

## **2011 Local Rural Health Stories**

### **Clara Barton Hospital – Pink Glove Contest**

With the help of more than 120 hospital staff members and the video production students at USD 431, Clara Barton Hospital (Hoisington, KS) finishes 25th in the National Pink Glove Video Contest to raise the public's awareness about breast cancer.

### **Rural Health Systems Manager Received National Award**

Greeley County Health Services Project Director, Chrysanne Grund, receives the 2011 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leader Award, honoring exceptional men and women who have overcome significant obstacles to tackle some of the most challenging health and health care problems facing their communities.

### **New Rural Medical School – Salina KS**

Salina, KS became home this summer to a new medical school campus, opened to provide a novel solution to Kansas' persistent lack of rural physicians.

### **Greensburg/Kiowa County Memorial Hospital**

Destroyed in a tornado, Kiowa County Hospital designed and built a first-of-its kind green hospital, while still meeting functional and safety requirements.

### **WePAC Alliance – Hoops for Hope**

Five SW Kansas communities collaborate on a Hoops for Hope weekend to raise awareness and money for women's preventive cancer screenings.

### **Patient Safety Efforts in SW Kansas**

Kearny County Hospital in Lakin, KS, wins Kansas Foundation for Medical Care's coveted "Film of the Year" in 2011 contest to promote patient safety in hospitals.

### **Electronic Health Record adoption in Plainville, KS**

Plainville, KS family practice physician, Dr. Jen Brull, has become the first doctor to be featured as an early adopter of electronic health records.

### **Neosho County Meltdown**

Faced with being in Kansas bottom 25% for overall health, Neosho County Health Department launches the 2011 Meltdown to help residents change lifestyles.

### **Greeley County – Rural Health Information Technology Network Development Grant**

Greeley County Health Services was one of forty health entities across the United States to receive federally grant to enable the hospital and community based partners to create a comprehensive electronic network for health information exchange.

### **Thomas County Coalition**

The Thomas County Health Department and public health partners launch a community campaign to make Colby, KS the Most Walkable Community in Kansas.

### **Lifestyle Choices Increased Through Rural Health Monitoring**

(Coffeyville, KS)

How Ron and Mary Douglas of Coffeyville, in rural southeast Kansas, were able to keep living in their own home despite their chronic illnesses, through the use of a home monitoring system to track their vital signs on a daily basis.

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