Strong partnerships build healthy communities

2012 Community Benefit Report
It’s a typical workday at Beaumont Hospital, Troy as the physicians, nurses and health care workers arrive for the early shift, but for Project SEARCH students employment is an extraordinary accomplishment.

Stephanie Martin, 24, a 2012 Project SEARCH graduate, works part-time as a housekeeper in the Environmental Services department. Stephanie comes in at 6:50 every morning and prepares her housekeeping cart for the day. Then, she begins her route, which takes her up and down the hospital’s “main street,” keeping the restrooms clean and sparkling. “This was a new skill for me because I hadn’t cleaned bathrooms at home, so the Project SEARCH job coaches and my supervisor at Beaumont taught me how to do it,” says a smiling Stephanie.

Stephanie learned valuable people skills in the program. “I really like it because I’m around people and it gives me something to do,” she says. “My mom, dad and sister all work, so if I didn’t have this job, I’d probably be home by myself. I’ve learned a lot. I keep my focus on my job because if I do it well, maybe someday I can do another kind of job, like the people I see walking by every day.”

Project SEARCH is a business-led, one-year school-to-work program for post-secondary students with intellectual and developmental disorders who are between the ages of 18 and 26. The program takes place entirely at the workplace, with a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on training through worksite rotations.

“Students spend an hour in the classroom each morning, learning the skills needed for employment, such as resume building, interview training, on-the-job training, code of conduct, grooming, problem-solving and critical thinking skills,” explains Carolyn VanNoord, Project SEARCH teacher with the Troy School District. “The goal of the program is for the students to gain work experience that will give them the skills necessary to obtain a paying job in the workforce.”
students for careers

The students attend the program for a full school year and work in several departments including patient registration, patient transportation, nursing and environmental services carrying out tasks such as stocking supplies, filing and assisting others. Job coaches help the students learn by encouraging them and demonstrating tasks.

In the classroom setting students share their proud moments and their challenges. Sarah Johnson, 26, shared the moment when she transported a patient back to her room. “The patient woke up and asked me to hold her hand,” says Sarah. Sarah’s pride and purpose shines when she relates the story. “I was happy that I helped her.”

Project SEARCH Prepares Special Needs Students for Careers

Project SEARCH students work in various departments of the hospital. They begin their day in the classroom before going off to work.

Project SEARCH Success:

- Beaumont, Troy graduated 14 students from the program in the 2011-2012 school year
- Eight students are enrolled in the 2012-2013 school year
- To date, four Project SEARCH graduates have been hired by Beaumont

Community Partners:

- Oakland Schools, Troy and Hazel Park School Districts
- Michigan Rehabilitation Services
- Jewish Vocational Services
- Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority

Dove Award:

Beaumont Health System won the 2013 Oakland County Dove Award for Employer/Contractor of the Year from the Arc of Oakland County, a nonprofit organization committed to helping those with developmental disabilities to choose and realize their goals.
In 2012 Beaumont Health System delivered more than $239 million in community benefit

Charity and Other Unpaid Care: $34,459,360
Beaumont believes high quality care should be accessible to everyone, so we provide a safety net for those who are uninsured and cannot afford health care. Last year, Beaumont provided more than $34 million in care to patients for which we received no payment. Our mission is to provide the highest quality health care services to all of our patients efficiently, effectively and compassionately, regardless of where they live or their financial circumstances.

Unfunded Cost of Research and Medical Education: $45,272,839
Beaumont invests in a healthier tomorrow with a strong commitment to medical research and education. Since the Research Institute was established more than 30 years ago, Beaumont researchers have been improving patients’ lives through clinical research. Beaumont research includes drug and device development and testing, studies to determine best medical practices and laboratory research. As Michigan’s population continues to age, the need for health care workers will grow. It is estimated Michigan will face a physician shortage of 6,000 by 2020. Funds spent training tomorrow’s health care workforce will help ensure future access to health care.

Programs for the Community, Sponsorships and Donations: $44,729,788
Each year, Beaumont provides financial sponsorships and donations to many organizations that share our mission of promoting good health and wellness. Beaumont Health System’s outreach programs help people in our communities to live healthier lives, and our staff and physicians donated hundreds of hours in service to our community in 2012. Their efforts included health education classes, support groups and programs that address essential community needs. Our community partnerships and collaborations are a long-standing tradition at Beaumont.

