



The Caring Hearts of Staff

A servant's heart is reflected in the faces of the McLeod Health staff, and demonstrated in their response to a calling in healthcare.

This caring nature recently led one team to approach the McLeod Foundation on behalf of their patient population. Their concern was for patients with cardiopulmonary problems who had to walk a considerable distance from Registration to the McLeod Echocardiography Department in the McLeod Tower. The request was to purchase a second Echocardiography Ultrasound machine for use in an outpatient location that was both convenient and easily accessible for these patients.

An Echocardiography Ultrasound provides images of the wall motion and valve function of the heart. The test is painless and non-invasive. It also helps the physician determine a diagnostic and treatment plan for the patient.

In 2009, the McLeod Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$161,330 to the Department of Echocardiography for the purchase of a second Echocardiography Ultrasound machine.

The new Echocardiography Ultrasound machine is located in the Radiology Department on the first floor of the McLeod Plaza, where patients can enter through either entrance and go directly to Registration and straight into the Echocardiography area all within a few convenient steps. This additional machine has also doubled the amount of screening times that are available for Outpatient Services, and relieved scheduling issues.

The caring hearts of the McLeod Echo Department is a reflection of how even one person can have a powerful impact on the lives of patients.



McLeod Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer Chalandra Hart performs an Echocardiography Ultrasound in the McLeod Plaza Radiology Department.



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The Gift of a Scholarship

Douglas W. Jenkins, M.D. is remembered as a pioneer in the field of medicine in Dillon County. Today, his legacy lives on as a scholarship established in his name provides for cardiac rehabilitation to those in need.

After the passing of Dr. Jenkins in 2006, Dillon Family Medicine, P.A. established the Dr. Douglas Jenkins Scholarship Fund through the McLeod Health Foundation to provide funding for patients who would not otherwise be able to afford participation in the Cardiac Rehabilitation program at McLeod Medical Center Dillon. Cardiac Rehabilitation is the recommended therapy for individuals after suffering a heart attack or cardiac intervention.

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In August of 2009, a generous gift of \$3,000 was contributed to the McLeod Health Foundation by Dillon Family Medicine to provide continued funding for the Dr. Douglas W. Jenkins Scholarship Fund.

The McLeod Health Foundation has supported the McLeod Medical Center Dillon Cardiac Rehabilitation program since 2001. In the interest of participants’ continued health and wellness, \$56,000 in grant funding has been provided for patients needing assistance.

At any given time, there are approximately twenty patients enrolled in the Cardiac Rehabilitation program that are benefiting from the Dr. Douglas W. Jenkins Scholarship Fund provided through the McLeod Health Foundation.



Naomi Thompson looks forward to her Cardiac Rehabilitation sessions at McLeod Medical Center Dillon.

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