



# BRONSON SOUTH HAVEN ADVISORY COUNCIL: 2019 MID-YEAR REPORT

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## **New Hospital and Medical Office Building Project Update**

Bronson's \$22 million investment to replace our aging hospital and medical office buildings at 955 S. Bailey Ave. with a brand new facility continues to progress on schedule. We are currently proceeding, in partnership with Elzinga & Volkers out of Holland, on the design development phase of the project. We will provide updates on the final facility layout and floor plan when they become available.

Requisite approvals for certificate of need have been submitted to the State of Michigan and we await confirmation.

Our goal remains to break ground in late 2019 and complete construction by December 2020.



## **Bronson South Haven Wound Program Recognized as a Healogics National President's Circle Center of Excellence**

Bronson Wound & Hyperbaric Medicine in South Haven has been designated as a President's Circle Center of Excellence for outstanding performance in wound healing. The national award is only given to centers that achieve patient satisfaction rates

higher than 92 percent; a healing rate of a least 91 percent in less than 30 median days; and are able to maintain these high levels of clinical and operational performance over two consecutive years.

While Healogics partners with over 800 hospitals in 46 states, only 28 wound centers are being recognized this year as achieving National President's Circle Center of Excellence status. Bronson Wound & Hyperbaric Medicine in South Haven is the only center in Michigan to receive the designation this year.

## **Bronson South Haven Offers 3D Mammography**

Bronson South Haven is proud to bring 3D mammography, one of the most advanced forms of breast imaging



to our community. Also referred to as breast tomosynthesis, 3D mammography produces multiple images of the breast from different angles that helps improve the detection of breast cancer and breast abnormalities. This is the highest standard in mammography testing in the nation, and we are the only facility offering 3D mammography in South Haven.

## **Bronson South Haven Offers New Childbirth and Parenting Classes**

As part of our commitment to provide local access to women's health services, Bronson is offering a new series of childbirth and parenting classes at Bronson South Haven's Wellness Center. Classes include Baby

Basics/Grandparents 101, Prepared Childbirth and Successful Breastfeeding. Led by Bronson's team of pregnancy experts, these classes will help expectant families prepare for the joys of having a baby.

Classes began in March and are held at the Bronson Wellness Center. Questions may be directed to (269) 341-7521.



## **Bronson South Haven Hospital Receives Level IV Trauma Center Status**

Bronson South Haven Hospital was recently designated a Level IV Trauma Center by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS). This three-year designation recognizes the important role Bronson South Haven plays as part of regionalized, coordinated and accountable trauma system in the state of Michigan.

The designation was awarded after an extensive review process and onsite survey. As a Level IV Trauma Center, Bronson South Haven has demonstrated its ability to provide advanced trauma life support (ATLS) prior to transfer of critically ill or injured patients to a higher level trauma center.

According to guidelines established by the American College of Surgeons, a trauma center's ranking is measured based on the facility's commitment, readiness, resources, policies, patient care and performance improvements. Bronson South Haven is proud of this achievement and the skilled staff

who ensure excellence in emergency services at our hospital.

Rita Cox, system trauma program director at Bronson, and Thomas Mikulski, trauma medical director at Bronson South Haven Hospital, were both recognized by MDHHS as assets to the program.

## **Safe Kids**

Safe Kids Greater South Haven continues to establish its footprint in bringing education on child safety to the lakeshore community. Safe Kids is hosting a car seat check-up event on



Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help families ensure that children are properly and safely positioned in their vehicle. The event will take place at South Haven Emergency Services – Station 3, located at 90 Blue Star Memorial Highway. Appointments are required. Contact Pam Ford, Safe Kids Greater South Haven Coordinator, at (269) 639-2949 or [forpa@bronsonhg.org](mailto:forpa@bronsonhg.org) for information or to request an appointment.

## **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)**

Over the last several months, Bronson has worked with the Community Health Committee of the Human Services Collaborative of Van Buren to collect data for the development of the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). In Van Buren County, 10 focus groups have been conducted and 8 key informant interviews have been held, engaging a total of 223 individuals.

On May 9, a Community Input Session will be held at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center for those who participated in the focus groups and interviews. The

top 10 health needs identified from the data collected will be presented and the group will prioritize the top five health needs of Van Buren County. The results of this process will be included in the CHNA report, which is expected to be published in November 2019. Bronson's plan to address these needs as a system will be developed and approved by April 2020.

This project is done in partnership with Van Buren County Community Health Stakeholders, Van Buren County Health Department and Van Buren ISD.



### **Bronson South Haven Welcomes New Provider**

Andrea Loder, MD, has joined the team at Bronson South Haven Pediatrics. Dr. Loder completed her pediatric residency at Southern Illinois University in Springfield, Ill., where she also received her medical

degree. She is certified in pediatrics and was most recently employed as a general pediatrician at White-Wilson Medical Center in Fort Walton, Fla. Dr. Loder is currently accepting new patients and can be reached at (269) 639-2772.

### **Bronson Wellness Center Offers Family Fun Field Day**

Bronson Wellness Center is offering area families the chance to get up and get moving on Friday, May 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Offerings at the Family Fun Field Day include the three-legged race, tug-of-war, healthy snack station, hula hoop and free throw basketball competitions. The event is free and open to members and non-members. Registration is required as space is limited. Call Isabel at (269) 639-2949, ext. 2646.



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