Mercy Foundation President Shannon Cofield has announced two major gifts benefiting the Mercy Comfort Health Center for Women. The center will be located on the first level of the Mercy West Medical Clinic at 1601 NW 114th Street in Clive, and will provide comprehensive specialty services vital to a woman’s health and wellness needs during midlife. The facility is currently under construction and is projected to open for patients beginning in spring 2017.

Kyle and Sharon Krause, long-time Mercy benefactors and community philanthropists, have established the Kyle and Sharon Krause Mercy Comfort Health Center for Women Physicians’ Fund with a gift of $250,000. This endowed fund will support the long-term educational needs of the center’s physician team. “We are happy to establish this fund that will enable the physician team to engage in training and learning opportunities to help them stay well-informed of current best practices in women’s health,” said Sharon Krause. “Not only will central Iowa women have first-class facilities, but they will receive care by a team of excellent, dedicated physicians.”

Friends and family of Dr. Susan Beck, Katzmann Breast Center medical director and well-respected breast surgeon, came together to honor her dedicated service by raising nearly $100,000 to establish the Susan Beck Breast Health Suite. Through these gifts, a private suite will be equipped with cutting-edge equipment used to treat the distinctive needs of women facing a breast health issue. “It has been a long-time dream of mine to have a world-class women’s health center located in our community. I am extremely honored to have this suite available to provide both excellent and compassionate care to the women I am privileged to serve,” said Dr. Beck.

“Today, we celebrate these two transformational gifts benefiting women’s health. Both gifts ensure women in central Iowa have access to some of the most innovative and comprehensive health services available. We are deeply appreciative to Kyle and Sharon Krause and Dr. Susan Beck’s family and friends for their foresight in helping Mercy serve the health and wellness needs of midlife women,” said Cofield.
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MERCY OFFERS SPECIALIZED TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSION

Mercy Clinics has recently begun offering a new option for those suffering from treatment resistant major depressive disorder. Depression is a serious illness that can disrupt an individual’s professional, social and physical health. Mercy Clinics Mental Health is one of two locations in central Iowa offering Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) therapy, an FDA-approved, safe and effective non-drug depression treatment for adult patients who have not satisfactorily responded to traditional medication and therapy. It provides benefits without the side effects often associated with antidepressant medication.

Mercy Clinics Mental Health utilizes the NeuroStar TMS machine, which uses precisely targeted magnetic pulses to stimulate key areas of the brain that are underactive in patients with depression. Patients are awake and alert during treatment, and can go back to their normal activities immediately after treatment. Each treatment takes less than an hour. Treatment is administered five days a week, for approximately six weeks.

If you or a family member struggle with depression, contact your primary care provider or call Mercy Clinics Mental Health at (515) 643-9030 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Adam Godfrey, Emergency, and Kady, on the birth of their daughter, Adeline. Adeline was born on Dec. 19.

Sara Williams, 5N, and Dennis, on the birth of their son, Andersen. Andersen was born on Dec. 20, and was welcomed home by Ayla, 7, and Addisyn, 6.

BABIES IN ELF HATS AND STOCKINGS

THERE’S NOTHING QUITE LIKE A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS. That’s especially true when the gift is a baby. Thanks to the Mercy Auxiliary and Mercy’s Mother/Baby unit, our Christmas season babies were decked out in holiday trimmings. The Mother/Baby Unit purchased elf hats that were given to babies starting the week before Christmas. Additionally, babies born Christmas weekend received Baby’s First Christmas stockings donated by the Mercy Auxiliary. Pictured are babies in their elf hats and stockings in the Newborn Nursery at Mercy’s Women & Infants’ Center.