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THE PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL

BIGGS-GRIDLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HAS SMALL-TOWN PERSONAL SERVICE, HISTORY OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

"I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN SMALL TOWNS," said Wade Sturgeon, CEO of Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital. Having grown up in rural Idaho and worked in several small-town hospitals prior to his tenure at BGMH, Sturgeon takes particular pride in the hospital's integral role in the close-knit community of Gridley.

"I like the people here—they're nice, they're genuine, it's just a nice atmosphere to raise kids," Sturgeon said, adding that the well-being of his 12-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter was a major factor in his decision to take the job at BGMH. "The schools are good and the community is supportive."

Throughout the hospital's history, the people of Gridley have demonstrated their support of BGMH many times over. Nearly 2,000 families donated a total of \$700,000 to finance the hospital's construction, which was completed in 1949. In 2009, the community raised \$500,000 in personal donations within 50 days to prevent the hospital's closure and re-establish local ownership. In 2010, the community rallied again with \$180,000 for a new digital mammography machine. And now, with a new

Emergency Department set for a 2014 opening, the generosity of community members has the hospital well on its way to reaching a \$1 million fund-raising goal for two new cutting-edge pieces of equipment—a digital X-ray and a 64-slice CT-scanner.

"That is one of the major reasons I've liked working here better than anywhere else," Sturgeon said of the community's overwhelming response in times of need. "This community supports their hospital in a way unlike any other community I've personally been involved with. This community wants a hospital, and it's put its money where its mouth is."

That small-town aspect often makes the patient service at BGMH more personal than that of a

hospital serving a larger population.

"Many of the times when folks come into the hospital, a staff member probably knows them," Sturgeon said. "You treat people you know differently—it's human nature. It's not just a number walking in the door; it's someone in our community."

Sturgeon also recognizes the key role BGMH plays in ensuring community members have immediate access to quality care.

"We are, in many cases, the only place some people can get their medical care," he said. "We're the only hospital on Highway 99 between Sacramento and Chico. This hospital is vitally important to the community and the area."

And when compared to hospitals serving metropolitan areas, the service at BGMH—particularly in the Emergency Department—is typically much faster.

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"You don't have to wait for days for your services," Sturgeon said. "That sets us apart—for the most part, we'll get to you very quickly. Our services are readily available, and they're high quality."

With the community firmly behind it and the new Emergency Department on the way, the quality of care at BGMH will only continue to progress, Sturgeon said.

"We'll have the ability to take care of more advanced issues that come our way," Sturgeon said. "We are going to be able to provide a very different patient experience."

99

BGMH'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS THE ONLY ONE ON HWY 99 BETWEEN SACRAMENTO AND CHICO.



650 PEOPLE, OR 10 PERCENT OF THE SURROUNDING AREA'S POPULATION, COME THROUGH THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT EACH MONTH.

24/7

THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN 24/7, WITH A DOCTOR AND TWO NURSES ON-HAND AT ALL TIMES.



THE AVERAGE IN-AND-OUT TIME (FROM REGISTRATION TO DISCHARGE) AT BGMH'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS TWO AND A HALF HOURS. THE MAJORITY OF ERS TAKE FOUR HOURS FOR A PATIENT JUST TO BE SEEN.

THE NEED FOR SPEED

FAST
REACTIONS
OF ER STAFF
AT BGMH
SAVE YOUNG
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The Spring children

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010, WAS A MORNING like any other for Jamie and Kathy Spring of Gridley. That is, until their 15-year-old son Daniel's temperature spiked to 104.9 degrees. When the family called 911, paramedics told them it was imperative Daniel's temperature be lowered quickly.

He was taken to Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department, where the ER doctor immediately performed a CT-scan of Daniel's head. The scan revealed Daniel had an abscess in his skull—due to a Strep A infection—pressing on the temporal lobe of his brain.

The doctor called UC Davis, but there were no beds available. Thankfully, the doctor was able to arrange for lifelight transportation to Sutter Memorial

Hospital in Sacramento. Daniel's parents remember following Daniel's lifelight—which was limited to an elevation of 300 feet because Daniel's brain was being pushed down by the abscess—toward Sacramento, where Daniel had an MRI and surgery.

Doctors at Sutter Memorial told the Springs that without the quick response by BGMH, Daniel wouldn't have lived.

"The doctors said if he had to travel to another hospital initially, he would not have survived," Kathy said.

Daniel's parents pointed out that it was important to have knowledgeable doctors on duty at the ER.

"They not only took care of Daniel immediately, they were very comforting to us," Jamie said.

Less than 24 hours passed between symptoms to surgery due to the fast-acting staff at BGMH.

Of their son's near-death encounter, Jamie and Kathy said, "Without the quick actions of the doctor, nurse and staff at BGMH, we have been told repeatedly that our son would not be here with us today."

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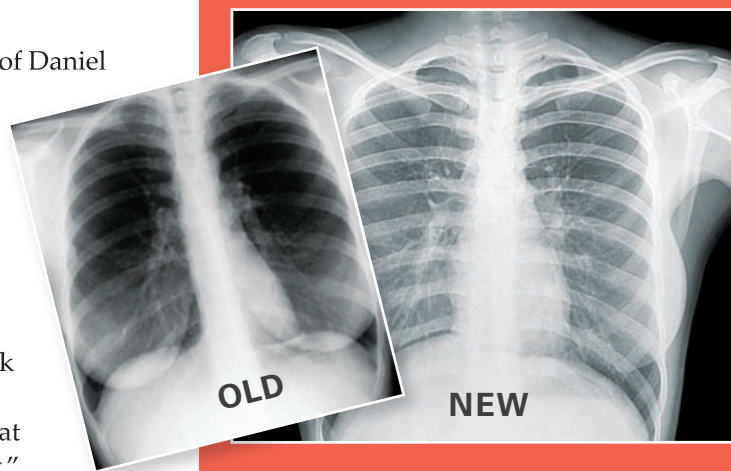
On the Cutting Edge

A Look at BGMH's
New Emergency
Department

"The new Emergency Department will improve the quality of care in multiple ways," said BGMH CEO Wade Sturgeon. "We will become more efficient and we'll have upgraded equipment. In medicine, more advanced technology gives you the ability to provide a different level of care."

Groundbreaking for the new Emergency Department is set for July 25, 2013, with construction for completion estimated December 2014. The department will include:

- Six new patient rooms and two new triage rooms, allowing for increased privacy and space.
- A new ER registration area.
- A more direct drive-up for ambulances.
- A new digital X-ray machine to provide physicians with more detailed images.
- A new 64-slice CT-scanner able to gather a high-resolution image of the heart, brain or both lungs in less than five seconds and a full-body image within 30 seconds.



BIGGS-GRIDLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

We're Your Hospital. You Are Our Priority!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

You can help BGMH reach its goal of raising \$1 million for two pieces of equipment—a \$270,000 digital X-Ray and a \$730,000 64-slice CT-scanner—for the new Emergency Department by donating to the Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital Foundation's Champions Campaign.

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SERVICES OFFERED BY BGMH

- 24-hour Emergency Services
- Acute & Critical Care Inpatient Services
- Surgical Services
- On-Site Laboratory
- CT/MRI/Ultrasound
- Digital X-ray & Digital Mammography
- Physical Therapy
- Cardiopulmonary
- Medical Specialty Clinic
- Hovlid Skilled Nursing Facility
- Social Services
- Telecare Program
- Volunteer Opportunities

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