Unfunded Costs of Government Health Plans and Programs: $115,337,973
Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak ranks third in the United States for the number of Medicare inpatients we serve and second in the nation for hip and knee replacement surgery.
While government insurance programs (Medicare/Medicaid) help offset the cost of the care, not all costs are covered. Beaumont provided more than $115 million in direct patient care to recipients of Medicare, Medicaid or other federal, state and local government health programs in 2012 for which we were not compensated.

Photos from top to bottom: A Project SEARCH student helps prepare a bed. Challenge Detroit presents a super hero nutritional program. Elementary students tape Dr. Alan Koffron for an organ donation awareness program.
Beaumont Health System: Quality Care, High Value

Beaumont Health System recognizes that consumers, employers and insurers want high value health care – defined as high quality care at low cost.

For 2012, Beaumont, Royal Oak’s direct cost per case was the lowest in the nation, when compared with 125 other major teaching hospitals across the nation. From 2007 - 2012, Beaumont, Royal Oak lowered its cost by 11.1% – more than any other hospital in Southeast Michigan. Beaumont’s quality is among the nation’s highest, with infection control and mortality rates among the best in the country exceeding national benchmarks.

In 2011, Beaumont was one of 14 health systems selected to join the High Value Healthcare Collaborative, a prestigious national group of health systems designed to improve health care quality, lower costs and expand best care practices to other health providers. The selection criteria included strong research and quality improvement processes, robust health information technology, a commitment of personnel, operational and financial resources and demonstrated experience in collaboration across institutions.

The Collaborative is working to define best medical approaches for nine increasingly prevalent conditions or diseases that have been shown nationally to have wide variation in rates, costs and outcomes. These include: total knee replacement, diabetes, asthma, hip surgery, heart failure, perinatal care, depression, spine surgery and weight loss surgery.

Through this collaborative, Beaumont is improving health care quality and value for patients locally and across the nation, helping to ensure that health care resources are effectively used.

About Beaumont Health System

Beaumont opened on Jan. 24, 1955, as a 238-bed community hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. Today, the hospital is a 1,070-bed major academic and referral center with Level I trauma status. It was Michigan's first Magnet-designated hospital for nursing excellence and it is an associate member of the Children's Hospital Association.

A second Beaumont hospital opened in Troy in 1977 as a 200-bed acute care community teaching hospital. It is now among the nation's busiest community hospitals with 406 beds. In 2009, Troy received Magnet status.

In October 2007, Beaumont became a regional health provider when it acquired a third community hospital with 250 beds in Grosse Pointe.

Ninety-one medical and surgical specialties are represented on the Beaumont's medical staff of more than 3,100 physicians. Beaumont Health System is a community-based academic medical center sponsoring 39 accredited primary care and specialty programs training more than 400 residents and fellows. Additionally 200 residents and fellows from outside programs come each year for one or several one-month rotations at Beaumont. Beaumont is the primary affiliate of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, which admitted its first class in 2011, and will admit its third class of 100 students in fall 2013.

Beaumont Health System is not-for-profit.
Beaumont Health System is one of 30 Metro-Detroit organizations participating in Challenge Detroit, an endeavor to attract and retain creative professionals in the city. For one year, 30 fellows from the Detroit area and around the country work at a designated business. One day of each week is devoted to improving the city of Detroit. Local participating companies present the fellows with a monthly challenge to solve.

In addition to employing one of the fellows, Beaumont sponsored a challenge to combat childhood obesity. Since one of every three children in Michigan is overweight, childhood obesity is one of the most pervasive issues in Metro Detroit.

“The challenge presented to the fellows was to come up with two different one-hour programs, one for a school assembly and the other for a community center workshop, focused on health and well-being with the goal of fighting obesity,” says Deidre Green Groves, executive director, Challenge Detroit.

The fellows split into teams to work on the assignment for four weeks. During the first week of the challenge, they listened to a panel of health care and community experts on childhood obesity in order to understand the barriers facing this issue.

During the second week, they visited the Rutherford Winans Academy in Detroit, a school that partners with Beaumont. At Rutherford, fellows ate lunch with the students and interviewed them about their eating habits.

For the final session, they presented a superhero-themed program they call “Fit-Ready” to tackle obesity on two fronts: schools and community centers. The program incorporates activities, like classroom games, and supplemental materials including recipe cards and audio CDs, to impact the behavior, nutrition and physical activity of upper elementary school kids.

