

# The Commonwealth Quarterly

News from around the circuit.

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## Blank Children's Hospital Festival of Trees

T. Michael Price - Vice President

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest volunteered to help with the setting up and tearing down of the 32nd Annual Blank Children's Hospital's Festival of Trees and Lights fundraising event in Des Moines. Over 40 Commonwealth employees and their families donated their time during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to help unload crates, set-up the electric train and put up holiday decorations. Additionally, we helped with tearing down and repacking after the event was over.

Over \$500,000 dollars was raised to support the Child Life Program and the Center for Advocacy & Outreach at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. In its 30 year history, the Festival has provided more than \$7.4 million in financial support. Commonwealth has a long history with Unity Point Health and Blank Children's Hospital. We were thrilled to be part of the event again this year and look forward to many more years of service to Unity Point and Blank Children's Hospital.

*"Festival is an amazing event! Working with the Unity Point Foundation and our employees for such a great cause is a true pleasure."*

*- Mike Duffy, CECM Festival Drill Sargent*

A big thank you to all the Commonwealth employees and their families that volunteered for this very worthwhile event. A special thank you to Michael Duffy for coordinating our efforts, to Trevor Schmidt for leading the train crew and Dianna Merritt for keeping us all on track! Great Job Everyone!



Commonwealth employees during the Festival of Trees.

## Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport eGSE Infrastructure Improvements at Terminal 4

**Joe Wall** - Director of Business Development

CECM Phoenix was recently awarded and work has commenced on the Ground Services Equipment Upgrades at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Arizona.

The project scope of work will require improving the infrastructure and the installation of 28 new quick charging stations and removing the existing charging units, while providing cable and raceways throughout 5 different concourses. The project area is located at Terminal 4, encompassing South Concourses 2, 3, & 4 and North Concourses 3 & 4. This is to be utilized by both American and Southwest Airlines.



This job will entail critical and creative planning, scheduling and subcontractor direction as Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest will be the prime contractor for the City of Phoenix.

The project schedule is 175 days and the original contract amount is \$1,168,000.00. The Project Manager for Commonwealth Electric will be Caleb Graham and the Project Estimator is Jeff Campbell. Our Field Superintendent is Joe Amavisca.

## Unity Point East Family Practice Clinic – Des Moines, Iowa

**Kari Christeson** - Assistant Project Manager



New addition to the East Family Practice Clinic

The East Family Practice Clinic is the latest project with Unity Point in Des Moines, Iowa.

CECM is excited to be part of this Design Build construction. One of our long time partners, Edge Commercial, is the general contractor.

Commonwealth's efforts in the office will be led by Project Manager, Mike Duffy, and Assistant Project Manager, Kari Christeson, and in the field by foreman, Keith Marschel.

East Des Moines is a residency clinic that consists of 18 residents, 8 faculty, and 1 Nurse Practitioner. They are supported by 30 staff members. Work will be completed in phases with the clinic being open during construction, with completion of all phases scheduled in 2016.

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Brandy Schoelerman, the Facilities Management Assistant states

*“This project reflects our commitment to the health of this community, and to our mission of educating the next generation of Family Medicine physicians.”*

Kimberly Moyer, the Clinic Manager states that they have been waiting many years for this renovation.

*“We are very excited to watch the progress of the remodel every day. Our patients will love it when we are done. When it is noisy due to the work being done, we tell our patients that this is the sound of progress!”*



New exam rooms in the basement looking west.

## Dan Greene, Kearney, NE

Eddy L. Burmood - Kearney Branch Manager



Dan is our Service Tech and lives in Kearney. He is a very precision oriented journeyman who trained at Milford and has performed jobs as far west as McCook and North Platte.

Dan is innovative and has redesigned his service van to be user friendly. He has also designed and built our enclosed trailer to be a very functional piece of equipment on the job site. He is a valuable employee and we look forward to expanding his abilities from Low Voltage to the latest in technology.

He was the sole electrician on the University of Kearney's Chiller job. The Chiller will be tied into the existing ones at the Central Utility Plant. This 1200 amp unit will primarily be used as a backup. He has independently performed many jobs and has received high praise from the staff that he worked with at the University of Kearney.

Dan is also a new and proud father of a baby boy born in July. Congratulations to you and your wife.

## Des Moines Office Continues Their Support for “Moes for Joes”

Ashley Huinker - Project Coordinator



For the second year in a row, the Des Moines office supported a local fundraiser by participating in the annual event known around the metro as “Moes for Joes”. The Des Moines office, along with numerous businesses throughout the Des Moines area, took part in this well-known event in honor of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). “Moes for Joes” allows men a chance to grow out their facial hair in sporting fashion to show their support in the fight against blood cancers. The Des Moines office eagerly participated and also showed their support in the form of donations to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

“Moes for Joe” began in 2011 in honor of a young Des Moines boy battling leukemia. In its first year, the fundraiser raised over \$1,000. With the support of some local businesses, “Moes for Joe” was able to raise over \$6,000 in 2012 and \$27,000 in 2013. Last year in 2014, the focus was turned to recognize that MANY children and families are affected by blood cancers, thus creating “Moes for Joes”. In 2014, “Moes for Joes” did even better with the added local businesses that have chosen to take part in the fast-growing fundraising effort and raised an incredible \$28,000.

During the first week of December, “Moes for Joes” concluded with its annual Shave-off Party complete with food, drinks, and fun family entertainment at a local Des Moines business. The Des Moines office continues to have a great time participating in this rewarding event and are proud to support the fight against blood cancers.



The men of the Des Moines office sporting their facial hair in support of “Moes for Joes”