

Newman Memorial Enjoys a Successful Open House for their Surgery Department

Rain and hail swept through Shattuck last Thursday evening, but that did not keep the community from coming out to show their support for Newman Memorial Hospital's Grand Re-Opening and Open House Celebration for their Surgery Department. Over 100 community members gathered to watch the ribbon cutting ceremony and enjoy the festivities! There were games, drawings, heavy hors d'oeuvres, surgery dress-up grab bags for the kids, guided tours of the updated Surgery Suites and party favors for all.

The re-opening of the surgery department signifies one more step in the journey to return to a full service hospital. When asked about the turn out for the open house, Marketing Director Joey Burgtorf says, "This is a big deal for the hospital and our community. The fact that so many people came out, despite the bad weather, demonstrates the excitement in the community and the support they have for our hospital. It's both humbling and encouraging to get that kind of feedback from the people we serve."

Local businesses showed their support as well by giving items for the drawings. Businesses such as Ed's Café, Gusto's, Venture and Pizza Hut donated gift certificates. Launder 365 and 217 & Co. donated clothing items.

KristinasBeautyBar.com donated a makeup gift bag. The Shattuck Chamber of Commerce donated some Shattuck Bucks & Dr. Steve Mueller, D.D.S. donated \$1000 off of FastBraces. All attendees were encouraged to enter the drawing. Those that wished to enter twice had to show off their surgery skills by removing an item from the Operation games without setting off the buzzer. Dr. Brenda Huenergardt, M.D., who will be performing colonoscopies, endoscopies and general surgeries, cleared the game, but declined to enter the drawing!