



April 30, 2018

Derrick L. Foward, M.C.E.  
President  
Dayton Unit NAACP

Dear President Foward,

Thank you for immediately reaching out to me after the announcement of a West Dayton area hospital's decision to close. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss your recommendations on how [Grandview Medical Center](#) can best serve area residents in the critical months and years ahead.

I also welcomed your invitation to share Grandview's Emergency Department expansion plans with the NAACP Executive Committee. Your team asked some great questions. Joining me were Rebecca (Becky) Lewis, President, Grandview Medical Center and Bonnie Baker, Grandview's Community Engagement Manager. Unable to attend, but engaged in our community outreach programs are Anita Adams-Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer, Kettering Medical Center and Keith Jenkins, Director, HR & Kettering Health Network Inclusion Officer.

Per your request, here is the summary of our meeting at NAACP Headquarters on April 16.

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## Grandview Steps up

Following a legacy hospital's decision to leave West Dayton, Kettering Health Network approved a \$25 million expansion of Grandview's emergency department in preparation to save more lives. The expansion includes 10,400 square feet of remodeled space and 2,600 square feet of new, additional space. The number of Emergency Department exam rooms will double from 25 to 50. Construction is expected to be completed by November 2018.

**On February 27, 2018, Derrick Foward, NAACP President, Nan Whaley, Dayton Mayor, Rev. Dr. Daryl Ward, Dayton City Commission Candidate, Rev. Vanessa Oliver Ward, President Omega Community Development Corporation, and hospital leadership took turns knocking down a wall at Grandview during the "sledgehammer ceremony."**



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## **A Member of the Kettering Health Network**

In 1999, Grandview and Southview Medical Centers joined the Kettering Health Network. Currently, Grandview Medical Center is one of [Kettering Health Network's eight not-for-profit hospitals in the Greater Dayton Area](#).

The network's hospitals are Kettering, Grandview, Sycamore, Southview, Greene Memorial, Soin, Fort Hamilton, and Kettering Behavioral Medicine. Along with 10 emergency departments and 120 outpatient facilities, the network also owns Kettering College, a division of Kettering Medical Center. This fully accredited college specializes in health science education.

## **An Osteopathic Hospital where DOs & MDs Provide Exceptional Care**

Grandview Medical Center, founded in 1926, is one of the largest osteopathic teaching hospitals in the nation. Southview Medical Center, established in 1978, is also an osteopathic hospital. Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs) complete the same medical training as medical doctors (MD) graduates but have added training in a patient-centered approach to health care. This approach values the whole person—looking at lifestyle and everyday stressors regarding overall health.

In 2015, Grandview was recognized as one of the Best Hospitals in the Dayton Metro area and Ohio River Valley region by U.S. News & World Report and awarded the Women's Choice Awards in Orthopedics and Cancer Care. In addition, statistics indicate that Grandview's patient survival rate is consistently the best among Ohio hospitals.

Today, we have DOs and MDs working together in each of our eight hospitals. Our physicians support the Adventist Health Mission of treating the whole-person: Mind, Body, and Spirit. Some of our surgeons or nurses will offer to pray with patients. This universal approach to caring for patients is why we say, "your health is our sacred calling."

## **A Full-Service Hospital**

Grandview offers high-quality, compassionate care to residents in West Dayton. Services include orthopedics, Bariatric Center of Excellence, cancer care, accredited chest pain center and primary stroke center, emergency and Level III trauma, Schimpf Eye Center, diabetes care and nutrition education. While we will be able to deliver babies in our newly expanded ER, Southview is our osteopathic hospital for full-service maternity care.

A few new services will result from the closing of a nearby hospital, Grandview is making room for more high-tech cardiovascular labs. This means West Dayton patients, experiencing heart attacks or strokes, for example, will continue to have immediate access to life-saving care.

In response to a special question regarding sickle cell anemia, there are six hematologists on staff at Grandview who treat and manage the disease in adult patients.

## **A Trusted Healthcare Partner**

Physicians from other health systems are welcome to practice and see patients at Grandview. We are actively recruiting a diverse group of healthcare professionals looking for a new healthcare facility. For those interested in employment at Grandview, contact Keith Jenkins, Director, HR & Kettering Health Network Inclusion Officer (937) 723-4067.

## **A Caring Resource for Your Mind, Body, and Spirit**

Community outreach is at the core of our belief in whole-patient care. For example: Becky Lewis is meeting regularly with area pastors to listen and respond to their priorities. We are working with community partners to add or expand Family Practice locations to provide additional medical homes for our community, and Grandview is taking a leadership role in the long-range sustainability of the Gem City Market project.

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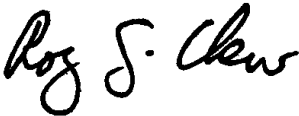
**We also offer**

- Free Lunch-N-Learn programs with life-saving presentations by Grandview physicians
- Free Mammograms for women who are under-insured or don't have insurance
- Free or affordable health screenings for members of The Potter's House, Hope Center for Families, the Cassano Center, West Dayton area congregations, and Dayton Unit NAACP members and constituents

We strongly encourage all citizens in the Dayton region to take advantage of these, and soon to be launched, Grandview community outreach programs.

President Foward, we trust our meetings will continue to foster a relationship that improves the lives of the residents we both serve.

Sincerely,



Roy Chew, PhD  
President, Kettering Health Network



Rebecca Lewis,  
President, Grandview Medical Center