

# Muskogee Auxiliary Continues Tradition of Service



Building on a long tradition of service, the EASTAR Health System Auxiliary continues to have a tremendous impact on the hospital its patients, visitors and the community. In the past, they've provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in nursing scholarships, purchased new electric transportation vehicles to assist patients and visitors to and from the parking lot, and built children's play centers for waiting rooms and wheelchairs. They helped build and now maintain the Memorial Healing Garden at the entrance of the west campus, dedicated to patients and visitors.

The Auxiliary also sponsored the 30<sup>th</sup> annual "Let's Play Hospital" program for approximately 800 first-graders. The program is designed to alleviate fears of children who would need to come to hospital for surgery. To read more about this and see photos of Well Wabbit, the hospital's mascot, check out this article in the [Muskogee Phoenix](#).

In 2012, the Auxiliary gave 24,615 hours of service, including more than 2,300 from the Junior Volunteers. And they gave more than \$45,000 to benefit the community, including the following contributions during the most recent year of service:

- \$10,745 – 6-passenger Golf Cart for transporting patients/visitors from parking lot
- \$9,168 – Communication boards for 65 patient rooms
- \$7,426 – To pay for half of all flu vaccinations used at the "Boo on the Flu" event each fall. The other half is paid for by the Muskogee Medical Foundation.
- \$5,665 – Two large Sandboxes for Childcare Center
- \$4,045 – Maintenance of Memorial Garden with seasonal plantings/maintenance
- \$3,247 – Safescan Target Scanner for the Radiology Department
- \$2,000 – Nursing scholarship for employees
- \$1,400 – Cancer Center patient assistance (gas cards, Boost nutritional supplement)
- \$591 – Vials of Life capsules distributed through EMS Service
- \$500 – Educational Grant for Muskogee Wellness Initiative through public schools
- \$516 – Flat screen TV for Cancer Center waiting area

