



# DOLORES KATOR SWITZER WOMEN'S CENTER

Deluxe patient suites  
Contemporary space  
Enhanced privacy  
Peaceful atmosphere  
Centralized services  
Greater convenience  
Improved comfort  
Relaxing environment  
Superior care

## OUR PLACE

### **Women's service needs are growing rapidly.**

In 2014, nearly 53,000 women's services were performed at McDonough District Hospital. This number is anticipated to grow over the next few years due to the aging of the baby boomer generation and the Affordable Healthcare Act.

### **MDH Women's Services must improve to meet the challenges.**

In order to continue to provide exceptional care to women in our community, women's services offered through MDH must be improved, updated, and renovated. While women who utilize services at MDH receive superior care from their physicians and nurses, they do so in an environment that needs enhanced privacy, improved comfort, and a centralized focus on women's health.

Specifically, improvements must be made to enhance services in the Obstetrics department; expand space for digital mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, ultrasound, and bone density. We need to provide a more efficient and convenient environment dedicated to impacting women's health in west-central Illinois communities.

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## OUR SPACE

### How the Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center will improve services and why it matters.

The Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center is about all the women in our lives—our mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, and neighbors. By helping women focus on their health, we are also improving the health of entire families and the communities we serve.

Women deserve a relaxed, inviting atmosphere when having a baby or receiving medical services. The Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center will offer a pleasant experience and peaceful environment. Consolidating resources and creating a dedicated entry point for services will increase efficiency, enhance privacy, and improve quality outcomes.

The newly renovated and constructed Women's Center will provide the services women expect and need in today's busy world.

### Women's services will include:

- Expand, centralize, and enhance a comprehensive range of women's inpatient services, including obstetrics, gynecology, and diagnostic imaging
- Transform the existing Obstetrics entrance and waiting area
- Renovate the existing Nursery into a more calming/comforting environment
- Construct eight private patient suites for obstetrics and postsurgical gynecological patients
- Expand and remodel the women's imaging suites to accommodate leading-edge technology and equipment such as digital mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, ultrasound, and bone density screenings
- Modernize three state-of-the-art labor/deliver/recovery rooms
- Addition of imaging services waiting area
- Enhance privacy and convenience throughout the facility
- Increase efficiency to allow physicians, nurses, and other caregivers to spend more time with patients
- Infuse the Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center with an aesthetically appealing, peaceful atmosphere for and about women that promotes healing and wellness

## OUR CASE

### A plan to expand Women's Services at MDH.

To address the needs of the women in the communities we serve, the MDH and the MDH Foundation Boards of Directors, physicians, and executive leadership have approved a plan to accomplish these improvements.

The MDH Foundation received a lead gift of \$1.9 million from Dick Switzer to be named after his late wife, Dolores Kator Switzer. Dick has also named MDH as the primary beneficiary in his will. The Foundation staff at MDH will work diligently to achieve the remaining campaign goal of \$3.6 million for the project through business and individual donations.





## ABOUT DOLORES KATOR SWITZER

In 2014, Richard (Dick) Switzer donated \$1.9 million to build a women's center at McDonough District Hospital in memory of his late wife Dolores Kator Switzer. Dick's devotion and love for Dolores inspired his generous lead gift and naming opportunity for the future Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center.

Dick and Dolores came from humble backgrounds and lived a modest life together. Both were lifetime Leathenecks, and they loved to travel. Dolores dedicated her time and heart to service. Dolores worked at Western Illinois University for 34 years as Registrar and later as Director of Graduate and Foreign Admissions. Dolores passed away on October 19, 2013.

"I'm adamant that everything be named after Dolores because it was her income we invested. She trusted me, and it paid off," said Dick. "It's important to me that everyone knows what an amazing woman Dolores was. I loved her with all of my heart."

The Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center will strengthen comprehensive women's health services in the region.

"A Women's Center has been on the MDH 'wish list' for many years. With this generous gift, we will see its fruition."

– Kenny Boyd  
MDH President/CEO

The McDonough District Hospital Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to raising funds to support patient care and comfort at MDH.

To learn more about the MDH Foundation, or to discuss how you can help, please contact the MDH Foundation office at 309.836.1757.

