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Taylor Regional Hospital's Economic Impact is \$35 Million

By James Roberts, CKNJ

The impact of Taylor Regional Hospital goes far beyond health care. According to a Kentucky Hospital Association report, Taylor Regional Hospital has a local economic impact of \$35 million. The study, based on 2007 data, offers information on employment and salaries, as well as spending estimates. The report, said TRH Board of Trustees Secretary Laura Wilds, shows the hospital impacts far more than local residents' health. "It makes me very proud of our hospital," Wilds said. And there's plenty to be proud of, she said, particularly in the employment category.

In 2007, the hospital had 501 employees, making it one of the largest employers in the county. Payroll was \$20.4 million that year, which adds up to 7.4 percent of all wages and salaries paid in the county. Today, the hospital employs 575 full-time personnel and 65 part-time, according to Board of Trustees Chairman Chris Reynolds.

On the health care side, in 2007, the hospital provided care to 2,621 inpatients, 18,541 emergency room patients

and 78,859 outpatients and welcomed 335 new babies. Outpatient services extend beyond just surgeries, Reynolds said, to include lab work, blood work, X-rays, therapy and cancer center visits. The emergency room was expanded a few years ago, but that expansion had little to do with the volume of patients, according to Board of Trustees Member John Bertram. The expansion, Bertram said, had more to do with providing more space for those receiving care as well as those in the waiting room than expanding capacity.

The hospital serves an 11-county area, Reynolds said. In addition, the hospital offers a free transportation service to eligible patients in Taylor, Adair, Green and Marion counties receiving services at the main hospital, rehab services or the cancer center. The hospital spent about \$980,000 to treat patients without insurance and whose income was below the federal poverty level. These patients are not billed.

This, Wilds said, is one of advantages of a community with a tax-supported hospital. "If you are a tax-based hospital,

you can't refuse treatment."

As for local spending, the hospital has made an impact of nearly \$15 million. The hospital paid an estimated \$203,574 in local occupational taxes in 2007, the report states. That same year, the hospital paid nearly \$3 million in state taxes. Using a formula based on the spending habits of like-sized hospitals, the Kentucky Hospital Association estimates that TRH spent \$6.5 million with local companies. The expenditures range from food services to wholesale trade.

The Board, which oversees the business and expenditure end of the hospital operation, tries to spend locally when possible, Wilds said. Being a member of the Jewish Hospital network helps keep costs down by taking advantage of group discounts. Using a similar formula, the Kentucky Hospital Association estimates that hospital employees spent \$7.8 million on items ranging from homes to clothing.

Things haven't slowed for the hospital, Reynolds said. Recent years have seen plenty of activity. Since 2007, the three-story Medical Services Building has opened and is now fully occupied and the sleep center and cancer center have expanded. The construction of new surgery suites is among the expansions in the hospital's long-range plan, Reynolds said.

Even in a tough economy, Reynolds said, two types of business will always remain strong - hospitals and schools. TRH and Campbellsville University, he said, are two of the county's top employers and both will weather the economic storm.



Heartland Commerce and Technology Park Improvements Continue

Although Heartland Commerce and Technology Park's 202 acres are "shovel ready" for development, several improvement projects are currently underway. A three-phase 500 MCM primary underground electric line through the center of the park has just been completed. The line is rated for approximately 8600 kva fully loaded. Construction will begin in May on a 100,000 square foot pre-engineered pad project. This pad ready site will allow a

relocating company to immediately start construction, cutting three to four months out of the building process. Additional improvements on the access road will take place later this year.

A shovel-ready site has all the utilities (water, sewer, electric, natural gas and fiber-optic cable) on site and the systems have excess capacities to meet potential demand. The phase I environmental report and a soils boring test have been completed, as

have the wetlands delineation and archaeological survey. The park is zoned I-2.

Site selection consultants and relocating companies are looking for sites that are ready for immediate development. It's not uncommon for prospects to expect a new building to be ready for occupancy in four to six months from the time they take ownership of the property.

Campbellsville Micropolitan Area Ranked 65th in the Nation

The March edition of Site Selection magazine has ranked Campbellsville among the 2008 Top Micropolitan areas for new and expanded industry projects.

Out of 694 micropolitan communities in the United States, Campbellsville tied for 65th place along with Murray and Somerset.

"This ranking is evidence of our area's long-term progress, even through tough economic times," said Ron McMahan, executive director of Team Taylor County.

"Site Selection magazine is the economic development trade publication economic developers, site selection consultants, commercial real estate brokers and relocating companies go to for relocation information. We are extremely pleased to make the listing."

Other Kentucky micro areas to make the listing were Frankfort (tied for 14th), Paducah (tied for 26th), Danville (tied for 41st), Glasgow (tied for 41st), Madisonville (tied for 41st), Murray (tied for 65th)

and Somerset (tied for 65th).

Kentucky also made the magazine's annual Governor's Cup ranking, coming in ninth in the U.S. for new and expanded industry activity in 2008.

The U.S. Census Bureau defines a micro area as a largely rural economy that includes a city of at least 10,000 people but less than 50,000 and covers at least one county. Of the 3,141 counties in the U.S., 694 are classified as micro areas.

Ingersoll-Rand Receives BSSC Workforce Training Funds

Ingersoll-Rand has been awarded \$25,000 from the Cabinet for Economic Development's Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) Grant-in-Aid fund.

The BSSC's grant-in-aid program's basic purpose is to improve and promote employment opportunities for

the residents of the Commonwealth through training grants with business and industry. The Grant-in-Aid program provides reimbursement dollars to companies or consortia for company specific training activities.

