

Did you know? CUH turns 9 today!

On a sun-splashed morning in North Texas exactly nine years ago today, William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital opened its doors and ushered in a new era of patient-centric care at UT Southwestern. Just a few hours later, at 8:38 a.m. on Dec. 6, 2014, the first baby was delivered at the facility. By early afternoon, multiple patients were recovering from surgeries.

Clements University Hospital (CUH) has since cared for countless patients and families. Within two years, UTSW was accelerating plans for a third tower, which opened in December 2020, increasing total capacity of the main hospital to 751 beds.

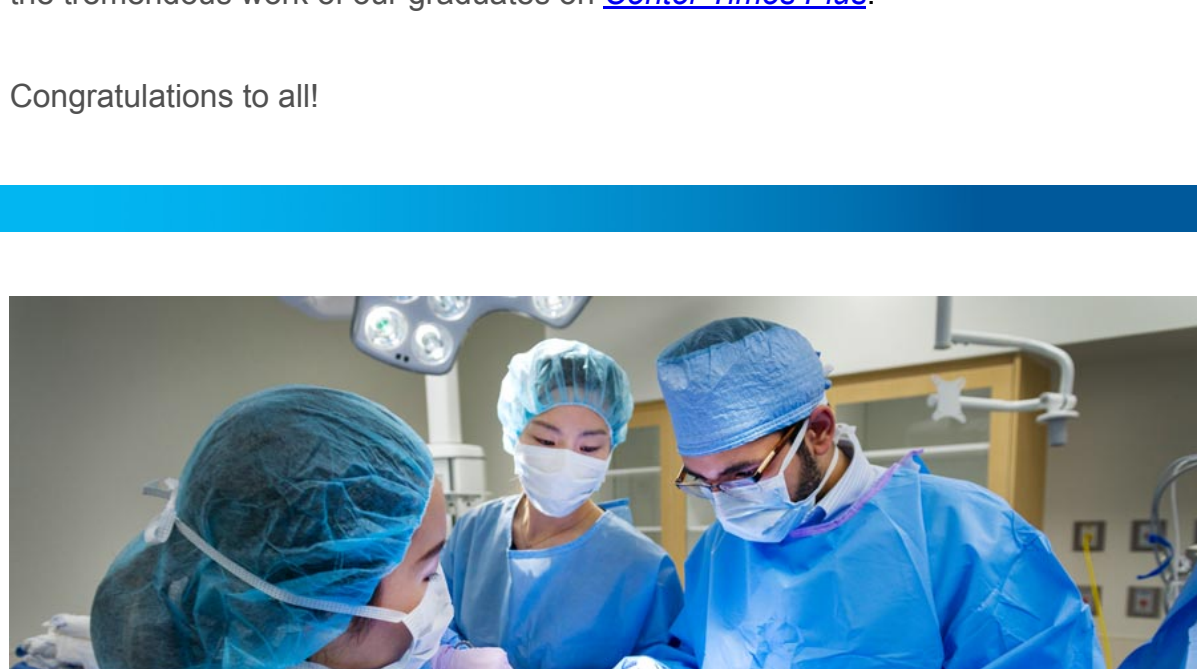
Today, CUH remains a hub for innovations in patient care, discovery, and learning. It's also the No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth (seven years running), tied for No. 1 in Texas, and ranked among the best hospitals in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Congratulations to CUH and all the people at UTSW who have helped make it what it is today. As a little ninth birthday celebration, we wanted to share a couple fun facts that you, as an "Insider," can use to impress your friends.

Did you know: CUH topped out at 12 stories because it's located within an emergency flight path of Dallas Love Field, so that was as high as it could "fly."

Did you know: CUH serves more than 2,000 patient meals per day, accommodating more than 100 diets.

Learn more about CUH on our [patient care website](#).

