

Winter 2021

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to share this update on how your generous gift to the Grobowsky Surgical Center at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Temple is providing patients and their families with a convenient, comfortable surgical experience. Impressively, it is serving the Temple community in ways we never expected.

No one could have anticipated the events over the past year, from a global pandemic to one of the worst winter storms Texas has ever experienced. The Grobowsky Surgical Center (GSC) allowed us to isolate and respond to the large number of patients sent to BSW-Temple during the peak of Covid-19. Then in February, because we had space in the GSC, staff were able to remain on campus to care for patients. Frontline providers were able to care for and assist patients and each other in remarkable ways.

Yes, there have been many shining moments! And they were all made possible through your generous support.

We are most thankful for your commitment to improving health care in your corner of Central Texas.

On behalf of the thousands of patients cared for each year, thank you for supporting Baylor Scott & White Health.

Sincerely,



Jana Sharpley, CFRE  
President  
Baylor Scott & White Central Texas Foundation

To stay updated on areas of need and stories from your community, please visit [CTXFoundation.BSWHealth.com](https://CTXFoundation.BSWHealth.com).

*(Over please for a note of thanks)*

## Highlights



**U.S. News & World Report published its 2020-2021 Best Hospitals list, and for the third consecutive year, Baylor Scott & White is the most award-winning not-for-profit health system in Texas.**



### Grobowsky Surgical Center

- ▶ Since opening in 2019, the Grobowsky Surgical Center has treated more than **9,500** patients.
- ▶ The separate entrance provides patients and their families a more convenient, comfortable experience.
- ▶ Grobowsky Surgical Center provided the space needed for essential and front-line staff to remain on campus to care for patients during Winter Storm Uri.

## A Letter of Special Appreciation

I am writing to you to express sincere appreciation to those who generously supported the addition of the Grobowsky Surgical Center to the Temple campus. Their gifts are still allowing us to serve our patient population in ways we could have never even predicted. Here are some ways I have seen:

- ▶ The separate entrance and access provide greater efficiencies for our patients and caregivers.
- ▶ The reception and waiting areas greatly improve the registration process and make surgery day more convenient and less stressful for both patients and their family members.
- ▶ The open spaces and layout contribute greatly to the health and well-being of our employees.
- ▶ The forward-thinking design of the Day Surgery space gives us much-needed flexibility in the way we care for short-stay surgical patients, helping us transition them more smoothly.
- ▶ The spaciousness and upgrades in the Recovery Room make a tremendous difference in the patient's comfort.
- ▶ The top floor provides space for refueling and rest areas for the overnight call teams.
- ▶ The ability to easily transform the new PACU space into COVID-care units, while maintaining uninterrupted patient care, was an important component of our COVID response. It provided the flexibility we needed to care for patients in all areas of the hospital.

In short, the Grobowsky Surgical Center is a resounding success!

Thank you for your generous support.

Russell McAllister, MD, FAFSA  
Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology – Central Division



### BSWH System COVID-19 Response

- ▶ More than **\$3.4 million** donated to support frontline caregivers through the Employees 1st Emergency Assistance Fund
- ▶ More than **\$1.5 million** in donated PPE, meals, snacks, drinks, and other needed items