

# Foundation Focus

## Mobile EKG Technology Saves Lives

Generous gifts from Wellmont Foundation donors have helped save lives in our community through the purchase of mobile EKG technology.

In an effort to support the non-profit, advanced, life support agencies surrounding Holston Valley Medical Center and Bristol Regional Medical Center, Sullivan County EMS, Bristol Tennessee Fire Department, Bristol Virginia Life Saving Crew and Church Hill EMS are all equipped with this technology.

These units are installed in the ambulances, where the EMS professionals can run a diagnostic EKG test from the patient's home or the ambulance and transmit the readings straight to the emergency room, alerting the cardiac team to prepare for the patient's arrival. A physician who reads the EKG can quickly call the cath lab team into action. By transmitting the data while the patient is being transported to the hospital, life-saving treatment can begin almost immediately once they reach the hospital.

"Door-to-Balloon" is the terminology often used to describe the time from the patient entering the emergency room until medical intervention – such as angioplasty – is begun to open the blocked artery. While using this technology, the "door-to-balloon" time has been greatly reduced, saving precious minutes and heart muscle. Every minute counts when it comes to treating heart attack patients, and the mobile EKG has made saving time and heart muscle much more of a reality.

Mobile EKG technology was made possible through Wellmont Foundation with the help of donors like you. If you are interested in finding out more about mobile EKG technology or making a donation, please contact Wellmont Foundation at (423) 230-8550 or visit our website at [www.wellmontfoundation.org](http://www.wellmontfoundation.org).

## Planned Giving Focus – Emily and Lucile Jennings

The generosity of a committed few can help inspire others to make a difference. Recent gifts to Madison House from the estates of Emily and Lucile (Wogs) Jennings of Kingsport exemplify this principle. The sisters, lifetime residents of Kingsport, realized the benefit of Madison House within the community, so they committed to provide for the facility's future through the creation of the Jennings Madison House Fund at Wellmont Foundation. Madison House is a healthcare-affiliated adult day care and assisted living facility located in Kingsport. As people who cared about the needs of others facing the issues of aging, they wanted to provide resources to better enable Madison House to address these issues and serve residents.

Emily and Lucile's parents moved to Kingsport in 1917 when the city was first beginning to grow. As young ladies, they were brought up in a household that was proud to be a part of the Kingsport community and all that it had to offer. Their father, William R. Jennings, was a banker during the early days of Kingsport, and served as mayor at the time of his death in 1945. Emily and Lucile managed Fort Robinson Realty Corporation for many years, and both maintained a life-long interest in civic affairs and local business. While they were somewhat private individuals and different in many ways, they shared a deep love for family, a devotion to friends, and an interest in the people who contributed to the welfare of the city they called home. Both felt blessed in many ways, and have now blessed many others with their gifts to Madison House.



*Emily and Lucile Jennings left a legacy of caring through their donation to Wellmont Foundation.*

The Jennings Fund will provide much needed assistance to offset costs that residents would typically incur, allowing Madison House to improve programs and facilities without passing those costs to residents. In this way, it will function as a scholarship fund.

This provision was made by the Jennings sisters while they were living to create a future benefit through their estates. The Jennings sisters each used a Charitable Remainder Trust to accomplish their goals and placed assets in the trust to fund their charitable

objectives. "This type of charitable trust is an excellent planning instrument," stated Todd Norris, Wellmont Foundation's executive director. "Most people who use charitable trusts in estate planning see a current tax deduction, a reduction of estate taxes, and the generation of new income during their lifetimes. And, in this case, they have helped to transform health care in their own community."

Many lives will be changed, which is what Emily and Lucille Jennings envisioned. Their hope was to instill in others this same sense of caring for the citizens of our community. With this gift, Emily and Lucille Jennings have created an example to all of us, showing that we can work together to make a difference through giving.

For information on free and confidential estate planning services offered to friends of Wellmont Foundation, please call Todd Norris at (423) 230-8556. For more information on Charitable Remainder Trusts, go to [www.wellmontfoundation.org](http://www.wellmontfoundation.org) and visit the Planned Giving section.



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# Infusion Center opening brings hope

The Jackie Leonard Infusion Center is spreading hope with its opening at Bristol Regional Medical Center. Through a generous gift by the Leonard Family Foundation, hope is more alive than ever with the opening of this new facility.

The spa-inspired center will have a calming and healing effect on the many patients who enter its doors each day. A celebration and ribbon cutting was held Dec. 11, with the Leonard family, Infusion Center staff and Wellmont executives present. Frank and Jackie Leonard accepted a commemorative plaque from Tom McGlothlin, chairman

of the Wellmont Foundation board, and Todd Norris, executive director of Wellmont Foundation, in appreciation for their vision and generosity.

The Leonard family has impacted many lives through this gift to Wellmont Foundation. "These extraordinary individuals have shown their commitment to health care in our community and their support for their neighbors and friends. We are so grateful to the Leonard family for their generous contribution," said Norris. "This has left a lasting legacy and we are very proud to be the home of the Jackie Leonard Infusion Center."



*Pictured above are Todd Norris, executive director of Wellmont Foundation, and Frank and Jackie Leonard.*

## Wellmont Foundation offers free, expert estate planning

When was the last time you reviewed your estate plan? Wellmont Foundation offers free estate planning consultation as a service to you and your family. We have partnered with Thompson & Associates to offer expert estate planning advice that can help you avoid estate taxes, plan for yourself and your family and benefit the charitable organizations you value.

One of the unique aspects of this free service is that Jeremy Pharr, our consultant, works with your attorney and other advisors to devise the best plan for you. The fees are covered by Wellmont Foundation, so there is no obligation or cost for any of these services. If you have already developed an estate plan, this is an opportunity to get a valuable second opinion from an expert, especially if you have had a change in life circumstances. If you would

like more information about estate planning and consultation with Jeremy Pharr, please visit our website at [www.wellmontfoundation.org](http://www.wellmontfoundation.org) or call us at (423) 230-8550.

## Gala volunteers needed

Have you been looking for a way to be more involved with health care in your community? The Holston Valley Medical Center Gala is approaching and we need your help! In November 2009, Wellmont Foundation will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Christine LaGuardia Phillips Cancer Center with a black-tie gala at MeadowView Resort and Conference Center. This year's gala will focus on raising funds to benefit cancer care in our community. Committees will be formed to help raise awareness and support for this event. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Clarisse Strong at (423) 230-8555 or [Clarisse\\_E\\_Strong@wellmont.org](mailto:Clarisse_E_Strong@wellmont.org).

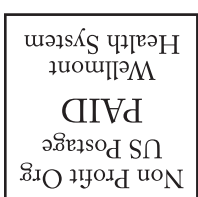


*Courtney Griffin and Vickie Wilson are presented Guardian Angel recognition from their supervisors.*

## Guardian Angels honored

Two healthcare professionals have been recognized as Guardian Angels. A gift to Wellmont Foundation has been given in honor of Courtney Griffin, PCT, of Holston Valley Medical Center and Vickie Wilson, PCT, of Bristol Regional Medical Center. They represent the thousands of Wellmont employees who go above and beyond every day in service to our patients. For more information on honoring your own Guardian Angel, please contact Wellmont Foundation at (423) 230-8550 or visit our website at [www.wellmontfoundation.org](http://www.wellmontfoundation.org).

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