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Summer 2022



OFF HWY 3127

BETWEEN CHAMPION ST. & LA HWY 20



FUTURE HOME OF
St. James
West Bank Clinic

▲ WEST BANK
CLINIC TEAM
AND MANAGERS ON
NEW LAND SITE

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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Since opening its doors 67 years ago, St. James Parish Hospital has prided itself on being a community hospital. Our vision has always been rooted in the ability to care for you close to home.

Being *large enough to serve*, has meant many positive changes to our facility through the years, none of which would have been possible without our *people*. Our amazing team truly puts the heart in our hospital.

Thank you to our team members who have helped us grow while also remaining *small enough to care* for the past decade or more.

Mary Ellen Pratt

Mary Ellen Pratt,
FACHE, CEO



Decades

Through the years, we've had to evolve to meet the changing needs of our patients and community. Employees who have served our hospital for the last **10 years or more** have had a role in opening new buildings, starting new services and implementing new technology that has helped make your care more *convenient, comprehensive, and coordinated*.

10-19 Years

Erin Becnel
Nicole Boe
Lynell Brown
Scott Dantonio
Kara Dornier
Susan Duhon
Tabatha Frase
Corrin Garcich
Ollie James
Paul Labiche Jr.
Jared Laiche
Jennifer Lambert
Bo Louque
Brooke Michel
Ryan Michel
Denise Nosacka

James Nosacka
Jared Olivier
Donna Podufalski
Kelli Randazzo
Nili Rougee
Danielle Roussel
Kassie Roussel
Jessica Ruiz
Vonnice Trench
Annabelle Vicknair
Hallie Waguespack
Andrea Walden
Laurie Webb
Jammie Williams
Jill Zeringue
Jalene Zimmer



of Service

20-29 Years

Rachael Amato
Kelein Barrow
Tara Boudreaux
Brent Chauvin
Ashley Crotty
Derin Donaldson
Shannon Jackson
Rochelle Jacob
Donna Labiche
Lorain Landry
Jeremy Martin
Donna Naquin
Mary Ellen Pratt
Jeanette Wallace
Rhonda Zeringue

Rudolph Carter
Natasha Foster
Stacy Heltz
Sabina Landry
Shawonna Mora
Selma Simon
Holly Troxler
Rachel Becnel
Lisa Faucheux
Tracy George
Cindy Madere
Cathy Rizzuto
Monica Trosclair
Dionne Williams

30+ Years

Brenda Florent
Mike Luminais
Tessey Petit
Dana Poche
Robin Poirrier*
Kim Scharwath

*Retired

Years of Service as of 5.30.22





Planting the **Seeds of Healing**

FROM SEEDLINGS TO SUCCESS



Lauren, SJPH Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, spearheaded this beautiful initiative, from gathering supplies to forming a multidisciplinary team and ensuring patients of all ages and backgrounds could participate.



The therapy team at St. James Parish Hospital has a special place in the hearts of many families for truly working to make “functional” fun when it comes to helping patients return to the lives and hobbies they love.

This year our hospital therapists worked together to plan an outdoor activity for skilled inpatients, neuro-outpatients, and pediatric patients in physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. Over the course of several months, patients worked together to create a Therapy Garden, located in the hospital's Healing Garden.

The garden began as seeds on a windowsill and has grown into a beautiful flower and vegetable garden adorned with painted rocks and handwritten descriptions of each plant. Thanks to our therapy team and the patients who started our Therapy Garden, future patients will also have a place to practice many of the skills they are working to regain at the hospital.

Let us help you heal and grow.
Call 225.258.5934 for more information about our skilled therapy services or to schedule a therapy appointment.





OUR PATIENT PARTICIPANTS FELT A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP AND PRIDE IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE ALSO MEETING SEVERAL IMPORTANT THERAPY GOALS NEEDED IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

Physical Therapy

Squatting, weight shifting to affected leg, dynamic standing balance/tolerance, gait on unlevel surfaces, coordination

Occupational Therapy

Handwriting, fine/gross motor skills, dexterity, sensory integration, unilateral reaching, visual perceptual skills, social interaction, core/trunk muscle activation, emotional regulation, independence with adaptive equipment

Speech and Language Therapy

Problem-solving, following simple directions, reading comprehension, age-appropriate social skills, focus/attention span techniques, patience

ClinicConnection



St. James West Bank Clinic: We Have Land!

We are extremely excited to share the future site of St. James West Bank Clinic in Vacherie. We will be designing a new space that will offer patients a beautiful, upgraded facility with room to grow.

Upon completion of the project, Dr. Jarelle Scott, MPH, Denise Louque, Family Nurse Practitioner, and the team at our

primary care clinic in Vacherie will serve patients at the new location off of Highway 27 between Champion Street and LA 20.

