May 28, 2014

Dear Mr./Ms. «LastName»,

The employees of Lexington Medical Center touch lives every day by working hard to provide the very best care. As someone recently touched by this compassion, we would like to introduce you to the Lexington Medical Center Foundation’s Grateful Patient Program.

The Grateful Patient Program allows patients to honor a Lexington Medical Center nurse, doctor, volunteer, or group of caregivers that made a difference in their time shared with us.

Your gift to the Grateful Patient Program will not only recognize and honor a caregiver, but will also directly support the Foundation’s mission to provide year-round support to patients through programs that contribute to a patient’s wellness, peace of mind and dignity.

On the reverse of this letter you will find more information about the various Foundation programs supported by Grateful Patient gifts, and enclosed a convenient form and return envelope that will allow you to honor a caregiver. If you would like to learn more or make an online gift, please visit http://www.lexmed.com/foundation.

If I can be of any assistance please let me know by contacting our office at (803)791-2540.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. James
Executive Director/Vice President

Caregivers display their Grateful Patient recognition plaques
How does the Lexington Medical Center Foundation assist patients and our community? 
Below are a few examples of support programs made possible by our generous donors

**Cancer Care**

**Becky’s Place** is a boutique inside of our hospital that offers wigs, mastectomy bras and prosthetics for women recovering from breast cancer. With the help of WIRE (Women in Rural Electrification) the Foundation has provided wigs to over 7,500 women. The average cost for one wig is $175.

**Healing Icons** is a program that facilitates healing through creative expression workshops for adult cancer survivors at no charge. This program activates the healing process and empowers survivors with new coping strategies.

**Cardiovascular Care**

Through full and partial scholarships the Foundation’s **Cardiac Rehabilitation Fund** aids many individuals with rehabilitation services who could not otherwise afford the program. The cost of this program for one participant ranges from $200 - $500.

All open heart surgery patients receive a **healing heart pillow** that assists with recovery by helping with pain reduction during coughing, deep breathing and moving about. They are also used by physicians as diagrams to educate patients about their treatment.

**Emergency Care**

**Teddy Bears are given to children and seniors** to comfort them during Emergency events. “The bears have been given at the end of a visit as a reward. To some children it is a nice token; to those less fortunate their eyes sparkle as if they were receiving a present at Christmas. But the magic of the bears is not just for children. I had had several special needs adults who were silent and just staring into space that come alive when given a bear” –Dr. Don Moore

Various supplies are provided for emergency patients such as: **Clothing for those** whose clothing has been soiled or torn, **Diabetic supplies** for those who cannot afford them, and **Baby supplies** for indigent families

*To support these programs or learn about programs not shared in this document, please contact us at (803) 791-2540.*