

GREAT NEWS



FIRST QUARTER, 2022

Kid Zone receives \$801,557 grant

Funding will be used for previously announced building project

Kid Zone, Great River Health's childcare center for employees' children, has received an \$801,557 grant from the State of Iowa. The award is part of an effort to increase childcare availability statewide.

Gov. Kim Reynolds awarded a total of \$36.6 million, which will help create nearly 5,200 new childcare slots in Iowa.

In December, the health system announced it would build a Kid Zone facility on the Fort Madison campus and enlarge the West Burlington center, which opened in 2006. Total capacity will increase from 89 children to 218 children. Construction will begin this spring, with completion expected in September.

"Providing a high-quality, convenient childcare center is a priority on both campuses," said Matt Wenzel, president and CEO, Great River Health. "The West Burlington Kid Zone was built in response to employee requests. Besides benefitting our existing employees, having our own childcare center helps in the recruitment of future employees and physicians."

The blueprint for the 5,600 square-foot West Burlington Kid Zone will be used for the Fort Madison project. It will be the first new structure built on that campus since the 2011 addition of the Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Center.

The total cost of the project will be \$2.5 million. The \$1.7 million new childcare center in Fort Madison will be funded by the Great River Health Foundation, formerly the FMCH Foundation. Money donated to the foundation before July 1, 2021, is dedicated for use on the Fort Madison campus. The state grant will fund the addition in West Burlington.

Kid Zone is the only childcare center in southeast Iowa to hold a top five-star rating from the Iowa Department of Human Services' Quality Rating System (QRS). The five-star rating indicates Kid Zone has made significant steps in meeting key indicators of quality in:

- Environment
- Family and community partnership
- Health and safety
- Leadership and administration
- Professional development



New Provider



Kaitlyn Fedler, DNP

Family Medicine, Fort Madison
5409 Avenue O
Fort Madison
319-376-2134

Doctorate:
Clarke University
Dubuque, Iowa

Great River Health Foundation Names Executive Director

Great River Health has chosen southeast Iowa native Jason Hutcheson to be executive director of the health system's new Great River Health Foundation.

"The goal of the foundation is to make our vision of empowering people, transforming lives and fulfilling dreams a reality in the communities we serve," said Matt Wenzel, president and CEO, Great River Health. "We believe Jason is the person to help us realize this vision."



Hutcheson

Hutcheson will begin working with the foundation's new 17-member board on March 7. Together, they will further develop the foundation's mission and goals.

'Jason Hutcheson is a proven leader in economic development. His skills, combined with his commitment to improving the southeast Iowa region, make him a great match for the health system's newest endeavor to help our communities.'

— Matt Wenzel, President & CEO
Great River Health

Hutcheson holds degrees in finance and real estate from the University of Northern Iowa. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree at St. Ambrose University. He launched his career as executive director of Louisa Development Group. He became economic development director of the Greater Burlington Partnership, then president and CEO. While at the Partnership, he was a visible advocate for local business issues and a catalyst for community projects.

As co-host of one of the nation's leading podcasts on community development, Hutcheson is often invited to deliver presentations on leadership, strategic planning and regional economic development throughout the Midwest.

"Jason Hutcheson is a proven leader in economic development," Wenzel said. "His skills, combined with his commitment to improving the southeast Iowa region, make him a great match for the health system's newest endeavor to help our communities."

Hospital, Foundation Offer Scholarships for Health Careers

The Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and Great River Health Foundation are offering more than 15 scholarships to students pursuing careers in health care. All scholarship applications are due Friday, April 1.

The types of scholarships are below.

- **Auxiliary High School Scholarship** – This scholarship is open to high school seniors and nontraditional students in the hospital's service area.
- **Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship** – This scholarship is for students in the hospital's service area who are studying for health care careers and have completed their freshman year of college.
- **Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship** – The Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship, offered by the Great River Health Foundation, is for students who are pursuing health care education, excluding medical school. It is open to seniors or recent graduates from Fort Madison High School, Central Lee High School, Holy Trinity High School or Keokuk High School. Nontraditional students also will be considered.
- **Tracey Howe Scholarship** – The Tracey Howe Scholarship, offered by the Great River Health Foundation, is for students who are pursuing a nursing career at Southeastern Community College. It is open to students graduating from Fort Madison High School, Central Lee High School, Holy Trinity High School or Keokuk High School. Nontraditional students also will be considered.

[Get more information and scholarship applications.](#)

March 31 Deadline for State Scholarships

The Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation (IHERF) is offering 60 scholarships for the coming school year. Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in an accredited program and be within two years of completing their professional education. The application deadline is Thursday, March 31.

The goal of the Health Care Careers Scholarship program is to fill Iowa health care positions that have a notable number of openings. In exchange for each \$3,500 scholarship (maximum \$7,000 per student), recipients must commit to working one year in an Iowa hospital.

[Get more information and apply.](#)

New Provider



Giselle Tan, MD

Orthopedic Surgery –
Foot & Ankle
Orthopedics
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Medical degree:
University of Illinois, Peoria
Residency:
University of
Michigan, Ann Arbor
(orthopedic surgery)
Fellowship:
Foot and Ankle Associates of
Michigan, Grand Rapids
(foot and ankle surgery)
Certification:
American Board of Orthopedic
Surgery

New Provider



Stephanie Wade, ARNP

Urgent Care
1321 S. Gear Ave.
West Burlington

Master's degree:
Walden University
Minneapolis, Minnesota

New Service Boosts Emergency Care Before Patients Reach the Hospital

The Emergency Departments at both Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center campuses are using a new communication system to improve care before and after patients arrive at the hospital. Twiage is a secure, HIPAA-compliant web dashboard that relays real-time information from emergency medical services to the Emergency Department. It replaces or greatly reduces radio calls.

The benefits of using Twiage include:

- Picture IDs can be shared to begin registration before the patient arrives.
- Prehospital EKGs and videos can improve treatment time and outcomes.
- Reduced treatment times can improve Emergency Department waiting times.
- GPS tracking provides accurate arrival times.

Meds-to-Beds

New program delivers prescriptions to patient rooms

Heritage Park Pharmacy soon will provide free delivery of discharge prescriptions to inpatient rooms on the West Burlington campus. Patients will receive private consultation about their medications without making an extra stop before leaving the hospital. Having medications ready when patients arrive at their homes is expected to help them continue their recovery by sticking to their prescribed drug regimen without delay.

Meds-to-Beds will be available during pharmacy hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.



TAKE 5

with Great River Health



CHAD ZELENY
Director, Physician Services
Fort Madison
17 years



JOHNITA VORWALDT, RN
Care Coordinator
Population Health
West Burlington
32 years



DAN WALDERBACH
Patient Representative Manager
Risk Management & Compliance
Henry County Health Center
24 years

What was your first job?		
McDonald's	Detasseling corn	Detasseling corn
What's your favorite type of music?		
Not country	Rock'n roll	Country and 80s rock
What is one thing you cannot resist?		
Watching football	Sweets	Coffee
What would be your ideal vacation?		
Tropical beach	One spent with my daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren	The mountains or the beach
What are three words that describe you:		
Friendly, competitive, active	Hardworking, kind, empathetic	Easygoing, friendly, dependable