

LCH earns Foundation grant

Director of Development for the Lindsborg Community Hospital, Betty Nelson, announces the receipt of grant funds from the Smoky Valley Community Foundation.

The grant was written to purchase equipment and accessories for the physical therapy department, specifically for broadening a program emphasizing upper extremity rehabilitation.

The SAEBO method of rehabilitation provides a unique and revolutionary line of treatment. Candidates for SAEBO rehabilitation and training are clients suffering from CVA (stroke), head or brain trauma, cerebral palsy, neuro-muscular disease and the severely burned.

Of the 3000 therapists trained to use SAEBO, Sharon Vajgrt, PT, is a member of the Lindsborg Community Hospital's health care team. Sharon is the only physical therapist within 90 miles with SAEBO training, having traveled to Chicago last year. Utilizing technology and equipment designed by rehabilitation specialists, occupational and physical therapists, SAEBO's slogan is "no plateau in sight". For anyone that has had a stroke or head-injured loved one, "plateau" is a term often applied during the rehabilitation process indicating further function or improvement is unlikely.

Vajgrt anticipates the program will

grow as success among clients is experienced and documented. By providing a unique and innovative service, the physical therapy department has already realized patients traveling from Wichita, Salina and Dodge City to receive identical rehabilitation services offered by physical therapists in Topeka, Wichita and Kansas City.

"We are grateful to the Smoky Valley Community Foundation for awarding us this grant allowing us to expand on a service that brings people to Lindsborg to receive such a specialized service," stated Nelson. "The people of the Smoky Valley are fortunate to have the dedicated, and progressive professional staff here, at our local hospital. Likewise we are fortunate to realize the benefit of the hard-working members of the Community Foundation, and the people who have made contributions so these grants can happen."



Pictured above are: Sharon Vajgrt, PT and Leon Burch, Executive Director, Smoky Valley Community Foundation

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