

**1. What was announced? What does this mean for Jennie Stuart and the Hopkinsville community?**

Jennie Stuart and Deaconess Health Kentucky have entered into a definitive agreement for Jennie Stuart to join Deaconess and significantly enhance the quality of local healthcare. With the additional support and resources of Deaconess, our local caregivers will be empowered to deliver even better care, while we dedicate additional investment in our facilities, capabilities and technologies. Together we will advance our mission as a community-focused, non-profit health system.

Deaconess has committed to invest at least \$95 million in Jennie Stuart and, additionally, has pledged to fully fund JSH's transition to Deaconess's EHR platform, which would cost JSH an estimated \$40 – 60 million as a standalone entity.

**2. What does this mean for patients and patient care?**

A combination with Deaconess will significantly enhance the quality of local healthcare. Our caregivers will have access to the tools and technologies they need, including a best-in-class electronic health records system, to improve the patient experience and provide a higher standard of care.

With Deaconess's investment, Jennie Stuart will be able to expand our local capabilities, lines of care and treatments offered, so that we can keep patient care closer to home. Patients will also benefit from more seamless access to specialty care offered at other Deaconess locations, complementing Jennie Stuart's existing referral network.

**3. What comes next in the process? When will the transaction close?**

The transaction is expected to close on or before August 1, 2025, at which time Jennie Stuart will become an operating subsidiary of Deaconess.

**4. What will change? What control will Deaconess have over Jennie Stuart?**

What makes Jennie Stuart special will not change – we will remain a cornerstone of the Hopkinsville community, focused on improving the quality of local healthcare for many years to come. A combination with Deaconess will provide Jennie Stuart access to critical investments and technology upgrades to enable a higher standard of care. Long-term, this creates opportunities for Jennie Stuart to expand lines of service and introduce new specialties locally.

While Jennie Stuart will become an operating subsidiary of Deaconess, the Jennie Stuart Board of Trustees will continue to retain influence over Jennie Stuart's local operations and financial decisions, and Jennie Stuart's management team will continue to lead the hospital.

**5. Will there be any job impacts or layoffs?**

No. Deaconess has committed to retaining all active employees and maintaining salaries, wages and benefits as of closing. This transaction solidifies the long-term health and stability of the organization, while creating opportunities to grow our organization and enhance patient care.

**6. Will hospital leadership change as a result of this transaction?**

No. Jennie Stuart will continue to be led by its current management team.

**7. Will there be any changes to the Jennie Stuart Board of Trustees?**

The Jennie Stuart Board of Trustees will comprise the same 12 Trustees, in addition to three Deaconess-appointed individuals who will join the Board upon close.

**8. What additional capabilities will we offer at Jennie Stuart as a result of having access to additional funds from Deaconess?**

Deaconess's investment will help us expand Jennie Stuart's local capabilities and lines of care by bringing in more specialists and offering more treatments that might have previously required patients to travel outside their community. Our intent is to keep care closer to home.

We do not have the specifics at this time but will keep you updated as we determine the details.

**9. Will there be any interruption in patient care or access to resources?**

No, patients should experience no interruptions to the care they receive. In fact, this transaction will provide caregivers with access to the modern technologies needed to help strengthen the patient experience.

**10. What does this mean for pricing and insurance rates?**

Nothing changes.

**11. Will we still have access to financial assistance?**

Yes. As a non-profit tax-exempt institution, we will continue to offer generous financial assistance programs and charity care.

**12. Do I need to find a new physician?**

No. You will continue to receive the same quality care at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, in our clinics and with our physicians.

**13. How does this affect the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation and other funding programs?**

Decision making for the Foundation's philanthropy, including assistance relief for patients, will continue to be made locally. Our commitments remain the same, and our community will continue to benefit from the Foundation's existing initiatives.

In addition to its capital and EHR commitments, Deaconess will also contribute \$5 million to the Foundation at closing to secure programs such as the Tree of Life, which provides critical funding for local cancer patients, and Operation Love, which supports Jennie Stuart employees in overcoming unexpected financial hardship. Additionally, as a result of collaborative discussions between Deaconess and the Jennie Stuart Board over the last several months, Deaconess has further agreed to commit additional support to the Foundation following closing.

**14. Will Jennie Stuart continue to be an active sponsor and supporter of local community groups and events?**

Yes. Our commitments remain the same, and our community will continue to benefit from the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation's existing initiatives.

**15. Will the Jennie Stuart Hospital remain open?**

Yes. Jennie Stuart will continue to function largely the same but with more access to tools and technologies that create a more efficient care experience and translate to better outcomes for

patients. This transaction is about keeping care local – and improving the health of our community long-term.