“We don’t want to just put a bandage on the issue. We want to get to the root of it,” says Lucy Sternburgh, manager of Beaumont’s employee health and wellness programs.

To do so, fellows from the nutrition team designed a classroom game to interactively teach children how food choices can affect their organs. Fellows from the physical activity team created programs that would engage children to get up and dance in their local community centers.

The plan was forwarded to Beaumont’s community health planning committee to see how they can implement it.

“This was an opportunity for us to make an impact, but it was also an opportunity for us to be educated, and Beaumont helped us do that. Our fellows are walking away with a better understanding of regional issues,” says Deidre Green Groves.
Building a healthier tomorrow

At Beaumont, we’re committed to investing in health, wellness and prevention programs that add to quality of life for our patients.

Beaumont Children’s Hospital’s Parenting Program, provides support for new families. Our physicians and health care providers educate elementary school children, through programs such as Tar Wars, teaching children the dangers of smoking. Our Project Healthy Schools program motivates children to make healthy eating choices and reduces the risk of heart disease, obesity and diabetes.

Our commitment to health education and awareness is paramount, whether it’s a blood pressure screening at a local health fair or training the next generation of doctors and nurses in our surgical learning center and operating rooms.

Through our classes, support groups and speakers bureau, Beaumont helps our community adopt healthier lifestyles.

Beaumont’s commitment to graduate medical education

• Beaumont Health System’s dedication to training future generations of physicians is demonstrated by the allocation of $28,277,904 in funding for education in 2012.

• Beaumont trains 441 residents and fellows in 39 accredited specialty programs

• More than 1,500 Beaumont Health System physicians are faculty members of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
Ian Jackson Craniofacial & Cleft Palate Clinic: Changing Lives and Faces

Beaumont Children’s Hospital’s Ian Jackson Craniofacial and Cleft Palate Clinic brings together medical specialists in one clinic location to provide integrated medical care for children born with craniofacial conditions, such as cleft lip or palate, as well as adults with facial deformities from various causes.

For more information, call 248-898-0181.

Special help for patients without insurance

Beaumont’s policy provides free or discounted care to patients who demonstrate they qualify including:

• Financial assistance for patients prior to or after receiving care
• Financial resources to patients who do not have insurance or qualify for any other financial assistance programs or do not have sufficient assets to pay for a portion or all of the services or items they receive
• Discounts are provided for patients without insurance

Beaumont Provides Medical Care and Assistance for the Uninsured

In our struggling economy, many families delay or forgo health care due to financial reasons. Beaumont believes that all patients should receive the health care they need, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Beaumont partners with many non-profit organizations to help provide care for those who need it. We partner with Covenant Community Care, Inc., a nonprofit organization and federally qualified health center, dedicated to providing primary health care to the uninsured and underinsured at locations in Southwest Detroit and South Oakland County.
When Adan Mejia Zavala was a baby, he became very sick. To help determine the nature of his illness, doctors in his native Honduras placed tubes in his nose. When they removed the tubes, his nose tissue tore. To make matters worse, the tissue then became infected. To stop the spread of infection, his nose and part of his upper jaw were removed.

Adan spent the first nine years of his life in the Central American country with his family, disfigured by the life-sparing facial surgery. Then, an international, nonprofit children’s health organization brought him to the United States for nasal reconstruction. The Michigan family has stood by Adan the past five years. After a failed 13-hour procedure at another hospital in 2007, he returned to Honduras. The Gebbens were determined to bring him back to the United States for another attempt at reconstructing his nose. This past October, Sherri was able to help Adan, now 14, obtain a five-year visa.

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“Beaumont transforms lives around the world

The multidisciplinary medical team includes Jeffrey Topf, D.D.S., chief, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and one of the clinic’s medical directors; Kongkrit Chaiyasate, M.D., plastic/craniofacial surgeon and director, Reconstructive Microsurgery; and Jeffrey Fishman, M.D., a plastic surgeon.

“‘This is an extremely challenging and complex case. Adan has dental, breathing and cosmetic issues that need to be resolved. They can’t all be addressed in one procedure, but more like five to six,’” says Dr. Chaiyasate.

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Thanks to volunteers like Marcia Ball, of Grosse Pointe Woods, there is someone at a patient’s bedside at the end of life. Marcia is one of 52 trained volunteers in No One Dies Alone (known as NODA) a national program at Beaumont Health System’s three hospitals.

