Upcoming Events

**Beans & Cornbread Mayors' Luncheon**

Join us for the 32nd Annual Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon! The drive-thru event will be held at the YWCA of Lubbock parking lot, 6501 University Ave. on Friday, March 5, 2021 from 11AM-1:30PM. Tickets are $10 each and all proceeds benefit Hospice of Lubbock.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

**Speaker Series with Sheila Walsh**

Faith in Health Care hosted by motivational speaker, Sheila Walsh, will take place at Southcrest Baptist Church on Thursday, April 15 from 10AM-12PM. This event will be virtual and in person. Please RSVP here:

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Our Expanding Foundation Team

**Guest Relations**

Covenant Health Foundation continues to adapt to the needs of COVID-19, while also working towards long term strategic partnerships. Over the past year, various positions, such as health screeners, have been acquired. In an effort to create lasting partnerships with all who enter the hospital,
the Foundation is implementing a guest relations experience team who will work to improve the overall Covenant Health brand experience. With the leadership of Lauren Orta, who manages the volunteer program and has recently expanded her scope of responsibility to include valet and screeners, the guest relations team will have the knowledge and training to assist our guests in every need while entering and leaving Covenant Medical Center. If you have questions, or would like to share your gift of time with our guest relations team, contact Lauren Orta.

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A Letter From Our Covenant Leadership

My name is Vanessa Reasoner and I am the Chief Executive for Covenant Health’s Grace Surgical Hospital and Grace Clinic. At the beginning of 2020, the Grace team was mentally preparing for a challenging year with the construction of our new short stay surgical hospital and a year-long readiness process to migrate all Grace facilities onto a new integrated electronic medical record. These would have been huge undertakings in the best of circumstances. The environment that COVID-19 created was anything but the best of circumstances and something none of us had dealt with in our careers. Our world changed overnight. Initially, the amount of uncertainty was overwhelming, but I am so proud of how quickly our entire team at Covenant Health responded to the pandemic to do our part to foster a safe environment for our patients, caregivers and the community.

To aid in the COVID battle, Grace Clinic established COVID drive-up testing locations serving over 12,000 patients to date. When the COVID-19 vaccines
became available, we vaccinated close to 2,400 patients with first doses of the Moderna vaccine and second doses scheduled to be completed by early March 2021. These efforts were not always easy for our caregivers but they have done it all with servants' hearts and I could not be more proud. The Foundation's generosity has been the light so many needed during the darkness of this global pandemic. Despite our efforts as an organization to minimize the impact to our caregivers, COVID caused a strain to many, including Grace caregivers. Many of those were blessed with financial gifts from the Covenant Caregiver Assistance Fund. Additionally, our leaders faced different challenges as they led their teams through the impacts of COVID. With the help of the Foundation's sponsorship, we are excited to launch the series, Sacred Service. This program will provide our leaders with much needed tools to restore strength and resilience drained by “pandemic fatigue” so they may continue to be an example of our Mission to their teams.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the Foundation’s continued support and example of God's love. I am so grateful to be part of such a caring organization.

Grace and Blessings,

Vanessa Reasoner
Chief Executive
Grace Health System

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Our Devoted Donors

Covenant Health Foundation is grateful for our many sponsors for this year's Hospice of Lubbock Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon. The following companies and individuals support Hospice of Lubbock in their mission of being the only nonprofit hospice in the region supporting adult and pediatrics. Thank you for your generosity!

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Plan your future to honor your past. Fortunately, it is fairly easy and overwhelmingly rewarding. With even a simple plan, you can protect your family and leave a legacy that reflects your life’s work. We have tools and ideas to help you, and it is easier and more rewarding than you might think.

Some benefits of beneficiary designation gifts:
- **Easy to Do** - Simply fill out a brief beneficiary designation form provided by the plan or account administrator.
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If you are interested in or have questions about making a beneficiary designation gift to impact the work of our organization, email Jessica Marlar at jessica.marlar@stjoe.org.

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**Prayer For Our Future**

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.

*2 Corinthians 9:13-14*

*Thank you to Vanessa Reasoner for the Scripture.*