

# Curvent Projects



## Development of a Heart and Vascular Institute

Heart disease is the number one killer in the state of Kentucky. At St. Elizabeth Healthcare, we are taking strides to create a healthier community by designing a program that not only treats heart disease, but also reduces the likelihood of it altogether. A new Heart and Vascular Institute at St. Elizabeth will place a strong emphasis on cardiac education, prevention, and wellness, while improving community access to Heart and Vascular specialists. This revolutionary institute will feature a hybrid operating room, robotic surgery, sophisticated diagnostic capabilities and an extensive clinical research program. Fundraising efforts are underway with construction slated to begin in 2013.

#### Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Evidence suggests that babies who need additional care are less stressed if they remain at the hospital where they were born. A new, state-of-the-art Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Elizabeth Edgewood provides families with a comfortable, private environment that facilitates bonding and spending time with their newborn. The unit has been enhanced to feature 33 newly renovated, comprehensive Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum suites. Also, the Family Birth Place has added a six bed recovery unit, six private triage rooms, four surgical suites and an eight bed prenatal area. Your support allows us to provide the best possible care to the newest and tiniest members of our community.





### Nursing Education Fund

As a Magnet<sup>™</sup> hospital, St. Elizabeth Healthcare wants to provide the best education we can for our nurses. The Nursing Education Fund provides financial assistance to recruit and retain the nursing staff and meet on-going educational needs related to nursing school, formal and continuing education, increased quality of care, advancement and research. The Fund will establish a Center for Nursing Excellence, where nurses have access to programs and conferences, a place to conduct evidence-based research, have experience with equipment, technology and simulation labs, and learn nursing best practices.

#### Enhancements at St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas

Numerous services planned for Ft. Thomas have recently been realized including a da Vinci surgical system, a refurbished Emergency waiting area and a new Women's Wellness Center, the expansion of the Cancer Care Center, an eight-bed Hospice unit and beautification and landscape enhancements along Grand Avenue. Upcoming renovations include a medical office building, and finishing work on the outpatient registration areas. These renovations do so much more than improve physical buildings — they provide a comforting environment for people in their greatest time of need.



For more information about these and other St. Elizabeth programs, please contact the St. Elizabeth Foundation at (859) 301-3920 or foundation1@stelizabeth.com.