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Endowment Awards Grants, Adds Witt to Board

The LCMC Endowment Fund Board of Directors awarded education grants totaling \$5,086 to Lake Fork Health District nurse Krista Moore and Physician Assistant Bob Downs at their regular quarterly meeting on January 31.

In other meeting business, returning Lake City native Buffy Witt was added to the Board representing Hinsdale County EMS. The Board also reports that plans are moving forward for the second Wild Wild West Dinner featuring prime rib by Jeff Heaton on June 25. The fundraiser seating is limited to 50 and advance reservations are required. Contact a Board member (listed later in this article) or email LCMCEndowment@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

Lake Fork Health Care District Medical Director Dr. Gina Carr and Executive Director Jessica Whiddon joined in emphasizing the importance of the education grants in enhancing clinic and community services, and providing professional growth of staff through staff development plans and thoughtfully selected training and education.

The grant to nurse Moore provides funds for two courses toward certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and the Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum (TNCC). ACLS trained responders provide urgent treatment of cardiac arrest, stroke, myocardial infarction, and other life-threatening cardiovascular emergencies. The TNCC certification is through the Emergency Nurses Association and is becoming a training standard for nurses involved in emergency and acute care.

Medical Center Physician Assistant Bob Downs was awarded grant funding for two 2020 conferences that meet requirements for maintaining national certification, state licensing requirements, and that have ultrasound training tracks. These lay the groundwork for a more extensive ultrasound class and hands on experience at other teaching facilities that will culminate in the addition of ultrasound capability at our clinic.

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complex, and fits nicely with our focus on putting our donors' money to work for the community and our visitors" explained Endowment President Bernie Krystyniak.

Buffy Witt, newly named Hinsdale County EMS Director, was added to the Endowment Board filling the position vacated by retired Jerry Gray. Witt joins current Board members Linda Downs, Jerry Johnson, Bernie Krystyniak, Lyn Lampert, Cindy Lycholat, Malinda McDonald, and Fred Stapleton.

The LCMC Endowment Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) with the Mission of supporting quality health care delivery in Lake City with supported organizations Lake Fork Health Service District, Silver Thread Public Health District, and Hinsdale County EMS. The Endowment was established in 1997 with 97.7% of donations going to Lake City grants or invested for future needs.

Learn more about the Endowment at www.LCMCEndowmentFund.org. An online donation function is available. Contacting a Board member to discuss estate planning, legacy donations, and property donations is also encouraged.

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Endowment Board presenting grant awards – Left to Right – Linda Downs (Board Secretary), Jessica Whiddon (Health District Executive Director), Bob Downs (Medical Center Physician Assistant), Bernie Krystyniak (Board President), Krista Moore (Medical Center Nurse), Lyn Lampert (Board Vice-President), and Jerry Johnson (Board Member).