“The goal is to have someone available around the clock,” says Father Rich Bartoszek, director of Spiritual Care at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Beaumont’s program serves all patients and is respectful of religious and cultural differences.

Father Rich explains that NODA was born years ago at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Ore. Nurse Sandra Clarke was tending to a critically ill patient, and he asked her to stay. She explained she had to visit a few other patients, and she promised to return quickly. Upon finishing, she found out that the gentleman had died alone. She was devastated that she left the man alone. So, she created the NODA program.

Although the original program focused on patients without families, Father Rich says, “We kind of redefined it” to include several situations.

The program aids patients without families but also patients whose families can’t be with their dying relative all the time. Sometimes relatives need a good night’s sleep or need to care for other family members, so NODA volunteers are available to give family members a respite.

Sarah Krug, a NODA volunteer at Beaumont, Royal Oak, uses the Comfort Care cart filled with a selection of poetry, music and faith-based materials. Marcia Ball reads and plays music to patients. Although sometimes the patients are unconscious, a soothing voice or music provides comfort.

Marcia always volunteers for the night shift. “When I meet the families, they are always so grateful.” She finds personal gratification in her work. “It’s my chance to give back.”

“We encourage volunteers to take notes or call the family if something happens during their shift,” Father Rich adds. Families appreciate this act of kindness knowing their loved ones were not alone.

“This is a collaborative program,” he says. Beaumont’s volunteers, nursing staff, palliative care, hospice and spiritual care departments all work together. “People are so thankful for the program that they often write notes and even make a donation.”

“Being a member of the No One Dies Alone program gives me the opportunity to minister and support a patient as they make their transition from this world to the next,” says Stephanie Goodrich, a volunteer with NODA at Beaumont, Troy. “It is an honor to be with someone at this very important time in their life.”
For older adults, Beaumont is a valuable resource

According to the National Institute on Aging, “the United States population aged 65 and over is expected to double within the next 25 years, and by 2030, almost one out of every five Americans will be 65 years or older.” They identified the age group 85 and older as the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.

That’s why Beaumont Health System has developed special geriatric services dedicated to serving older adults and their families. You’ll find state-of-the-art technology, teams of specialists and a host of programs specially designed for senior citizens.

For more information on programs and services within Beaumont Health System as well as in the community, call the Senior Resource Line at 1-800-328-2241.

Volunteering at Beaumont Health System

Volunteers enhance the capacity of Beaumont to serve patients, families, visitors and staff in the best possible way. There are more than 250 service areas and 2,300 volunteers.

On the community front, the Parenting Program, Meals for the Homebound (Grosse Pointe only), NoBLE (anti-bullying campaign) and Hospice offer ways to help in the community.

For information, visit www.beaumont.edu/volunteer
Two-Day Breast Cancer Research
- First study: 2004-2007
- 45 patients were treated and followed
- No failures with these 45 patients with an average followup of five years
- Beaumont is currently enrolling patients in a Phase III randomized clinical trial comparing five-day versus two-day APBI (Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation).

American Cancer Society Statistics
- 226,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer were found in U.S. women in 2012
- About 64,000 new cases of carcinoma in situ, the earliest form of breast cancer, are found annually.
- As a result of detecting and treating cancer earlier, breast cancer death rates have been decreasing.
- According to the American Cancer Society, there are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Beaumont Research Institute
- Established more than 30 years ago to improve patients’ lives through quality clinical research.
- Currently there are 1,103 open trials and 620,293 registered research participants.
- More than 456 investigators conduct research using $33.3 million in research grants from government, foundation and commercial sources.
- Some examples of innovative Beaumont research improving patient care include: CT heart scanning that is more accurate, less intrusive, faster and less costly than the standard diagnostic testing for emergency room chest pain patients and novel methods to treat painful incontinence with high-tech implanted devices.
Breast cancer treatments can be long and arduous, but a study led by Beaumont researchers strives to reduce treatment time and side effects. The new treatment shortens the time of radiation therapy for early-stage breast cancer from a traditional 6.5 weeks of whole breast irradiation down to either a five-day treatment course or as little as two days.

Peter Chen, M.D., a radiation oncologist and principal investigator at Beaumont Health System, uses Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation, known as APBI, that treats only the part of the breast at highest risk for recurrent cancer. This treatment delivers a radioactive seed, about the size of a grain of rice, to the area while minimizing radiation exposure to surrounding breast tissue. It’s a highly-targeted treatment.

