



Embracing Change

A Message from the Chief Executive Officer, Craig Polkow

2015 was a year of change at DeKalb Health. Some changes can be seen at a glance. For example, brick and mortar projects changed the landscape of our campus inside and out. In April, we opened the new North Campus for rehabilitation, business health and orthopedics. And in October, we introduced beautifully renovated private patient rooms. Another obvious change was our ambulances, which we rebranded to a completely different look after negotiating a new EMS contract with the county.

These highly visible changes are important; equally important are the less noticeable changes. For instance, we invested in technology to improve operations throughout the hospital. Even more important, we invested in people. People are the reason we are here. Our mission is to provide preeminent healthcare

services to the people in our community, and the only way to do that is by hiring and retaining the best professionals available. Our team members may not garner the same attention a huge construction project does, but they are the very heartbeat of DeKalb Health.

In addition, we strengthened relationships with our medical staff and forged partnerships with Professional Emergency Physicians, Fort Wayne Orthopedics, and Northeast Internal Medicine Associates. Our patients now have improved access to experienced, highly-skilled specialists close to home. We also intensified our expertise and increased our range of services this past year. For example, our growing orthopedic and sports medicine program helps students and all athletes prevent, treat and rehabilitate injuries.

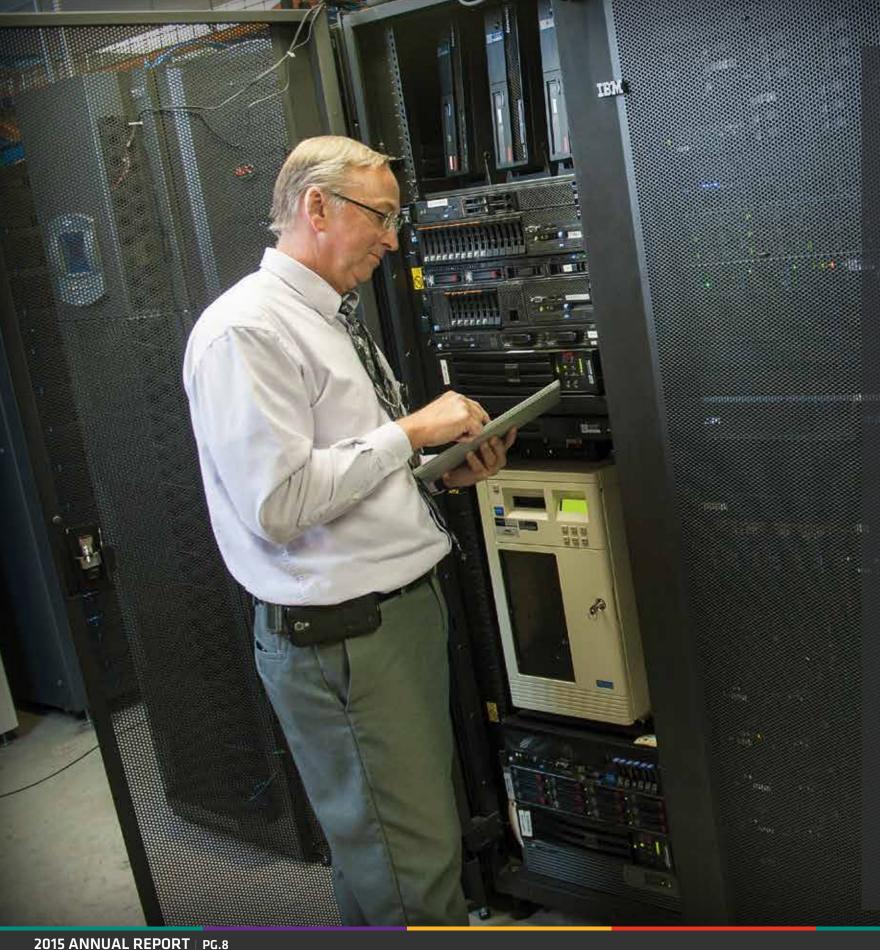
The leadership team transition was another major change this past year. Previously serving DeKalb Health as Chief Financial Officer from 1997 to 2008, I was excited to have the opportunity to come back to serve in this new capacity. The past few months have been a warm homecoming for me and my wife, Cathy. I would like to especially thank the Board of Directors, the medical staff and the team members of DeKalb Health for this warm welcome.

