

Community Impact in 2021





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New Community Initiatives for 2022

Our plans for the new year include three new community initiatives to enhance the services provided by Weiss Memorial Hospital.

- **Production of a newsletter to share health and wellness tips with our community.**
The *Health Connection* newsletter will be emailed in a digital format to a community mailing list. Printed copies also will be distributed around the hospital and in the community.
- **Creation of a Community Advisory Council comprised of community leaders** who can volunteer their time to advise the hospital on new programs and opportunities while serving as ambassadors for the hospital among other community groups.
- **Outreach to local religious leaders to discuss community needs** and innovative partnerships to address those needs.

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Hospital Makes Impact in 2021

Revitalization underway to enhance care for our community

It is with great pleasure that I serve as chairman of the Governing Board associated with a hospital that is essential to our Chicago-area community: Weiss Memorial Hospital.

And, it is with great pride that I present this *Community Impact Report* detailing the most recent accomplishments of this hospital in serving our community. I also wish to express gratitude to the Illinois legislators who have supported our hospital in meaningful ways.

Weiss Memorial Hospital has a long history of quality care and compassionate service.

More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented significant challenges to our hospital and to hospitals across the country. In our Chicago-area community, I am proud that Weiss Memorial Hospital not only remained open to care for patients, but also made progress in important revitalization programs to enhance patient care going forward.



Weiss Memorial Hospital staff have provided COVID-19 vaccinations to more than 10,000 local residents.

Positive changes are underway now to better serve our community!

Significant investments are being made in clinical services, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities improvements at Weiss Memorial Hospital. Those investments speak to a strong commitment to serve the community—one patient at a time, with quality, affordable care.

In addition to the investments in revitalization, we are working to create meaningful events and opportunities for engagement with community members.

This *Community Impact Report* highlights examples of the impact we are making in the community around us as we move toward a bright future for Weiss Memorial Hospital and the patients we are privileged to serve.

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Chair, Governing Board
Weiss Memorial Hospital

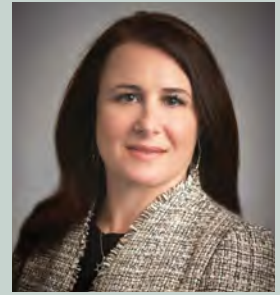
Weiss Memorial Hospital: Community Impact in 2021

- Created a **premier Orthopedics Program** with renovation of the inpatient unit, recruitment of three highly-trained surgeons and acquisition of state-of-the-art robotic technology.
- Chicago Center for Orthopedics became the official healthcare provider of **professional soccer team Chicago House AC** and also became the official healthcare provider for the athletic teams of Chicago State University.
- Expanded **Outpatient Behavioral Health Program** opened in 2020, with service provided through telehealth and in person.
- Recruited physician group specializing in **Pain Management** to add important expertise to our clinical services.
- Relocated our renowned **Gender Confirmation Program** physician office to the Weiss hospital campus, offering expanded services in an attractive setting.



State-of-the-art robotic technology for orthopedic surgery is one of the ways in which Weiss Memorial Hospital is investing in expanded clinical programs.

- Provided **COVID-19 vaccinations** to more than 10,000 local residents through our Community Vaccination Clinic.
- Continued to provide a variety of services and support through our **Senior Center**.



Irene Dumanis
Chief Executive Officer
Weiss Memorial Hospital

“Our community is the heart and soul of our hospital, and we strive to help every patient to be as healthy as possible. We are here when you need us most.”



Dr. Loren Schechter (center) and his staff show off a patient exam room in the Gender Confirmation Program's new clinic space.



The Center for Gender Confirmation Surgery at Weiss was a proud sponsor of the 39th Northalsted Market Days® – an example of the hospital's active participation in community events. The staff members at the LGBTQ+ event are Kelli Erickson, LSW (left); and Rosezetta Bloom.

Weiss by the Numbers

236
Bed Count

200
Acute Care

26
Inpatient Rehabilitation

10
Inpatient
Geriatric-Psychiatric

650
Employees

Patients Served Annually
20,000



The Chicago Center for Orthopedics at Weiss became the official healthcare provider for Chicago State University's athletic teams.



The robust residency program at Weiss plays an important role in providing safe, quality care.

Weiss Memorial Hospital (continued)

- Achieved **Senior-Friendly Emergency Department and Senior-Friendly System designation**, recognizing our efforts to create a great patient experience.
- Held several COVID-19 vaccination clinics specifically for the **Chicago Public School teachers** in partnership with CPS.
- Created a more **diverse executive team** with the recruitment of two seasoned hospital leaders, Dr. Mark Parrish, vice president for Ancillary and Support Services, and Dr. Yolanda Coleman, chief nursing officer.
- Recruited breast surgeon Dr. Maria Osipova to expand our comprehensive **Women's Health Program**.
- Recruited a female Family Medicine practitioner Dr. Rajdeep Dhami with **specialized geriatric training** to join our employed physician group.
- Sponsored several **community events** including the Transgender Ice Cream Social and Northalsted Market Days, both in support of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Continued to provide a variety of services and support through our **Senior Center**.



Dr. Mark Parrish, vice president for Ancillary and Support Services at Weiss (left), was recently recruited to the hospital's leadership team.



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