

# Don and Cathy Jacobs Health Education Center

Health care can be confusing and complex, especially during times of crisis. The new Don and Cathy Jacobs Health Education Center, located on the Floor 1 concourse of Pavilion A, serves as a central resource to help patients and families research their medical questions. The new center replaces the former Health Information Library in UK Chandler Hospital's Pavilion H.

Studies show that patients who access health information are more likely to have better health outcomes. Health education can encourage patients to make positive behavioral changes and to work with their physicians to take greater preventative measures. Additionally, educated patients are more inclined to seek care early, when their conditions are more manageable and more receptive to treatment. In general, educated patients tend to be highly engaged in the healing process.

The Health Education Center and its professional staff provide the following services:

- Assistance for patients, families, visitors and staff in obtaining health information in various and easily understood learning formats and languages.
- Support for medical professionals who educate patients and families.
- Computers, printers and free Internet access.
- Free copying and faxing.
- Books, pamphlets, audio-video resources and anatomical models.
- Lists of recommended, high-quality health information websites.
- Patient-education programs.

- Private viewing room for video, DVD and Internet programming.
- Business center.

## **Folk Art Gallery**

The new center is also home to the UK Arts in HealthCare's collection of whimsical Kentucky folk art, curated by the Kentucky Folk Art Center. More than a dozen pieces of art are on display, including the sculpture "Ferris Wheel," by Ronald and Jesse Cooper; a mixed media piece "Pack Peddler," by Charley Kinney; and a variety of regional wildlife sculptures. Visitors can enjoy the richness of this Kentucky tradition while getting the information they need to be well-informed participants in their health care decisions.

## **Don and Cathy Jacobs**

The Don and Cathy Jacobs Health Education Center is named for Lexington business owner Don Jacobs and his wife. After serving in the Army as a young man, Jacobs founded an auto dealership in Lexington, followed by a finance company focused on the unique needs of service men and women.

Inspired by the progress that UK HealthCare has made over the last seven years under the leadership of Dr. Michael Karpf, executive vice president for health affairs, the Jacobses have pledged financial support to a cause that can "help as many people as possible." With their generous gift, the new Don and Cathy Jacobs Health Education Center is poised to serve generations of Kentucky families in their mission to achieve greater health and well-being.

## **Hours and Contact Information**

The Don and Cathy Jacobs Health Education Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. For information, call **859-323-7808** or send a fax to **859-257-9119**.