

CIRCLE CONVERSATIONS

Labette Health is forward-thinking and vital to their community. This past year, this rural hospital served 625 women and 220 babies. The OB-GYN floor has three large birthing rooms and three postpartum rooms. The hospital has added a surgery room on the floor as well. This addition was part of a \$24 million addition and remodel of the hospital.

Each year, the directors at **Labette Health Center** produce a capital list. Last year, they determined that the newly renovated OB floor needed another fetal heart monitor cart. According to Anthony Vaughan, **Labette Health Foundation** executive director, fetal monitoring units are a key component in a birthing unit as they support connection to a central documentation system and provide visual and audible indications of synchronous fetal or maternal heart rate and other vital signs. And such a cart could be moved quickly and easily throughout the OB-GYN floor.

The Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund at CFSEK was asked to help purchase this through a grant in partnership with the

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Coming Up

- **April:** Next *Circle Conversations*
- **May:** Coffee & Conversations with grant recipient TBA
- **July:** New *Circle Conversations*
- **August:** Annual membership contributions due!
- **September:** 2024 grant applications available
- **October:** New *Circle Conversations* and 2024 grant review meetings
- **November:** CFSEK Grant Celebration & Match Day 2024!



Thank you, Match Day donors!

The Nightingale Endowment raised \$3,000 on Match Day through community contributions and CFSEK's match!

2023 Grants (cont.)

Labette Health Foundation. The **Women's Giving Circle** awarded \$8,000 to the project, which Labette Health used to purchase not one, but two fetal heart monitor carts!

"The Labette Health Foundation is extremely thankful to the Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund for the \$8,000 grant," said Vaughan. "Because of this gift, we can continue to provide an advanced level of supervision to mothers and babies during labor and delivery."

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Nurses Lindsey Lahey (left) and Mandie Spencer (right) pose with one of Labette Health's new fetal heart monitor carts.

What We Do

- Together we are pooling our money
- Together we are deciding where we give our money
- Together we are learning about our community and philanthropy and
- **Together we are helping women and girls in Southeast Kansas!**

Why I Joined

I joined the Women's Health Fund because I firmly believe that ALL women should be entitled to the same level of healthcare, regardless of their socioeconomic status. Through the funds WHF raises, many grants are funded for women's groups that help ensure women from all walks of life get the care they need. I enjoy being part of a group that recognizes even though we come from different walks of life, we all have very similar needs.

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