Since taking on this new role, I have appointed several people to the leadership team: Kelly Dunham, Chief Operating Officer; Bret Claghorn, Chief Financial Officer; and Tasha Eicher, VP of Physician Services, Strategy and Development.

All of these changes bring us closer to our goal of being the community's healthcare destination of choice. By continually improving, we will pave the way for a healthier tomorrow. In the year ahead, we will continue our focus on further improving the patient experience, prudently managing our finances, and supporting our team members' performance and well-being. I look forward to an exciting new year.







Renewed Sense of Purpose

Message from the Board Chairman, Robert Menzie

2015 brought major changes to DeKalb Health—all for the convenience, comfort and care of our patients. We are now in a position to move forward with facilities that match our outstanding patient care.

Population health is changing, and we are putting ourselves in a position to adapt to those changes. There are many new faces at DeKalb Health, and new teams are being built to assure our community that its healthcare needs are met.

Better health is on everyone's mind, and a renewed sense of purpose will be required from all healthcare providers. Our plan is to lead the way to help us all live better and longer lives.

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Technology. You don't see it, but it's always there. When it becomes outdated, costs rise and security declines. That's why in 2015, we invested over \$1 million in information technology infrastructure. This investment keeps patients' information safe and gives them access to their own medical records.





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*DeKalb Health Medical Group generously helped our community in 2015. Without compensation, these medical practitioners gave over 450 hours of their time providing care at free clinics, conducting public education, reaching out to the community, and mentoring medical students and residents.

Advancing Patient Care

Message from the Chief of Staff, Mark Souder, MD

In 2015, we welcomed our new Chief Executive Officer, Craig Polkow, and find him to be knowledgeable and encouraging for the medical staff. The medical staff has seen many transitions in the past year as DeKalb Health itself has many new developments such as the following:

- 1. Phys Doc and Paragon are the computerized medical record systems physicians now interface with instead of the paper chart. Handwriting legibility is becoming a thing of the past.
- 2. New work spaces on the patient floor care areas bring new workflow for doctors and nurses.
- 3. Many new nurses are learning these systems. They are forever appreciative of the patience and education physicians share with them as they mature their DeKalb team experience.
- 4. New emergency staff physicians have been added to the hospital physician team.
- 5. New radiology physicians have also been added to the physician team.
- 6. A new group of internal medicine physicians have been added. They can assume inpatient care for the family physicians that choose not to continue with in-hospital medical practice for unattached patients.
- 7. New and constantly changing rules and regulations determine the patient's admission designation of inpatient versus observation status.
- 8. New single patient rooms allow for private examinations and conversations. Wow-what an improvement!
- 9. Insurance companies, such as Care Improvement Plus, have come and gone and each brings their own set of rules for us as we try to manage the patient in the hospital setting.
- 10. Through committee work and our medical staff meetings, physicians cooperate perpetually with quality measures. These are used to gauge the efficiency and the overall quality scores of our hospital. The QUEST team of four nurses develops protocols and prompts to guide us in these complex efforts.
- 11. New orthopedic procedures and availability—with a team of four orthopedic surgeons. Our patients now can get the same care here for their new hip or knee that they can get in Fort Wayne.
- 12. Family-centered births with caregiving family physicians, nurse mid-wives and OB-Gyn doctors from three groups. Each brings babies to their future life-long hospital home.

Our physicians must remain current in ACLS Certification, also known as advanced cardiac life support. This is a separate NRP Certification, Newborn Resuscitation Protocol, used for troubled newborns; and all of their other hours of continuing medical education requirements.

