

Students Honor Staff and Classmates Fighting Cancer

The Rushville Consolidated High School Student Council recently made a donation to the Sheehan Cancer Center. "The Student Council wanted to do this in honor of staff and students who are currently battling cancer," Julie Connolly, RCHS teacher said. "The Student Council is also interested in raising money for the Rush Memorial Hospital Pediatric and Women's Health Center."

According to Connolly, the Student Council raises money through the homecoming dance in the fall and donates it to various community organizations. Most of the money raised is for student activities or community service groups. In 1949, the first dollars were collected for the original Rush Memorial Hospital. Since then, people have been giving donations, both large and small, to ensure that Rush County has a quality health care facility that will meet the growing needs of this community. An example of the community's generosity is the 2006 completion of the Medical Office building and the Sheehan Cancer Center. As a result of community support through donations, patients no longer have to leave Rush County to get state-of-the-art cancer treatment.

The Sheehan Cancer Center at Rush Memorial Hospital provides board certified oncologists, hematologists and oncology nurses who are top in their field. Patients who come into the Sheehan Cancer Center have the opportunity to receive quality-of-life-education and research on the best ways to cope with their specific cancer diagnosis. Along with receiving quality care in a comfortable environment right here in Rush County, each patient will get the support, personal attention and respect they deserve.

The Sheehan Cancer Center is continuing to improve to ensure the quality of its patient care. These improvements do not come without expense. If you would like to give to the Sheehan Cancer Center please contact the Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation at 765-932-7568. Since the completion of the Sheehan Cancer Center in 2006, Rush Memorial Hospital is continuing its focus of meeting the growing needs of this community. That is why the newest initiative is the Pediatric and Women's Health Center. With more than 4,000 pediatric visits each year, RMH is quickly outgrowing its current pediatric building which is a modular unit that has limited improvement capabilities. That is why a new building is needed.

While meeting the growing health care needs of our community, this modern center will serve the women and children of Rush County and surrounding areas.

The Pediatric and Women's Health Center will provide a close, convenient facility for Rush County women to receive professional care and provide expectant mothers the opportunity to receive prenatal care and meet with our pediatricians before their babies arrive. Babies who are sick will have a separate waiting area from babies who are visiting for "well-baby" check-ups. The teenage pediatric patient will not only have a separate entrance into the building but also a fun, yet functional, waiting room. RMH's Pediatric and Women's Health Center still needs your help to become a reality. There are several ways to give and naming opportunities are now available. If you are interested in making a donation to this new center, please call the Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation at 765-932-7568.

If you are not interested in giving a gift to the Sheehan Cancer Center or the Pediatric and Women's Health Center, but you still want to give, please call 765.932.7568 to discuss how you can create your lasting legacy through the Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation.