



HELPING TO MAKE THE GREATER ST. JOHN, ST. CHARLES AND ST. JAMES AREA HEALTHIER

At River Parishes Hospital, our goal is to deliver the best healthcare available in the greater St. John, St. Charles and St. James area as we seek to make our community healthier. With the help of dedicated physicians, employees, volunteers and board members, along with your continued support and encouragement, we continue to move forward.

Delivering quality healthcare is a big part of the contribution we make. But there are many other ways a hospital can make a positive impact on the community it serves. Here are a few of the other ways we are making a difference.

Over \$1.3 million in capital improvements

In 2008, the hospital completed a major Pharmacy renovation and improvement project. A new medication dispensing system was also purchased for the Pharmacy and in 2009 this dispensing system will be further expanded through the purchase of additional units to be used throughout the hospital. This will decrease medication wait times for patients.

Other notable large capital equipment purchases in 2008 were the addition of a new C-Arm for Radiology and new Anesthesia equipment. Various other medical equipment purchases consisted of new surgical drills, scopes, fetal monitoring equipment, an infant warmer, and several new pieces of equipment for the Physical Therapy department. In all last year we invested over \$1.3 million in our facility which, in addition to the above, included other technology replacement, information technology additions/updates, and routine facility upkeep and maintenance.

For 2009, we have over \$2.5 million in planned capital projects. A new state-of-the-art fixed Cardiac Catheterization Lab is planned for our expanding cardiology program. We also have major renovations planned for our physician offices in the hospital-owned Medical Office Building which our newly recruited physicians will occupy.

Contributing to our local tax base

Last year, River Parishes Hospital paid over \$897,000 in taxes that have helped to support our city, county and state. This included sales taxes as well as property taxes. These dollars help to support local schools, development of roads, recruitment of business and industry, and other needed services.

Helping those in need

River Parishes Hospital provided over \$68.2 million in uncompensated care last year, which included the amounts not covered by government-sponsored programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. This amount includes \$6.8 million for charity care and bad debts, incurred as we cared for many people without sufficient resources.

Adding new physicians

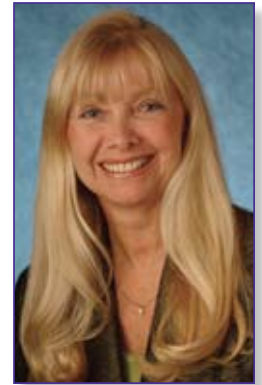
During the past year, River Parishes Hospital added several new physicians to our highly respected medical staff, including specialists in cardiology and urology.

In 2009, we will have numerous new physicians joining the medical staff. We have already signed on a new Pediatrician, a new Obstetrician, a Gastroenterologist, and two new Cardiologists.

One of our community's major employers

With an annual payroll of over \$20.8 million and more than 420 employees, River Parishes Hospital is one of the largest employers in the region.

We thank you for choosing River Parishes Hospital for your healthcare needs. With your support, together we can make an even greater hospital and a healthier community.



Charlotte Dupré, CEO
River Parishes Hospital



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COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

Charity care and bad debt	\$6,899,000
Government-sponsored health care	\$61,385,000
Medicare, Medicaid contractals	
Community benefit programs	\$270,652
Financial contributions.....	\$2,394
Health professionals education.....	\$17,320
Community health services	\$76,888
Physician recruitment.....	\$159,050
LifePoint Community Foundation grants to Grambling State University, Louisiana State University at Eunice, Louisiana Technical College/NW Campus, Louisiana Tech University and Southeastern University Foundation – Hammond, Louisiana	\$15,000
Taxes paid	\$897,625
Property and other taxes	\$271,000
Local sales taxes.....	\$370,343
State sales taxes.....	\$256,282

2008 TOTAL **\$69,452,277**

In addition, the hospital's payroll of over \$20.8 million and capital investments of \$1.3 million last year contributed significantly to the community's economic success.



SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

River Parishes Hospital and our employees are pleased to have been able to support the following activities and organizations during the past year.

- American Cancer Society – Relay Sponsor
- American Legion – Zoo Trip for Handicapped
- Destrehan High School
- Chamber Women's Seminar
- East St. John High School
- Harry Hurst Middle School
- Lions Club
- Lutcher High School
- New Wine Christian Fellowship Youth Camp
- Norco Elementary
- Reserve Bantam Athletics
- River Region Chamber of Commerce
- Riverside Academy
- Rotary Club of LaPlace
- San Francisco Plantation – Frisco Fest
- Sheriff Wayne L. Jones – Golf sponsor
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- St. Charles Catholic High School
- St. James High School
- St. Joan of Arc School
- St. John Community Theatre
- St. John United Way
- St. John Parish Boys Summer Camp
- St. Peter School
- Valero Refinery/Ed Reed Golf Tournament

"Government-sponsored health care" includes governmental and private payor contractual adjustments or reductions. "Physician recruitment costs" include recruitment costs and support of new physicians' initial practice establishment in the community. Payroll includes consolidated salaries, wages, benefits and contract labor costs. "Capital investments" include facility expansions/renovations, equipment purchases, technology replacement, information technology additions/updates, and routine facility upkeep and maintenance.