This is a very unique medical staff and community. Compared to other community hospitals, we certainly are blessed to enjoy such talented and caring physicians, nurses and administrators. Each works so cohesively as a team to advance the mission of the hospital to deliver personal and compassionate care to all of DeKalb Health's patients.

All of the changes have been matched with a willing and cooperative spirit by our physician staff—a wonderfully cohesive team you can count on.







The Gifts that Give

Message from the Auxiliary Guild President, AJ Kuhn

It was another big year for the DeKalb Health Auxiliary Guild. We owe our tireless volunteers a big thank you, especially all of those who helped patients, families and guests find their way in our new facilities. In 2015, the Auxiliary remained near the levels of the previous year, with 70 active volunteers who logged nearly 16,000 volunteer hours.

Auxiliary volunteers are often the first points of contact for patients, families and other visitors to the hospital. They provide an invaluable service in staffing patient and family hospitality needs at the reception and information desks, assisting staff members and serving as hosts in the Surgery waiting area and Family BirthPlace.

They are also active in the Curiosity Shop thrift store in downtown Auburn and the Serendipity gift shop in the hospital. I would like to thank Nita Webb, Volunteer Coordinator, for going above and beyond as our liaison to DeKalb Health.

This past year, the Auxiliary held fundraising events that generated proceeds that were used to benefit the hospital, staff and area students. In July, the Auxiliary Coordinating Council voted to pursue the possible relocation of the Curiosity Shop and we have established a committee and have begun fundraising to that end. We awarded three scholarships of \$1,000 each to DeKalb County residents who are pursuing higher education in a medical field. We were pleased to be able to donate \$66,000 in support of DeKalb Health's commitment to continuous improvements.

- Training Manikins
- Insulated Food Carts for Food Service
- Changing Stations for the North Campus Renovation
- Materials and Supplies for Patient Education
- Patient Care Communication Boards
- Digital Televisions

On behalf of the Auxiliary Guild Officers, it is a privilege to serve this organization and benefit this great hospital. As DeKalb Health continues to grow, it can count on the Auxiliary and its volunteers to be there every step of the way.

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Nita Webb

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A Strong Foundation

Message from Foundation President, Angie Lockwood

2015 was an exciting year for the DeKalb Health Foundation as we were able to see the completion of two significant expansions at DeKalb Health, which were both partially funded through the generosity of our local community through their gifts to the Foundation.

I was proud to be a part of the open house in October to announce the renovation to the new private inpatient rooms. The Foundation, through the generous contributions of its donors, was able to contribute \$900,000 toward this project.

The DeKalb Health Foundation has both a wonderful history and an exciting future. The Foundation has been in existence for 55 years. It was originally established with the remaining funds from donations from building the hospital in 1960. Through all of these years, our community has continued to take pride in our local independent hospital and during the past three years, the Foundation has been able to contribute over \$2 million for hospital improvement and expansion as well as funding essential medical equipment.

The DeKalb Health Foundation board members are community representatives who believe in the quality of care that is provided by DeKalb Health and intend to continue to raise both awareness and funds to support the future of healthcare within our community. Now that the new leadership team has been established, led by Craig Polkow as CEO, we are excited to move forward and will soon hire an Executive Director for the Foundation who can help us move forward with both promotion and fundraising opportunities.

The Century Society is alive and well, continuing to support the Foundation's efforts. Each Century Society member has committed at least \$10,000 over the next ten years to provide support to DeKalb Health in meeting the health services needs in DeKalb County. Meeting these needs is the sole focus of the DeKalb Health Foundation. Thank you to each Century Society member and every donor who allows the Foundation to serve in this role.

I would like to encourage every member of our community to engage with the Foundation in continuing to meet the health services needs of DeKalb County.

