Care Clinics and Associate Chief Medical Officer for the Southside and South Suburban clinics. Prior to joining Cook County Health System Dr. Fegan dedicated 18 years at Michael Reese Hospital & Medical Center as both an attending physician and medical director. She also practiced at Hyde Park Hospital and was a partner with Hyde Park Associates in Medicine.

A past president and current national coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), Dr. Fegan has appeared on a number of national television and radio programs on behalf of the organization. She has also testified before congressional committees and lectured extensively to both medical and community audiences on health care reform in the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Fegan is president of the Chicago-based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group. She is a co-author of the book "Universal Healthcare: What the United States Can Learn from the Canadian Experience" and a contributor to "10 Excellent Reasons for National Health Care." Modern Healthcare selected Dr. Fegan as a one of the Minority Executives in Healthcare to watch for 2016, because of her many accomplishments to date.

She meets her patients where they are and helps them to understand their conditions, and teaches them how to prepare the food they love in a healthier way. Dr. Fegan enjoys traveling, photography, and is a tri-athlete who has completed fifteen mini-triathlons so far.

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Watch us on CAN TV

Every month, Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS) features a guest expert on [CAN TV](#) to offer viewers information on various health topics, such as heart disease and breast cancer, and discuss prevention and treatment strategies. Be sure to tune in to CAN TV on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. to catch CCHHS' monthly

segment, and call in with your health questions at 312-738-1060. To find archived episodes, visit YouTube and look for the [Community Health Hotline](#). The next show will air on Tuesday, October 9 at 5 p.m.

CCHHS in the Community: Fall Events

CCHHS' outreach team participates in a variety of community events throughout Cook County. Whether it is a health fair, festival, job fair or community picnic, CCHHS' outreach workers make sure that Cook County residents know about the full portfolio the system provides. If you would like to know where CCHHS will be this month, please check our [calendar of events](#).

Visit Our Website at cookcountyhhs.org.

If you would like to invite a representative from CCHHS to attend a community event, please send an email to events@cookcountyhhs.org.

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