

# PROGRESS 2008

## Mahaska Health Partnership to renovate surgery dept., build Hospice house

■ Mahaska Health Partnership follows up 100th birthday with service enhancements

Mahaska Health Partnership (MHP) has been making progress in healthcare for over one hundred years. We are very proud of how far we have come but instead of talking about where we have been, we want you to know where we are going. Everything we do is for the community we serve because you and your family's needs are our top priority. With this in mind, we work to better serve your needs every day. In the coming year we are looking forward to some major projects that will drastically enhance the experiences of our patients and physicians. These changes include a major renovation of our Surgery department, building a Hospice House, and updates in other areas.

Although our current surgery area is good we want it to be great! As the technology offerings available increase and we have more physicians performing surgeries at MHP, we need more space to accommodate them. This means building three brand new state of the art surgery suites with more space for staff and equipment. The

new suites will be equipped with top of the line surgical equipment to give our physicians the best available tools to work with. Some of this equipment is already in place such as our high definition video imaging monitors and devices as well as new lighting installed in the last year. Upon completion of the new suites additional booms will be added that are attached to the ceiling offering alternate lighting and equipment storage options. Another benefit of the renovation for our patients will be private recovery rooms where they can relax before heading home.

As if construction of the new surgery area will not be exciting enough, we are also going to embark on building a Hospice House on the north end of the MHP campus. A capital campaign will begin in the spring to raise money toward giving our hospice patients an even better experience than they already have. The purpose of the house is for those patients who want to stay at home but for medical reasons may not be able to. At the house they would enjoy a private room in a home like setting with a beautiful view and private balcony. In the common

areas of the house, patients and their loved ones can appreciate a kitchen and dining area as well as a family room for spending time together. For the convenience of family members special amenities such as shower facilities and massage services may also be available.

Finally, we are looking into a renovation of our current cafeteria and kitchen areas. The last update in these areas was completed in 1995; and our needs have changed in that period of time. In the last year our food selection as expanded offering many new menu choices that include grilled items as well as ready made grab and go entrees. In addition, we began offering room service to our patients and their guests in January. Introducing this program has been wonderful and is a great way to better accommodate the needs and desires of our patients. However, with the addition of new menu items and serving times, our kitchen is bursting at the seams so we are excited at the prospect of offering more workspace and the wonderful meals that are sure to come.

As you can see, it is not about where MHP has been, but where we are

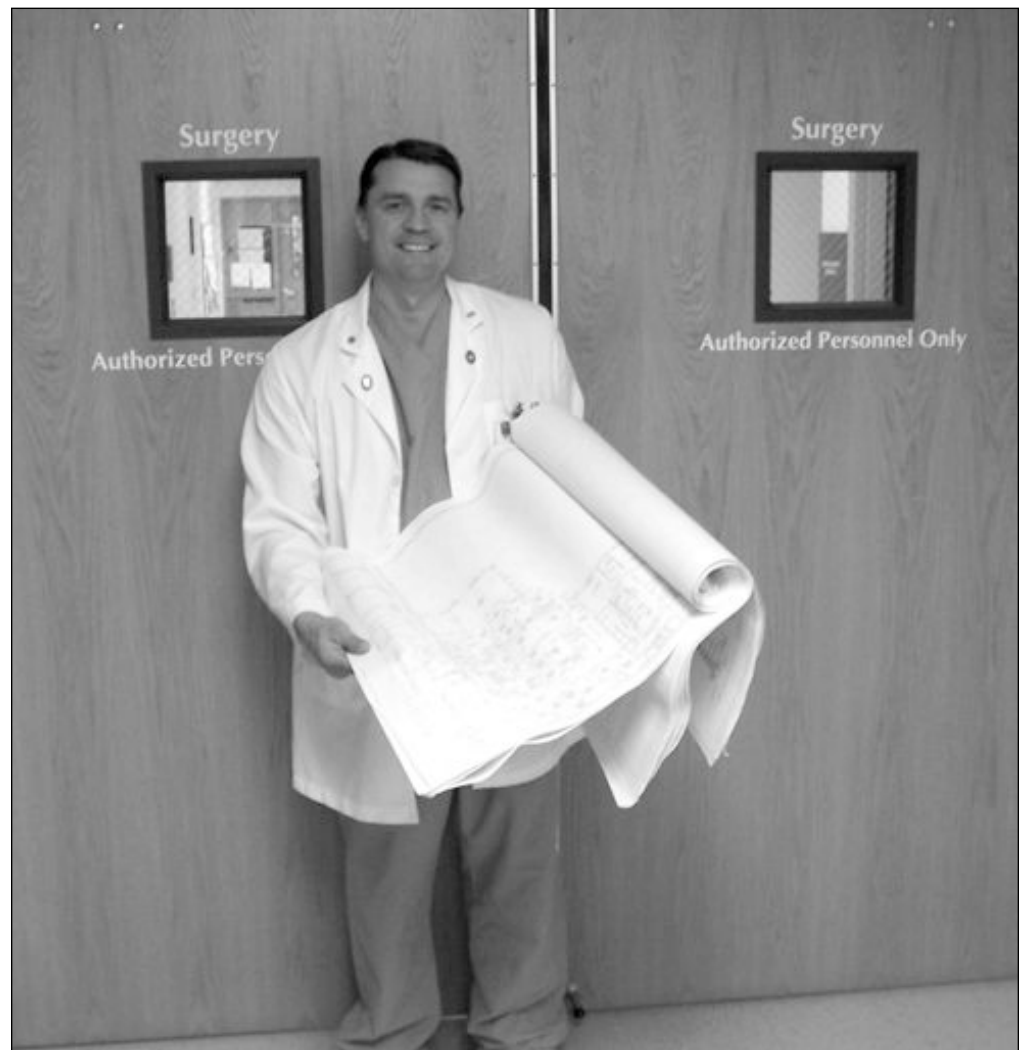


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Giles Seuferer, Director of Surgical Services, reviews the blueprints for surgery renovation.

going. Where we are going is everywhere from altering within to expanding out and we could not be more excited. Our patients and their families of the communities we serve are

our number one priority. As we add new space and enhance services we already provide, our sole purpose is to make your time spent with us even better than it already is. At

MHP we are very proud of our staff and the quality of care they provide, these proposed changes will only contribute positively to the great work they already do.

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