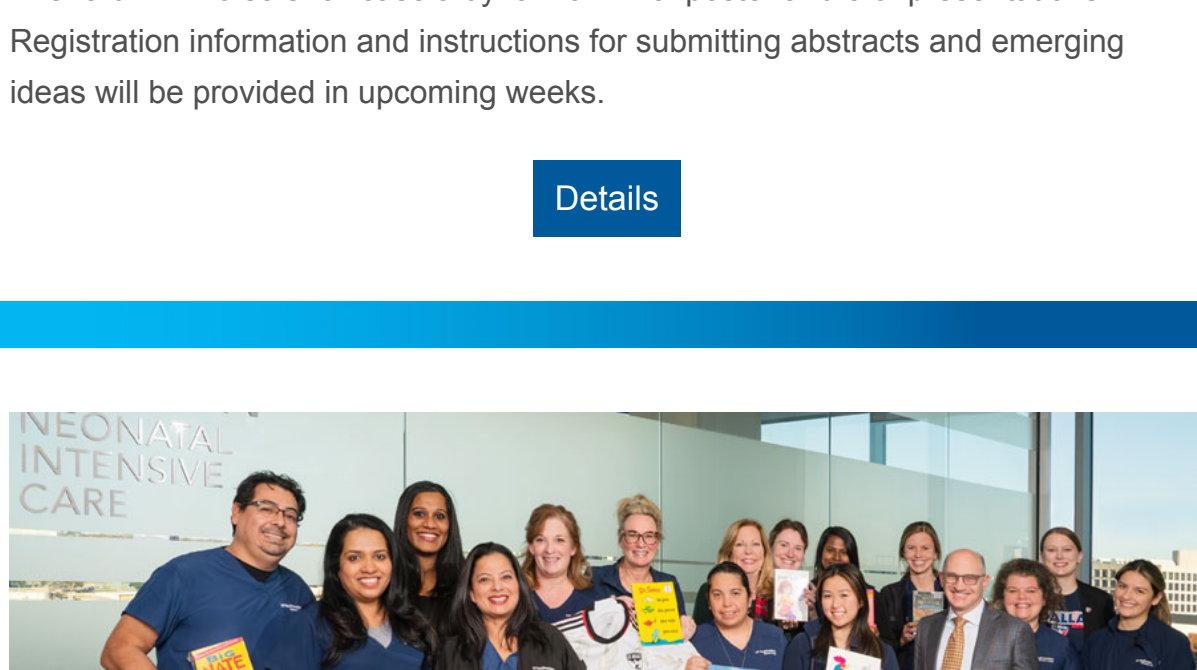


Celebrating SHP graduates

The [School of Health Professions](#) is addressing the crucial demand for qualified health care workers by preparing students to become leaders who can shape the future of medical care, particularly in marginalized rural and urban communities. On Sunday, Dec. 17, more than 130 students will be honored in a commencement ceremony. Degrees in seven disciplines will be conferred at 2 p.m. in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium. The ceremony will also be [streamed online](#).

Read about this year's keynote speaker – **Craig R. Jackson, M.S.W., J.D.**, Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions at Loma Linda University – and more about the tremendous work of our graduates on [Center Times Plus](#).

Congratulations to all!



Save the date: 7th annual Simulation Forum

If you have a passion for the science of health care simulation, mark your calendar for May 8, when the Charles Morris Ginsburg Simulation-Based Quality Improvement and Research Forum will take place on campus. Hosted by UT Southwestern's Simulation Center, the seventh annual event has been renamed to honor **Charles Ginsburg, M.D.**, Professor and Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Education, whose vision, dedication, and contributions left a tremendous legacy for the Simulation Center.

The immersive, daylong hybrid forum will unite individuals from diverse professional backgrounds, all sharing a keen interest in the fast-advancing world of simulation-based learning. This year's keynote speaker will be **William C. McGaghie, Ph.D.**, Professor of Medical Education and Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. McGaghie's 40-year career investigating and improving medical education has made him a leader in the field.

The forum will also showcase a dynamic mix of poster and oral presentations. Registration information and instructions for submitting abstracts and emerging ideas will be provided in upcoming weeks.

[Details](#)