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American Cancer Society
Auburn Classic Noon Lions Club
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
Auburn Grids Softball League
Auburn Lions Club
Auburn Lions Club
Auburn Police
Auburn Rotary Club Grapes & Hops
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Bobcat Youth League
Boomerang Backpack Program
Brookside Church - Mark Colby
Butler Bowl Youth Program
Butler Days Festival
Butler Elementary-DeKalb Co Eastern SCD
Butler Girls Softball League
Butler Public Library
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana
Children First Center
Cobblestone Ladies' Golf Association
Country Meadow Elementary PTO
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
DeKalb Alumni Fund (Beron Athletics Golf)
DeKalb Alumni Fund (Science Fair)
DeKalb Chamber Partnership
DeKalb County Economic

DeKalb County Economic
Development Partnership
DeKalb County Free Fall Fair
DeKalb High School
DeKalb High School Band
Eckhart Public Library
Financial Peace University Dave Ramsey Class
Fort Wayne Medical Education Program
Fort Wayne Public Television, Inc.
Foundation of Community Memorial Hospital
Garrett Chamber of Commerce
Garrett Heritage Days
Garrett High School After Prom
Garrett High School Volleyball
Garrett JV Softball & Garrett Pony
League Baseball
Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community
School District
Garrett Middle School

Garrett Rotary Club
Garrett Youth Football
Garrett Youth Soccer
Hamilton After Prom
Hamilton Summer League
IHA Hospital Assistance Foundation, Inc.
Jackson Township Athletic Association
Jackson Township 4-H Auction
JAM Recreation Center
JE Ober Science Fair
JR Watson Color Me Watson Run/Walk
Junior Achievement - East Central DeKalb
Junior Achievement Pro Am
Kate's Kart
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
March of Dimes March for Babies 2015
March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction 2014
March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction 2015
National Kidney Foundation of Indiana
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Indiana State Chapter
Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership
Quiet Knight, Inc. (Sons of Am. Lgn. Post 178)
Rangers Soccer Academy

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Richland Corrhuskers
Riverdale Youth League
Serenity House
Smith Farms Manor
Special Olympics Indiana
St. Joseph School
St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic Hog Roast & Benefit Auction
St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic Swingin' for St. Martin's Golf
St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic Circle of Friends Tea
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The Saryon Galla
Therapy Dog Training
The Laurels of DeKalb

St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic
Passport Gala
Therapy Dog Training
The Laurels of DeKalb
Tri Kappa Art Awards /
Expressions Art Gallery
Tri Kappa of Auburn
University of St. Francis
United Way of DeKalb County
Wordtastic Wonderland

(Jeremiah's Brewed Awakenings
YMCA of DeKalb County

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ACLS, PALS, CPR, First Aid Classes
Breastfeeding Education & Counseling
& Support Group
Car Seat Fitting Station & Clinic
Celiac Support Group
CMTA Support Group
COMMENT OF SUPPORT OF SUP

DMS Football Team
Drug Free DeKalb County
Election Day
Creat American Safety Stop
Healthy Expectations
Healthy Halloween Fair
Hip on Hep C Support Group
Kiwanis Bike Safety Program
Life Is Cool
March of Dimes
MS Support Group
Period of Purple Crying
Play.Learn.Soar.
Prenatal Classes
Rieke Corporation
Safe Sitter Instructor CPR Training
Safe Sleep Education
Steel Dynamics, Inc.

The Mad Ant and Bat Man at the 2015 Healthy Halloween Fair

PRESENTATIONS/PROGRAMS

Area Rotary Clubs Dessert Duel Auburn Rotary Club Eckhart Public Library

Garrett Public Library McKenney-Harrison Kindergarter YMCA of DeKalb County

FY 2015 By the Numbers

X-Ray 18,938

PY 17.696

MRI 2,325 PY 2.108

Mammography 5,151 PY 4,872

Lab 214,640

23,059 CLINICS**

PY 64,806 DEKÁLB HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP (PHYSICIAN PRACTICES)

9,094 AND HOSPICE

Economic Impact

568 TEAM MEMBERS FULL AND PART TIME

\$86,852,472

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES SINCE 1964

\$379,871

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

\$28,693,415

CHARITY AND UNCOMPENSATED CARE

(Uncompensated care is defined as the amount of cost in excess of payments received from Medicare. Medicaid and uninsured patients)

