KU at Work: Gove County

The following profile highlights the services and support that KU provides to Gove County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 15 students from Gove County: 3 undergraduate, 7 graduate, and 5 students at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Gove County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $21,750 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to Gove County students for FY 2015.

KU has 40 alumni from Gove County.

Building Healthy Communities

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 8 law enforcement officers and 3 fire and rescue officials from Gove County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 5 Gove County doctors serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.

- KU medical students spent six weeks working with primary care physicians and conducting community-based research in 26 counties, including Gove County, as part of KU’s summer Rural Primary Care Practice and Research Program, one of several programs designed to encourage students to consider practicing medicine in a rural Kansas community.

- 3 high school students in Gove County participated in activities during the 2013-14 school year that encouraged them to consider careers in health care, math and science. These events were hosted by the KU Area Health Education Center.

“Graduates of health programs at the University of Kansas are critical to the well-being of all Kansans, in every corner of the state. Half of all Kansas physicians trained at KU. The majority of pharmacists and other allied health professionals are KU graduates. Thousands of Kansans every day are cared for by KU-trained nurses, whether Kansas City graduates or the two-year degree programs supported by the KU School of Nursing. It’s hard to imagine Kansas without KU.”

– Dr. John Jeter, c’77, m’81, CEO of Hays Medical Center

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KU students from Gove County

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Gove County law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders trained at KU

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KU medical center graduates who live or practice in Gove County
Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 11 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Gove County.
- 3 Gove County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered since 1991 to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.
- 85 professional education and administrative visits in Gove County occurred in Fiscal Year 2014 via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that eliminates distance as a barrier to health care, continuing education and interprofessional collaboration. The technology is operated by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Gove County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 4 times via telemedicine in FY14. An interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates the two, telemedicine services are provided through the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.
- Gove County residents made 4 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.
- Gove County Medical Center is one of 13 partners in The University of Kansas Hospital’s Kansas Heart and Stroke Collaborative, a $12.5 million federally-funded initiative awarded in 2014 that seeks to reduce heart disease and stroke deaths in western Kansas by 20 percent. Led by Executive Director Robert Moser, MD, the collaborative will bring systematic change to treatment for heart disease and stroke in the region to help patients get the care they need closer to home as well as reduce health care costs. The grant also provides funding for health education campaigns aimed at prevention and rehabilitation.