The Cabinet's Bluegrass State Skills

Corporation plays a significant role in keeping Kentucky's business and industry competitive in the global economy by assisting them in providing the necessary training for their workforce.

Campbellsville University Sets Record Enrollment for the 18th Consecutive Semester

By Hillary C. Wright, CU student news writer

For another consecutive spring semester, Campbellsville University has achieved a record spring semester enrollment of 2,451, according to an announcement by Dr. Michael V. Carter, president.

The enrollment for spring 2008 was 2,435. The spring semester record makes 18 semesters of consecutive record enrollments at Campbellsville University.

Carter said, "Our 18th consecutive semester of record enrollment reflects the continuing forward movement of Campbellsville University.

"The fact that students are coming from all across Kentucky, the United States and 32 other countries, confirms the excellent reputation that CU has and that we have become a university where diversity is affirmed, academic excellence is emphasized, and Christ is at the center of all that we do.

"We are very thankful for the continuing growth of Campbellsville University as we place emphasis on Christian servant leadership and academic excellence."

Dave Walters, vice president for admissions and student services, credits retention and recruiting as the basis of this record enrollment.

"Our entire campus is intentional when it comes to retaining and recruiting students," Walters said.

"Faculty, staff and administration all share the responsibility for being ambassadors for Campbellsville University. It's a collaborative effort to share with prospective students and their families about all that CU has to offer. Everything we do on our campus is strategically planned and implemented with current and future students in mind."

Walters said the interest in CU is higher than ever before. "Students from all over the country and from all over the world are visiting our campus and discovering a treasure of higher education experiences and resources," he said.

Dr. Frank Cheatham, vice president for academic affairs, said he was "very pleased" with the record.

"The new record enrollment is a reflection of the quality of academic and spiritual life students are experiencing at Campbellsville University,"

Cheatham said.

"Our outstanding faculty/staff and coaches continue to work hard to provide the best experience possible for our students. We will continue to move forward in providing programs of quality to attract and retain additional students."

Campbellsville University is a private, comprehensive institution located in South Central Kentucky. Founded in 1906, Campbellsville University is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and has an enrollment of 2,601 students who represent 93 Kentucky counties, 27 states and 31 foreign nations. Listed in U.S. News & World Report's 2009 "America's Best Colleges," CU is ranked 22nd in "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in the South for the second consecutive year. CU has been ranked 16 consecutive years with U.S. News & World Report. The university has also been named to America's Best Christian Colleges®. Campbellsville University is located 82 miles southwest of Lexington, Ky., and 80 miles southeast of Louisville, Ky. Dr. Michael V. Carter is in his tenth year as president.

Local Amazon.com Distribution Center Featured on ABC News Nightline Segment

ABC News Nightline was recently in Campbellsville to film footage at the local Amazon.com distribution center. The segment featured the launch of their Kindle2 electronic book and how it may change reading in the future. One of twenty-five Ama-

zon.com warehouses worldwide, Campbellsville was again chosen to fulfill the shipment for one of their best selling items.

The local facility opened in 2000, employs 1,165 people, contains sixteen football fields full of items and

twelve miles of conveyors. According to the segment, corporate sales were \$19 billion for 2008, a 25% increase over 2007, and they had their best Christmas season ever.

Leadership Campbellsville Economic Development Day

Ron McMahan, Team Taylor County Executive Director, was the guest speaker for Leadership Campbellsville's Economic Development Day in January. Twenty high school students and thirteen adults attended a combined meeting to tour Amazon.com and Murakami Manufacturing USA.

After the tours, McMahan conducted a question and answer session on "What is Economic Development" and gave an update on progress with Heartland Commerce and Technology Park and the Heartland Parkway.

Leadership Campbellsville is a leadership development program spon-

sored by the Campbellsville-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce and designed to develop a diverse group of leaders for shaping Taylor County's future. For more information on the program, contact Judy Cox, Director of the Campbellsville-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce at 465-8601.

Campbellsville University Technology Training Center Continues Successful State Registered Nurse Aide (SRNA) Program

Campbellsville University Technology Training Center (CUTTC) was approved in 2006 by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide nurse aide training. The program has grown into one of the largest programs offered by CUTTC. The number of participants may not exceed 15 per training. The training continues to be full each time it is offered and there is a waiting list for the next training.

The State Registered Nurse Aide (SRNA) training program consists of 75 hours. Sixteen of the 75 hours are supervised clinical hours where the participants practice the skills they have gained during instruction time. The clinical hours are conducted at Grandview Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Campbellsville. Classes are held at CUTTC and lab hours are completed at Campbellsville University School of Nursing Lab. The cost of the training is \$529 which includes instruction, books/materials, and insurance. The certification exam at

the end of the training is \$75.

Upon completion of the SRNA program, a nurse aide will have a working knowledge of the physiological, psychological and sociological impact of institutionalization on the nursing facility resident. The nurse aide will have the ability to do the following: demonstrate good personal habits; recognize the nurse aide's role in organizational structure of the nursing facility; identify responsibilities of the nurse aide to the resident and health care team; demonstrate basic skills and techniques in performing uncomplicated nursing procedures according to the program standards; organize and administer nursing care to residents based on a plan of care and direction from charge personnel; demonstrate knowledge of resident's rights in assisting residents with their activities of daily living; demonstrate ability to assist residents in attaining and maintaining functional independence to the extent possible; demonstrate proper care for and

use of equipment and supplies necessary for resident care; demonstrate sensitivity to the residents' physical, emotional, social and mental health needs through skillful, directed interactions; and actively participate in maintenance of a non-threatening, independence conducive environment for the nursing facility resident.

For more information about the SRNA program, contact CUTTC at 270-789-5400 or visit

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