Beaumont is the only hospital in Michigan and one of a few in the nation providing the two-day radiation therapy for early-stage breast cancer.

Dr. Chen presented his research findings to the American Society for Radiation Oncology in October 2012, showing that the two-day radiation therapy produced results similar to five-day treatment in those with early-stage breast cancer. Dr. Chen and a team of researchers reviewed data of 114 patients who were treated between June 2000 and January 2011 with either two-day or five-day APBI. The results of the comparison showed no significant differences in cancer recurrence, survival rate or spreading of cancer to other organs or lymph nodes. The results showed five years after, the two-day regimen clinical outcomes were equivalent to the five-day plan.

For family and friends, this high-quality, shortened course is a tremendous benefit.

“This comparison has shown a true benefit to using time-compressed, precise radiation therapy to treat select breast cancer patients,” says Dr. Chen. “Women who may already have full schedules with managing professional and family life will have the opportunity to receive therapy in fewer days with quicker recovery as compared with traditional post-lumpectomy treatments which take 6.5 weeks of irradiation.”
Students educate the community on organ donation

When Alan Koffron, M.D., health system chair of surgery and director of multi-organ transplantation at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, walked into the auditorium on Jan. 16, he knew he was going to be grilled. Waiting for him were seven fifth graders, from Brooklands Elementary School in Rochester, ready to make a video on organ donation awareness.

They were part of a group called Destination Imagination, which encourages kids to solve open-ended challenges and present their solution at competitions. Pranav Arunandhi’s team is called the Code Crackers.

“I watched a video about a kid who had heart disease,” says Pranav. “He had two heart transplants and to see him suffering just lying in bed made me sad, and I wanted to do something so more people would donate their organs.”

So he and his team members decided to make a video about organ donation, the common misconceptions, ethics, the need for organs and more. They created story boards, a script and planned out the whole shoot.

But they needed a hospital to help. That’s when they called Susan Walker, social worker in Transplant at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Susan arranged for the group to come in, record the video in the auditorium with the help of Ken Davis and Dave Brush from Video Production, meet with Kathy Swartz, organ donation coordinator and interview Dr. Koffron as well as a donor and recipient.

Like troopers, Kathy and Dr. Koffron each took the stage, under the lights, put on a mic and answered questions on camera. “Their education is important. We know the biggest issue around organ donation is the lack of awareness,” says Dr. Koffron. “By helping them today, we’re challenging young people to take risks that might make them embarrassed and to have a sense of wonder about things. But I did do a warm-up for their questioning,” he jokes.

And so with some kids standing on milk crates to see into the camera, they filmed their video. “We want everybody to register,” says Pranav, who wants to be a neurologist someday. “And we want to spread awareness with high schoolers because they change their minds and we’re going to get them straight.”

Left: The Destination Imagination team from Brooklands Elementary School in Rochester interviewed Dr. Alan Koffron. Right: Ken Davis, manager of Beaumont’s video production department, helped the students create the film.
Organ Donation at Beaumont

- Since the first kidney transplant in 1972, specialists in the Beaumont transplant program have performed more than 1,500 adult kidney transplants.
- Beaumont is accredited by Medicare and the United Network for Organ Sharing, a national transplantation organization for kidney transplants.
- A highly skilled multidisciplinary transplant team guides patients in choosing the best possible individualized treatment options.

Transplant Connection

- Beaumont has a support group for individuals who are waiting for any type of transplant – or who have completed – their transplant surgeries. Families, friends and caregivers are also invited to attend.
- Beaumont’s Transplant Team offers an evening transplant seminar every six weeks for patients.
- For more information, call the transplant office 1-800-253-5592.

National Transplant Statistics

- More than 25,000 transplants are successfully performed each year in the United States.
- To date, more than 95,000 people continue to wait for kidney transplants in the United States.

Statistics from Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) and the Scientific Registry for Transplant Recipients (SRTR)
Beaumont doctor cares for Team USA
Beaumont sports medicine specialist, Peter Donaldson, M.D., didn't visit Buckingham Palace in London. As a member of the United States Olympic Committee’s Medical Staff, he cared for athletes at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

“I felt fortunate and lucky to be selected by the USOC and the United States Equestrian Federation to serve our nation’s elite athletes,” he says.

