



August 19, 2022

More Than Pink Walk

Join Norman Regional's team for the 2022 Komen Oklahoma City More Than Pink Walk! The event begins the morning of Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Bicentennial Park in Oklahoma City. Any NRHS healer or family member can join the NRHS team – called the Norman Regional Breast Care Center. [Click this link to register.](#) Healers must register by Sept. 1 to get an NRHS team t-shirt. The money raised will fund research to discover more effective treatments, as well as vital patient support to help connect people with things like breast cancer screenings, diagnostics, treatment assistance and so much more.

Aug. 23 Special Election

The makeup of Norman Regional Health System's governing board (the Norman Regional Hospital Authority) may change after a City of Norman special election on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022. Voters will decide whether to adopt a proposition (Proposition 6) to the city's Charter that would allow for two additional board members to be added to the NRHA Board of Trustees. If approved, Proposition 6 would increase the number of Norman Regional Hospital Authority Board members from nine to 11 and allow for a maximum of two board members to be appointed from other communities in which NRHS operates at least one facility.

Norman Regional believes this proposition will allow for greater representation of the communities we serve all across south central Oklahoma. Norman Regional Health System supports the passing of this Proposition 6 by Norman voters. To view this and the nine other propositions, please [click here](#).

Board Member Rejoins NRHA

Join me in welcoming back Norman resident Paula Roberts to the Norman Regional Hospital Authority (NRHA) Board, the governing board of Norman Regional Health System.

This is Roberts' second time to serve on the NRHA board and she is serving for the remainder of Tom Sherman's term. Sherman passed away this year. We are thankful for Paula's guidance and willingness to serve.

She is excited to be a part of Inspire Health, a multi-year plan to modernize the health system's locations and care.

"I look forward to moving (acute care services) from Porter to the HealthPlex. I think combining the campuses will increase our ability to serve our community better," Roberts said. "I want to see Norman Regional be No. 1 in patient care. This is a dynamic time to be on the board."

Roberts is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. She taught business law, management and accounting at Norman High School and served as department chair at Norman High. Roberts also served on a committee at the State Department of Education that designed a test for new business teachers.

Roberts was also active in the Oklahoma Education Association and became a legislative leader for Norman, working closely with local legislators drafting laws to improve public education.

In 1989, Roberts was selected to become the Executive to the Cleveland County Election Board. A position she retained for 22 years.

"From 1998-2010 I worked on my National Election Certification from Auburn University, the only place to offer this certification. I became the first election official in Oklahoma to obtain national certification, a distinction I am very proud of," Roberts said.

During her time in Norman, Roberts has also served on several non-profit boards including Cleveland County CASA, Full Circle Adult Day Center, Bethesda and Sooner Theatre.

Roberts has been married to her husband Barry for more than 51 years. They have one daughter, Amanda. Roberts and her family have two rescue dogs and she said she can't imagine life without her fur babies!



<https://www.normanok.gov/special-election-august-2022>

United Way Day of Caring

United Way of Norman's Day of Caring is September 16, 2022.

Learn more about United Way of Norman's Day of Caring:

<https://www.unitedwaynorman.org/DOC>

Sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.unitedwaynorman.org/DOCVolunteerForm>

August Blood Drives

Donate blood at Norman Regional facilities in August! The next blood drive will be from 9 a.m. to 1 pm. August 23 at the HealthPlex.

OBI has a significant need for O negative blood. If you are an O negative donor, please consider donating. Your donation will save lives.

All donors also receive a blood donor hero T-shirt and choice of one of the following tickets:

- Admit two to Safari Joe's H2O
- Admit one to Science Museum Oklahoma
- Admit one to Frontier City

[Click here to take you to Healer Hub for all the details!](#)

Same Day Clinic Offers Saturday Appointments

Norman Regional's Same Day Clinic offers same-day care for urgent needs with extended office hours and no higher co-pay than your normal primary care doctor visits.

It is located in downtown Norman at 119 E. Main St. and offers both in-person and virtual visits.

Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, the Same Day Clinic is your answer to the best care possible at a convenient time for you and your family.

You can give the clinic a call at 405-515-6246 or schedule online:

<https://healow.com/apps/provider/-samedayprovider-2610815>

"Barry and I truly love this community," Roberts said. "We want Norman to be the best place it can be."

Solar Panels on the HealthPlex Parking Garage

A healer asked a great question about if installing solar panels was an option of the new parking garage on the HealthPlex campus.

Norman Regional was also interested in this idea to lower energy costs. We had a company called Connor Energy perform an analysis of our expenses compared to what our costs would be with solar panels.

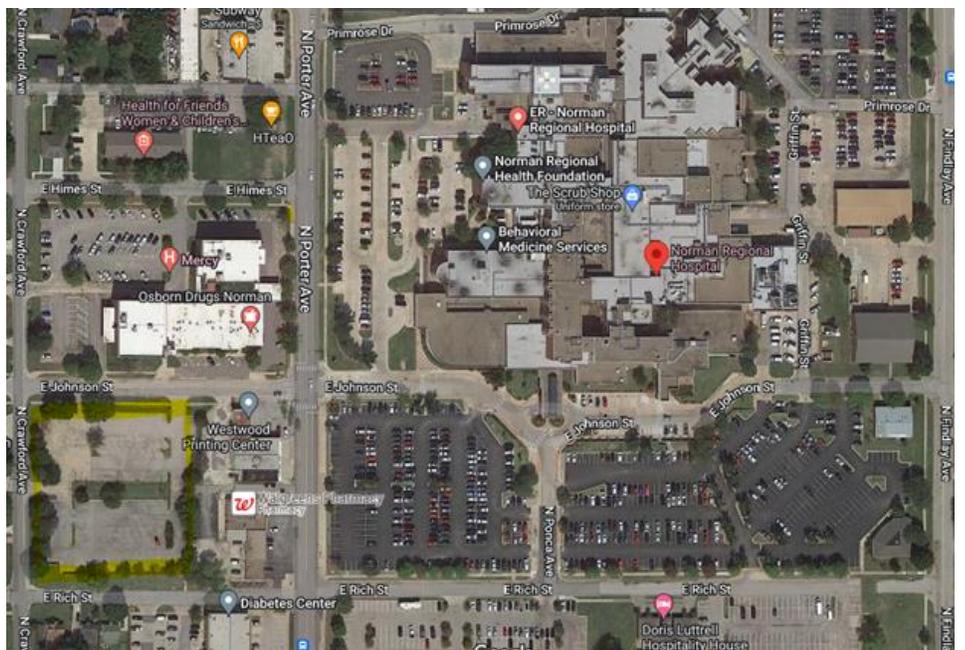
They told us we were actually better off without solar panels! Apparently our energy expenses in Oklahoma are some of the lowest in the nation. Also the HealthPlex was built as an energy efficient building. Feel free to email your questions about our Inspire Health plan to inspirehealth@nrh-ok.com.

Hospitality House to Be Demolished

From April 2001 to November 2020, the Doris Luttrell Hospitality House served thousands of families by providing an affordable place to stay while receiving care or visiting patients in the hospital. The NRHS Auxiliary financially supported this service along with the volunteers who served countless hours to provide a comfortable respite to these families and patients. Beginning in November 2020, the building transitioned to an outpatient COVID Infusion Center.

This week, the Hospitality House will be demolished. This will clear the way for new services such as the Behavioral Health Center and the Senior Wellness Center currently under construction on the Porter campus. This campus revitalization is part of Inspire Health – Norman Regional's plan to modernize our facilities.

The demolition will close part of the parking lots on the southern half of the Porter campus. Additional parking is available across Porter Avenue in the Physicians and Surgeons Parking Lot, highlighted in yellow on the map below. Thank you for putting our patients needs first and only parking in healer parking spaces.



Be Well,

President & Chief Executive Officer
Norman Regional Health System