Emergency Services

17.875

PY 16,294

EMERGENCY

4,938
EMS AMBULANCE SERVICE (NUMBER OF TRIPS)

PY 3,942

Total Outpatient Services

240,308

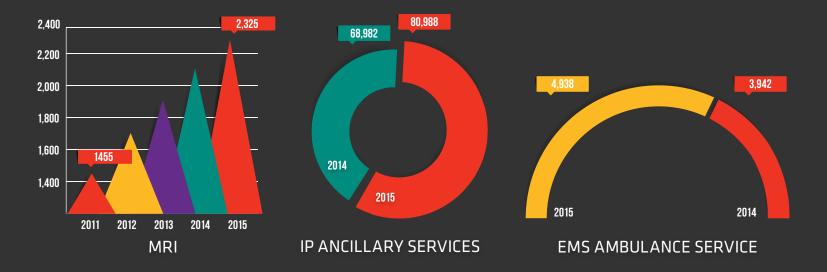
15,812 **EMERGENCY** 2,386 HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

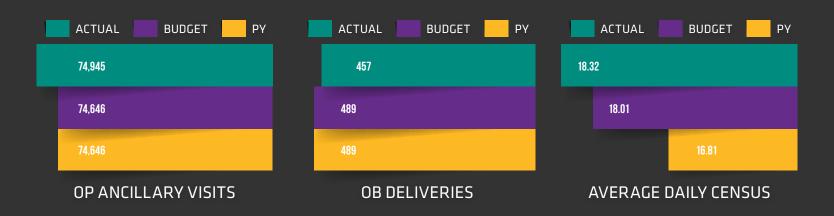
2,898 SURGERY & ENDOSCOPY

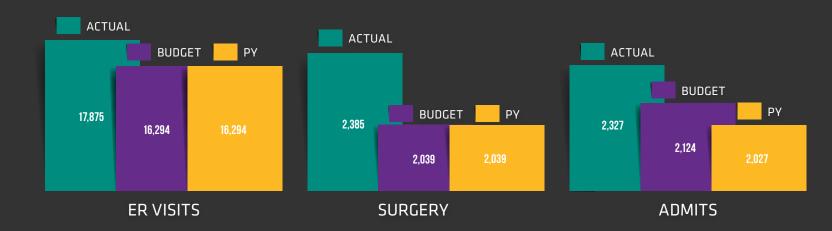
Total Inpatient Services

2,063 EMERGENCY **HOME HEALTH** AND HOSPICE

417 SURGERY & ENDOSCOPY** PY 70.617







^{*} X-ray, EKG, Nuclear, Ultrasound, CT, Mammography, MRI, Lab (Auburn), Lab (Butler), Lab (Garrett), EEG, Respiratory, Sleep, PT Hospital, PT Home Health, OT Hospital, OT Home Health, Cardiac Rehab, Pulmonary Rehab, Speech, Anti-Coagulation.

^{**} Surgery and Endoscopy.

^{***} Anti-Coagulation Clinic, Specialty Clinic. PY = Prior Year, IP = Inpatient, OP = Outpatient



MISSION

Promote, Preserve, Restore Health.

VISION

To be the Healthcare Organization of Choice for Patients, Payers and Healthcare Professionals.

VALUES

Creativity Pursuing continuous improvement through innovation, imagination and resourcefulness.

Integrity Earning the respect and confidence of our community through professional and ethical business practices and having the courage and commitment to uphold our values.

Quality Emphasizing an ongoing commitment to excellence through a continuous process of education, communication, evaluation, efficiency and improvement.

Service Identifying and satisfying the needs of our patients, community, employees and partners.

Teamwork Capitalizing on the strengths of each employee and working collectively in the best interest of our patients and community.

Independence Continue to function organizationally as an independent, not-for-profit hospital and healthcare organization.