Dr. Donaldson supported Team USA’s equestrian athletes in the jumping events. He also saw athletes from all sports at the USOC clinic.

Almost all of USOC’s 85-member medical staff, like Dr. Donaldson, are volunteers. The medical team is comprised of athletic trainers, chiropractors, massage therapists, physical therapists and physicians. They were responsible for 529 athletes in 26 sports.

Despite the long hours, he’s still inspired by the spirit of the Olympic Games. “I was honored to be part of the biggest and most exciting sports event.”

Cowboy rides from Texas to Michigan to say thanks
It was a long ride up from Dublin, Texas to Royal Oak, Mich.—about 3,500 miles. But Leslie Fender was determined to thank the physician who brought movement back to the right side of his body after a devastating stroke.

Seven years ago, Leslie was walking in the door of a Southfield restaurant when the stroke hit. “I was in the hospital two and a half weeks,” he says.

About a month after the stroke left him paralyzed, he met Graham Long, M.D., a vascular surgeon at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. According to Leslie, Dr. Long offered him the opportunity to try experimental surgery that would place a stent in his carotid artery. He agreed and after the surgery, he was able to move. “If I hadn’t had that surgery, I’d be in bed or a wheelchair,” Leslie says. “He saved my life.”

To show Dr. Long the progress he’s made, Leslie decided to ride Angel and Cherokee, his horses, from Texas to Michigan. He made the journey alone starting April 2, camping out, using maps and secondary streets from Texas through Mississippi and Alabama to Florida. From Florida he began making his way north.

And so for the last five and a half months, “the Beaumont Cowboy” made his journey in 25- to 30-mile increments each day. Just to say, “Thank you.”
Collaborating in the Pointes

Beaumont Community Health Coalition’s goal is to promote wellness and prevent disease within the community. This goal is achieved by offering educational programs aimed at health prevention and solutions.

The Coalition meets monthly at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and consists of more than a dozen community organizations in the Grosse Pointe area including the school district.

After two years the coalition’s accomplishments include programs such as: Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign, Tar Wars, Spirit of Giving and a suicide prevention campaign.

The Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign worked with parent groups to deliver educational materials on the dangers of hosting parties for young people and allowing them to consume alcohol within a private residence. The program was supported by the Grosse Pointe School District.

The educational program Tar Wars, reaches out to students transitioning into middle school, informing them about the negative health consequences of tobacco use. Taught by Beaumont’s family practice residents, the program uses a community-based approach to provide students with the knowledge to make healthy life choices.

Spirit of Giving is an annual event to promote youth involvement in the community. The young volunteers learn about local nonprofit organizations to establish relationships with the community.

The coalition also held a panel discussion on suicide prevention.

Beaumont One takes to the skies

With an expanded organ transplant program and an increase in patients from outside Southeast Michigan, Beaumont Health System has a new air medical transportation service, Beaumont One. The twin-engine EC135 helicopter transports patients within Michigan and Northern Ohio.

Phoenix-based PHI Air Medical, L.L.C., provides the helicopter and the 14-member Beaumont One flight team, including pilots, paramedics, nurses and mechanics.

“Beaumont One gives residents, referring physicians and law enforcement agencies quicker access to complex medical care and the only Level I Trauma Center in Oakland and Macomb counties,” explains Patrick Pettengill, M.D., emergency medicine specialist and Beaumont One, medical director. “When time is critical, our flight crews can perform transports without concerns about traffic conditions on the ground.”
Pet therapy aids patients

Last spring a new breed of Beaumont team member was introduced to Beaumont hospitals in Troy and Grosse Pointe: therapy dogs. Now, pet therapy dogs are available at all three hospitals. The happy hounds bring cheer to all. In the photo, Moose greets Lorraine with a friendly grin. Lorraine is a volunteer at Beaumont, Troy.

Beaumont assists storm victims in New York

Beaumont Medical Transportation assisted in the evacuation of patients from New York’s Bellevue Hospital. The team drove from Detroit to New York after hearing about the need for help during Hurricane Sandy.

Beaumont Health System at a glance, 2012:

Total patient care admissions: 97,994
Total outpatient visits: 2,243,968
Total emergency visits: 235,098
Total surgeries: 80,737
Total births: 8,857

Number of employees: 15,150 *

*Number of full-time equivalents
Beaumont helps the community in countless ways

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