



The Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center rehab apartment after its renovation

Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center celebrated the grand reopening of its patient apartment last month, newly renovated through the generosity of Clayton and Fort Sanders Foundation.

The only one of its kind in the area, the apartment provides a unique opportunity for patients to practice the skills they will need to care for themselves at home after they are discharged from inpatient rehabilitation. It is located at PNRC within Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center and has been in use since the rehabilitation center opened in 1978.

The apartment's kitchen, bedroom and living areas were already fully accessible, but the last renovation was more than 20 years ago. The most recent renovation features a more contemporary look and design with adaptable features such as easy-turn faucets, drop-down kitchen cabinetry and grab bars.

PNRC medical director Mary Dillon, MD, calls the renovation "an incredible gift."

"Clayton has helped us build a home within Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center to help our patients get back to their homes," said Dr. Dillon. "We have been very blessed, not only by the materials Clayton gave us and the products that were installed, but also by their generosity of time and talents in building such a beautiful environment for our patients."

While at the apartment, patients who are recovering from the effects of a serious stroke or injury learn how to cook, clean and live with their "new normal." Patients usually stay in the apartment for 1-2 nights.

"Covenant Health puts the patient first – that's one of their



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pledges," said Amber Krupacs, Clayton chief financial officer. "At Clayton, it's 'make the world a better place.' It really was a perfect partnership for us and it proved to be a very rewarding project for our team."

Jim VanderSteeg, Covenant Health president and CEO, noted that PNRC plays a vital role in Covenant Health's stroke hospital network, offering specialized therapies for patients who need rehabilitation after stroke. "Over and over again, I hear stories of the excellent and compassionate care patients have received at Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center," he said. "I am most appreciative of Clayton and Fort Sanders Foundation for their support of this project and our patients."



Employees from Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center enjoyed touring the renovated apartment at the grand reopening event on May 1.



From left: Leslie Irwin, administrator, PNRC; Mary Dillon, MD, medical director, PNRC; Colt Davis, president, Clayton Supply; Amber Krupacs, chief financial officer, Clayton; Jim VanderSteeg, president and CEO, Covenant Health; Keith Altshuler, president and chief administrative officer, Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center; Mike Belbeck, executive vice president, operations, Covenant Health



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It is one of the largest inpatient rehabilitation centers within an acute care hospital in the country. The center has touched the lives of thousands of patients and families from around the nation, accumulating nearly 30,000 patient success stories over the years.

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