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in Health & Wellness



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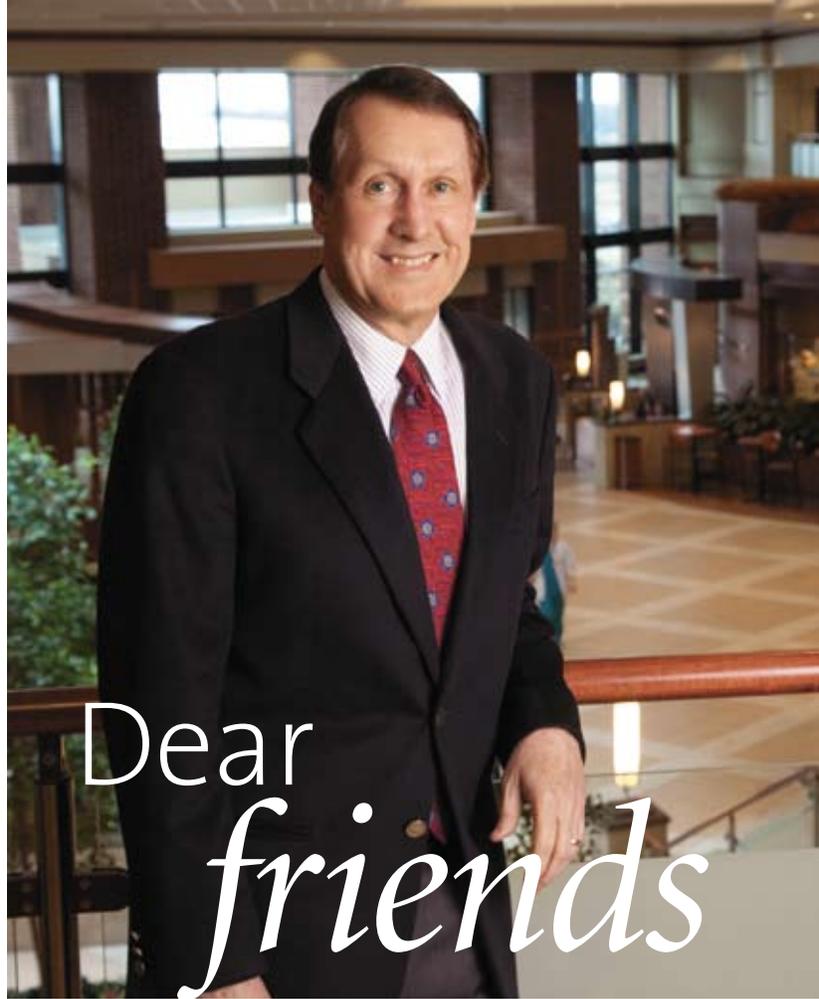


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# Dear friends

**It takes a village ... Most of us have heard that saying before, commonly used to describe how an entire community, together with immediate family, shapes a child's future.** It's an interesting concept — and one that lends itself to health care, as well.

Just as raising a child is a group effort, caring for patients involves a team of caregivers. Every patient story in this magazine reveals the many people at Atrium who come together to diagnose, treat, rehabilitate and heal so many people in our community. A shining example of this is on page 4, where you'll read an amazing story of recovery involving nearly every department of the hospital working together toward one goal: saving a life.

That teamwork doesn't stop with individual patients. Atrium collaborates with local health organizations and city officials to create plans for responding to region-wide health emergencies, such as the H1N1 flu. These plans map out precise tactics to keep our communities as healthy as possible, and how to react when we are at risk. We also continually work with regional and national organizations to be prepared for disaster response and relief should the need arise.

Whether it's a simple outpatient test or a major surgery, the health care team at Atrium is here for you, your family and your community. Together, we're creating a healthier future.

Sincerely,

**Douglas W. McNeill, FACHE**

President and CEO

# IN MEMORY OF DANA SHAFER

Whether you came to know her through her lyrical harp playing or you were impressed by her remarkable way with words, you couldn't help but like Dana Shafer. Dana shared both her musical and literary talents with Atrium for many years, contributing greatly to *Join Us* magazine and to our mission to serve and help the people of southwest Ohio.

But Dana was more than a musician and writer to many of us — she was a friend. Dana passed away on December 23, 2009, after a very brave fight against cancer. She undoubtedly touched countless lives with her talent, creativity, courage and faith, and we are proud to have had her as part of our team. We remain forever grateful for Dana's contributions to this publication, Atrium Medical Center and our communities.



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## When someone is experiencing a heart attack, time is precious.

Together, Atrium Medical Center and Atrium Medical Center Foundation are helping to shorten this race against time. By providing grant funding to regional emergency medical service (EMS) squads, a new system for cardiac care has been implemented that electronically links EMS squads to Atrium's Emergency Trauma Center (ETC).

The Medtronic Physio-Control device, a modem installed in EMS vehicles, transmits heart monitor readings directly to the ETC staff while patients

are still in transit. Atrium's cardiac catheterization staff is then alerted and is ready to clear blocked arteries as soon as the patients arrive.

This collaboration with EMS squads enables Atrium to continue to meet the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology's guideline of treatment in 90 minutes or less from symptom onset. Grant recipients include Middletown, Monroe, Gratis, West Chester, Germantown, Turtlecreek Township and Joint EMS serving the City of Franklin, Franklin Township and Carlisle. Lebanon and Clearcreek Fire Districts also participate.

## FINDING DR. RIGHT

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Once you've found your doctor, our new Online Appointment Request Form can help you schedule an appointment. Just click on the "Request an Appointment" link, fill out the request form and click "Submit Request." Our customer service staff will contact you within 48 hours to confirm your appointment or to work with you on further details. Please note: If you submit your request on a holiday or a Friday afternoon through Sunday, we will respond within 48 hours of the next business day.