Thanks to you, 2013 was a remarkable year

Let’s build on that success to make 2014 even better

2013 was another remarkable year at UK HealthCare. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, we are well on our way to becoming one of the top health care providers in the country.

We are poised to do even more in 2014, including creating more partnerships, opening the eighth floor at the new Chandler Hospital pavilion to cardiovascular patients and continued improvements in quality, safety, service and efficiency.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of our 2004 strategic plan. The core strategies developed in 2004 are as important today as they were 10 years ago:

• Advanced subspecialty care
• Fostering relationships with regional and rural providers
• Quality, safety, efficiency and service

Achievements, alliances and awards from 2013:

Jan. 18 Gov. Steve Beshear announces partnership with UK HealthCare to operate new Eastern State Hospital.

May 22 UK HealthCare’s Stroke Program receives the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

May 30 UK Arts in HealthCare program named by MediStar as the winner of this year’s Medical News for You Consumer First Award.

May 17 UK HealthCare receives the American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines – Resuscitation Silver Quality Achievement Award.

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Jackie Hamilton, director of the UK Arts in Healthcare Program, with the MediStar Award.
HAPPENINGS

Chandler Hospital Blood Drive
Feb. 20-21
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Pavilion H, room 133
Photo ID required

DanceBlue
Feb. 22, 2 p.m. - Feb. 23, 2 p.m.
Memorial Coliseum
DanceBlue is one of the most successful student-led fundraisers in the nation. Proceeds go to DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic. Visit danceblue.org to learn more.

Personnel Briefs

Day appointed medical director of pediatric critical care services
Scottie Day, MD, FAAP, has been appointed Kentucky Children's Hospital interim chief and medical director for pediatric critical care services. As part of our critical care team, Day will work with Kentucky Children's Hospital leadership to ensure high quality, safe and family-centered care is provided to all pediatric ICU patients.

Bernard named director of Physician IT Services
To facilitate enhancement of physician information technology at UK HealthCare, the new director of Physician IT Services, Philip Bernard, MD, will work closely with members of the enterprise information technology team including Carol Steltenkamp, MD, chief medical information officer, and Cecilia Page, interim chief information officer.

Recognition

Bentley honored to receive award that bears her former mentor’s name

When Sarah Bentley first started working at UK HealthCare in October 2004, Amy Wilson was a mentor to her. “Amy was an outstanding person,” says Bentley, chief medical office coordinator. “She was dedicated to her employees and a professional in every way. As I look back at my first couple of years at UK HealthCare, so much of her was a part of it.”

When Bentley found out she was the recipient of the 2013 Amy R. Wilson Award, she reflected on how much knowing Amy meant to her, and how proud she was to receive the award that bears her name.

“Amy was the coach that helped me drive past my comfort zone, pushing me to set goals and further my own development at UK HealthCare,” Bentley remembers. “Even when I transitioned to the chief medical office, she continued to help and encourage me. To have even been nominated for this award means so much, it is truly an honor.”

Lacey Buckler, Brandy Matthews, Gwen Moreland and Patty Hughes in nursing administration nominated Bentley for the award. Colleen Swartz, chief nurse executive; and Bernard Boulanger, MD, chief medical officer, are Bentley’s supervisors.

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J.R. VanNagell Jr., MD, presented Sarah Bentley with the Amy R. Wilson Award.

About the Amy R. Wilson Award

The Amy R. Wilson Award was established to honor the extraordinary contributions of Amy R. Wilson, who served as the administrative director of gynecologic oncology from 1979 until her death from breast cancer in 2011.

All full-time, nonclinical staff in an administrative role at UK HealthCare or the College of Medicine are eligible to be nominated.

The award is made possible through memorial gifts donated by patients, faculty, former residents and fellows, colleagues, friends and family. The award is presented annually and intended to recognize a UK HealthCare staff member who exemplifies UK HealthCare’s core values and the professional qualities and compassionate service that characterized Amy Wilson’s career.

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July 12  Markey Cancer Center is recognized as the 68th medical center in the country to receive the prestigious National Cancer Institute designation. Markey is the only NCI-designated cancer center in Kentucky.

Mark Evers, MD, director of Markey Cancer Center, presents Michael Karpf, MD, with a T-shirt commemorating the Markey Cancer Center’s designation as a National Cancer Institute.

The NCI designation announcement at Chandler Hospital.

Sept. 2  Four new UK Markey Cancer Center faculty members begin plans to establish the UK Center for Environmental & System Biochemistry, bringing with them more than $17 million in research funding.

The researchers of the UK Center for Environmental & System Biochemistry: Andrew Lane, Richard Higashi, Teresa Fan and Hunter Moseley.

Sept. 4  Gov. Steve Beshear joins local leaders, state officials and representatives from UK and UK HealthCare for a ribbon-cutting at the new Eastern State Hospital facility.

Sept. 16  Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH), Appalachian Heart Center (AHC), and UK HealthCare’s Gill Heart Institute Monday celebrate a new partnership that will deliver the highest quality and state-of-the-art cardiovascular care to residents of Eastern Kentucky.

Susan Smyth, MD, chief of cardiovascular medicine at the Gill Heart Institute, speaking at the announcement in Hazard.

Oct. 18  Recognized for significant improvements in patient safety, mortality, clinical effectiveness and equity of care, UK HealthCare is named a ‘Rising Star’ hospital by the University HealthSystem Consortium.

Nov. 4  UK HealthCare is named a “Top Performer on Key Quality Measures” by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in five areas using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care – the most areas cited for by any hospital included in the Kentucky listing.

Nov. 8  UK HealthCare wins the 2013 Design & Health Award: Use of Art in the Patient Environment.

Dec. 9  Chandler Hospital recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for reaching gold, silver, and bronze levels of outreach for organ donation and registration.
New health plan clinic puts ‘family first’

A recent ribbon-cutting ceremony officially marked the opening of the new UK Health Plan Urgent Care Clinic. Since opening on Jan. 6, the clinic has become a popular health care choice for employees and their families.

“We’ve been near capacity every day but one since the clinic opened, and many of the appointments are booked by mid-morning,” said Ann Hays, MD, medical director for University Health Service.

The UK Health Plan Urgent Care Clinic is an on-site clinic for UK employees who participate in one of the UK health plans (HMO, PPO, EPO and RHP).

UK President Eli Capilouto said the new clinic is an important resource for faculty and staff.

“One of the common phrases I like to use is ‘family first,’” Capilouto said. “This clinic marks an effort by our family of faculty, staff, clinicians and researchers to provide our family of UK employees with faster and easier access to health care when they need it.”

The clinic is located in the University Health Service Building at 830 S. Limestone. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Same-day appointments are available by calling 323-SICK (7425). The clinic is also open to dependents of UK Health Plan members who are over age 18.