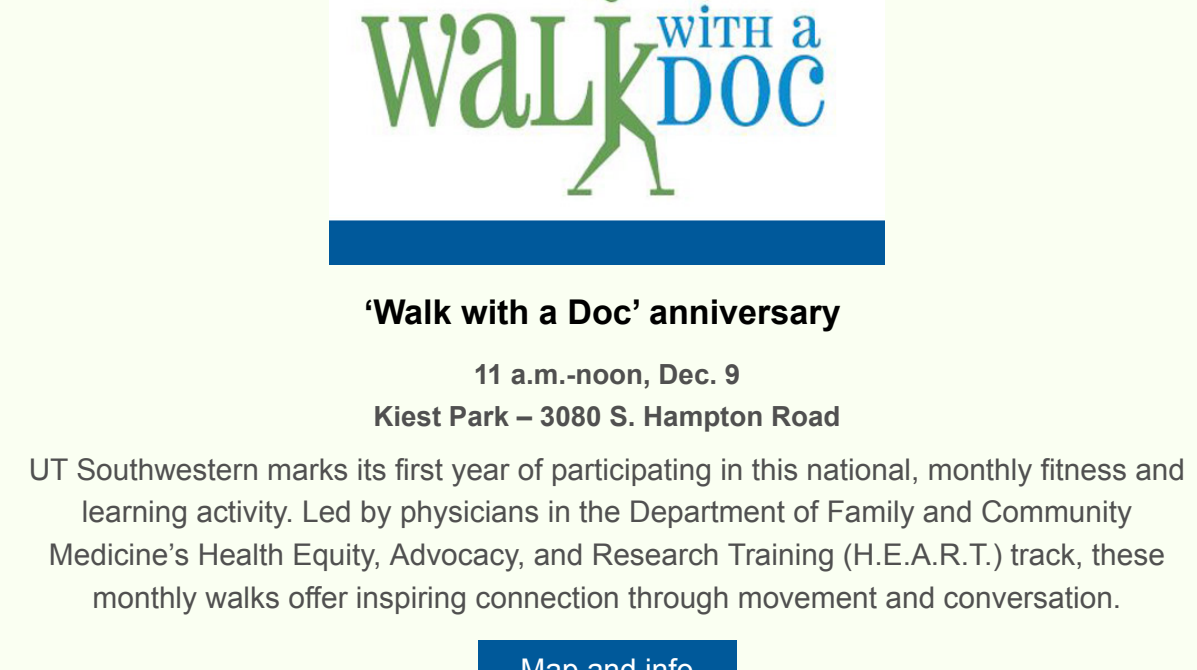


FC Dallas book donation makes reading the goal at NICU

FC Dallas season ticket holders donated more than 4,000 books to UT Southwestern's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Children's Health Child Life Services. The voluminous donation gives parents and family members the opportunity to read to their newborns – a practice that not only supports healthy brain development but also fosters strong family bonds and helps alleviate stress. A designated shelf will house some of the books for siblings to enjoy during their visits.

"We are so very grateful for FC Dallas' support of our moms and babies. Any opportunity for parent bonding helps a newborn thrive," said **Leah Orrick, B.S.N., RN**, an Assistant Nurse Manager in the NICU at CUH.

UT Southwestern and Children's Health are the Official Health Care Partners of FC Dallas.



Grant application period open for SWAT small grants

The Southwestern Academy of Teachers (SWAT) Small Grants Program is now accepting applications. If you're a faculty member or trainee working in collaboration with a UT Southwestern faculty member, you could be eligible for up to \$3,500 per project.

These grants are intended to fund education research projects related to the teaching priorities of the UT Southwestern schools. In turn, the program promotes educational research conducted by faculty and staff and innovation in the UTSW educational community.

Mark your calendar: the submission deadline for SWAT grant applications is **May 1**.

[Info and apply](#)

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Deep discounts at Holiday Bazaar

11 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 7
South Campus University Store (C1)

The South Campus University Store is transforming into a winter wonderland for its biggest sales event of the year: the Holiday Bazaar! Enjoy games and holiday sales that will make your spirits bright and shopping easy.

[Details](#)

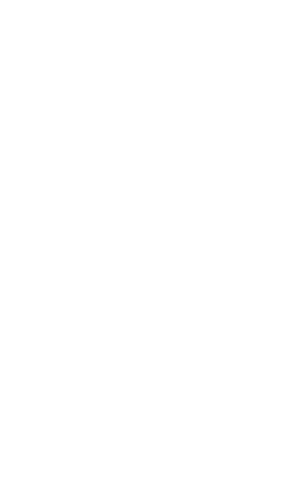


'Walk with a Doc' anniversary

11 a.m.-noon, Dec. 9
Kiest Park – 3080 S. Hampton Road

UT Southwestern marks its first year of participating in this national, monthly fitness and learning activity. Led by physicians in the Department of Family and Community Medicine's Health Equity, Advocacy, and Research Training (H.E.A.R.T.) track, these monthly walks offer inspiring connection through movement and conversation.

[Map and info](#)



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