“Offering an upgraded space for our West Bank community to receive care is just one step toward our vision to *unite the parish by being the community’s first choice for all health and wellness needs*,” says Rachel Becnel, RN, Chief Administrative Officer and Wellness Project Lead.

“The future relocation of the West Bank Clinic will provide opportunities for us to collaborate and partner for local services that make your care more *convenient, coordinated, and comprehensive*. Helping our patients attain true wellness means working to offer the tools and services they need to stay healthy too,” says Rachel.

Specialty Clinic Corner

Direct-Access to Wound Care

Concerned about a nonhealing wound or need help managing a chronic wound? The experienced, outpatient team at our wound care clinic is here to help—and you don’t need a referral from a physician. To schedule an appointment in Lutcher, contact our team directly at 877.295.2273.

Extended ENT Hours Coming Soon

Dr. Michael Goodier, Otolaryngologist with OLOL Physician Group, will be offering extended hours starting this fall. Call 225.765.5500 to schedule an ENT appointment in Lutcher.



Patients now receive text reminders the day before their scheduled appointment.

**Hospital-owned clinic visits and services scheduled at least 24 hours in advance*



Patient Portal

Need your doctor, but can't come in? Telehealth visits are now integrated into your St. James Parish Hospital Patient Portal. See the step-by-step guide below.

Schedule a virtual visit.

1. Log in to your portal at www.sjph.iqhealth.com.
2. Click "Schedule an Appointment."
3. Choose "Established Patient-Telehealth."
4. Pick a location and view appointment options:
 - a. **Family Practice Clinics (Lutcher)**—
Dr. Jerry Poche, Dr. Randall Poche, Dr. Dylan Poche, Dr. Cullen Ocmond, or
Denise Louque, FNP
 - b. **Urgent Care**—Nurse Practitioner
 - c. **West Bank Clinic (Vacherie)**—Dr. Jarelle Scott or Denise Louque, FNP
5. Choose a date/time and schedule.

On the day of your visit, log in to your portal before your scheduled appointment. Make sure you are in a quiet, well-lit area. Find "appointments" on the menu to view your upcoming appointment and join when prompted.



SJPH in the Community

The COVID-19 pandemic forced us to change the way we interacted with our community. We are excited to once again support you in-person through community events, educational classes, and screening opportunities.

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SJPH in the Community

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“As a community hospital, we pride ourselves on both healing and helping our community. This means leading efforts that support wellness inside and outside of our hospital.”

—Kassie Roussel, Director of Marketing and Foundation

So far this year, we hosted
 3 Blood Drives with The Blood Center
 collecting 70 units of blood and saving 210 lives.

In March, we resumed our puberty classes. These classes are taught by clinical leaders who follow a Disney-designed program that is engaging, comfortable, and fun. Thank you to our volunteer instructors who help us continue to offer this wonderful program. We are working to plan fall classes and will share dates soon.

In April, we hosted the Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana Emergency Response Network, who lead a free First-on-the-Scene Class teaching nonclinical community members best practices for responding to emergencies in the community. Additionally, the hospital participated in the 2022 St. James Relay for Life Event which raised money for the American Cancer Society. The hospital team was the number seven fundraising team in Louisiana.

In May, we partnered with St. James Parish Elderly Services to co-host the parish's first Health Fair and Senior Picnic since 2019. This event attracted more than 100 attendees. Our team offered free screenings and health education.

This May, our Therapy Team also offered screenings at the Marathon Petroleum Employee Health Fair.

In June, our Education Team began in-person CPR and First Aid Classes.

We offer classes to both Healthcare Providers and community members.

Healthcare professionals also now have the option to choose a “blended” learning experience, which includes an online course and in-person skills-check.

We also hosted the River Region Chamber of Commerce and Entergy, who partnered to offer a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar to local businesses.

In July, our Therapy Center sponsored the Jontre Kirklin youth football camp, leading stretching and offering free movement screenings.

Currently, we are planning our much-anticipated Cholesterol and Chem Profile Screening Event, which we are offering this fall.

**For information about our classes, visit www.sjph.org/class-information.
 To view our events calendar or to RSVP for an upcoming event, visit www.sjph.org/events.**

St. James Parish Hospital complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Our facility also provides free language services.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística.

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement.

UPCOMING Events

8.5.22 Community Blood Drive

11am–4pm in the Medical Plaza

10.4.22 Heartsaver CPR & First Aid

- RSVP at www.sjph.org/events.
- 8am–2pm in the Medical Plaza

11.15.22 Healthcare Provider CPR/ BLS Recertification

- RSVP at www.sjph.org/events.
- 8am–12pm in the Medical Plaza

Coming this Fall

Boys & Girls Puberty Classes

Chem Profile, Cholesterol and PSA Screenings

* Event info and schedules are subject to change.

RSVP

Visit www.sjph.org/events for the latest information or to register online.

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