

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL PROGRAM BEGINS

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department Special Populations Division has begun its new wheelchair basketball leagues for youth and adults. The program is held every Tuesday through November at East Lawrence Recreation Center. Currently, only the adult league is being held as the youth league continues to gain enough participants to run the program. Many of the participants are members of the Kansas Accessible Sports team who will go on to compete in tournaments. Participants are not only from Lawrence but have athletes travelling from Ft. Riley, Ft. Leavenworth, Bonner Springs, Carbondale and Olathe for the opportunity to play.



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Giving Back

JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM
Miami, Florida

To give teenage patients with conditions such as cancer, neurological disorders, and other illnesses the chance to attend prom, Jackson Memorial Hospital hosted an "Under the Stars Sky" prom event in April. Patients and their guests arrived in style with the help of Jackson Health System employees who donated hundreds of formalwear options and accessories, as well as professional stylists from the Beauty Schools of America who were on hand to assist with hair and makeup before the dance.

jacksonhealth.org

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Lawrence, Kansas

To celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day, Lawrence Memorial Hospital teamed up with the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department and the Lawrence Public Library to hold a day-long "Fitness Crawl" with free activities targeted to older adults. Participants could sample fitness classes including Yoga, Zumba Gold, and Tai Chi for Balance. Other events included blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, a balance assessment challenge course, a fitness walk with a local health professional, plus speakers discussing the positive influence of exercise.

lmh.org

MERITER HOSPITAL
Madison, Wisconsin

Through a partnership with the South Madison Farmers' Market, Meriter Hospital hosts a weekly event intended to provide staff and community members with greater access to organic, locally grown produce. Held outside the hospital entrance on Wednesday afternoons from June to October, the market not only features healthy food, but also occasional cooking demonstrations, recipe cards, and educational events. As local college students moved in at the start of this school year, the hospital developed door hangers to inform them about the market.

meriter.com

METROHEALTH
Cleveland, Ohio

In addition to onsite financial counseling efforts, MetroHealth helps conveniently connect residents of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, with coverage via its Enrollment Outreach Mobile Unit. This unit is housed in an RV outfitted with several workstations and staffed with Certified Application Counselors, who can assist residents with enrolling in insurance exchanges, Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs. Staff can also help arrange medical appointments.

metrohealth.org

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTED IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE

Fitness Crawl, a program developed through a partnership between Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence Parks and Recreation Lifelong Recreation Division and the Lawrence Public Library was highlighted in *Healthcare Business Insights*, a research and publications group that serves hospitals and medical providers. It was highlighted in its Community Outreach section. The program allowed participants the opportunity to sample fitness classes like *Yoga*, *Zumba Gold* and *Tai Chi for Balance*. Other events of the program included blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, a balance assessment challenge course, a fitness walk with a local healthcare professional, plus speakers discussing the benefits of exercise.

TRIPGOERS MEET GOVERNOR AT STATE FAIR

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Special Populations participants ran into Governor Sam Brownback while visiting the Kansas Energy Expo Building where they were making their own hula hoops. The Governor spent some time talking with participants. They referred to him as "the president of Kansas." The participants enjoyed their time at the fair by seeing animals, vendors, booths, pig races, a tiger show and a ride on the train.

