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## Clayton and Modesta Williams Endowment Fund

**Midland Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Clayton and Modesta Williams Endowment Fund.**

Modesta Williams established the Clayton and Modesta Williams Endowment Fund in memory of her husband, Clayton Williams, Jr. who died on February 14, 2020. Clayton and Modesta Williams were married for 55 years and have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Clayton was an industry leader in oil and gas exploration, production and transportation, Brangus cattle, commercial alfalfa operation at Fort Stockton Farms, oilfield services, and telecommunications. Along the way, he diversified into banking and real estate. founded more than two dozen companies. Clayton Williams Energy owned 3000 wells scattered over Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Alabama, Oklahoma and Utah and was a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange until it was sold in 2017. Clayton's outspoken leadership during Texas' economic ups and downs earned him respect as a survivor and a man with tremendous tenacity and foresight.

Modesta is a mother, a businesswoman, rancher and conservationist. She has served on many board memberships including Midland Chamber of Commerce and Trinity School. Currently she serves on the Midland College Foundation Board and Midland Memorial Foundation Board of Governors.

In their free time, Clayton and Modesta traveled and hunted



all over the world. They loved seeing new countries and the adventures of their many travels. One of their proudest achievements was earning the Grand Slam and Super Slam of sheep hunting. They both loved retelling the stories that went along with each trip.

Midland Memorial Foundation is honored by the generous gift in Clayton's memory. This perpetual fund will support Midland Memorial for generations to come. We are grateful for Modesta's foresight, leadership and commitment to support our hospital and the healthcare needs of our community.



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## Dr. Edgardo and Kathy Valle Emergency Medical Endowment Fund

On March 2nd, 2021, Midland Memorial Foundation and Midland Memorial Hospital were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Edgardo (Edgar) Valle, a dedicated and selfless Emergency Medicine Physician, who served Midland Memorial Hospital for almost three decades.

Following his graduation from The University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez in 1978 with a Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Edgar followed his passion and attended The University of Puerto Rico College of Medicine to acquire his Doctorate in Medicine in 1982. He later completed his residency in 1985 at The University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus School of Medicine.

Edgar was fortunate to meet the love of his life, Kathy, when they were children. They were married in 1979. Together they raised their two daughters; Frances Marie of Charleston, SC and Alexandra of New York. Aside from his unwavering commitment to practicing medicine, Edgar was a devoted husband, father and grandfather to their two granddaughters; Natalia (9) and Cat (5). When not in the ER, Edgar loved to travel with Kathy. They often attended international EM conferences along the way. Edgar was a foodie and loved music. He loved hiking but really loved just being with Kathy.

He was a friend and colleague as well as a dedicated and quintessential professional Emergency Medicine Physician. He ran organized and well managed shifts no matter what chaos occurred in the area. He loved to study emergency medicine



and to teach medical students and young providers in training, but mostly he loved the practice of medicine. Edgar was a storyteller. He liked to keep things light with humor, especially in what the uninitiated may think of as stressful or inappropriate times. It kept things at ease and the work efficient. We will all miss him and will warmly remember the good times.

The Dr. Edgardo and Kathy Valle Emergency Endowment Fund was established in memory of Dr. Edgardo Valle, honoring his life's work and passion, emergency healthcare. He recognized the importance of supporting health care in our local community and thus the endowment fund will support the furtherance of the Emergency Department of Midland Memorial Hospital by contributing to education, equipment and/or services in emergency medical care.

*We are eager to work with you and your advisors to establish a permanent endowment with the Midland Memorial Foundation. Perpetual endowments are an excellent way to leave a legacy of support for quality healthcare for those living in the Midland area for years to come! If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please contact Nancy Woodman at (432) 221-1572 or at [nancy.woodman@midlandhealth.org](mailto:nancy.woodman@midlandhealth.org).*

## COVID-19 Vaccines

**In April, thanks to the efforts of donors and volunteers, Midland Memorial Hospital vaccinated a total of 88,822**

### WHY IS IT WORTHWHILE FOR ME TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

If you have not received your COVID-19 vaccine yet, there are many good reasons to go ahead and do it now.

Dr. Lawrence Wilson, Vice President Medical Affairs/Chief Medical Officer at Midland Health explains how you can play a role in helping achieve herd immunity.

"We all want a sense of normalcy after more than a year of COVID-19. The way to achieve normalcy is to reach herd immunity. In order to reach herd immunity, we must reduce the number of people susceptible to the virus or have roughly 80% of the population immune. Herd immunity will reduce the amount of virus circulating in our population, that will reduce the number of people infected, but also reduce the risk of mutations that may make the virus more contagious and potentially more deadly. Mutations occur when the virus replicates. Herd immunity will reduce the amount of replication. The approved vaccines have all been shown to be effective against the current new variants. Our best chance of avoiding another spike, driven by one or more variants, is to get everyone vaccinated."







# N1CU

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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY

This spring we celebrated the first anniversary of our newly upgraded 18-bed NICU. The time has flown and we are grateful for the continued support of the advancement in technology for our unit as well as our

staff's knowledge and skills. We commemorate this great advancement for our patients and their families, as our Midland Health team's unwavering commitment to healthcare. The NICU has expanded into caring for neonate ages 28 weeks and above, with gestational age gradually being reduced. Among this wonderful advancement, we are also pleased to announce the following accomplishments:

- Cared for multiple sets of twins
- Added a NICU specific educator
- Added an additional Clinical Manager
- Added an additional child life NICU specialist
- Milk technicians are now available daily and are certified in safe food handling and in preparing nutritionally specific feedings.
- The NICU is the only donor milk drop off location in West Texas, and donor milk is now available for our NICU population to purchase.
- Routine Retinopathy of Prematurity exams with our new RETCAM. This takes amazing images!
- The oscillators have been used on several of our premature neonates.
- The NICU is now a Breast Pump Depo, assisting families needing a breast pump at discharge.

"My son was in the NICU December 2018 after he stopped breathing while feeding for the first time. We were in the NICU for 7 days and we could not speak more highly of the staff that cared for us and our baby. We felt safe and cared for in such an unknown time. The doctors and nurses communicated well so we felt like we were in the loop. The silver lining was that we had help the first week of our first child's life, learning how to feed him, bathe him, change his diapers, etc. which we otherwise would have been on our own for. Thank you to Midland Memorial Hospital and their staff for taking such great care of us!"  
-Callie



"When our son was admitted to the NICU after his birth, as first-time parents we were terrified. The NICU staff always made sure to talk us through every procedure, medication and blood draw and made sure we knew what every test meant. While our son was in the NICU at Midland Memorial Hospital, the NICU staff not only took excellent care of him but took care of us as parents and treated us like family, encouraging us to keep our spirits up through the setbacks. With patience, they taught us how to care for our little one by helping me learn to breastfeed and teaching us how to change him while he was connected to machines. During our three-week stay, we were able to visit or call for updates whenever we wanted, and the staff was always friendly and compassionate towards us. After our NICU experience and seeing how passionate the men and women who work in there are about their job, it just reassured me we picked the right hospital in the area to deliver our baby. " - Lauren Party

## Midland Memorial Foundation provides multilateral scholarships to assist nurses in their educational journey



Midland Memorial Foundation is honored to support Midland Memorial Hospital's nurses with the ability to enhance their skills to manage challenges in the ever-changing healthcare field. The Midland Memorial Foundation Nursing Education Fund is a vital program that assists MMH nurses with offsetting the financial burden encountered when seeking an advanced degree. The Scholarship Program is proud to announce the recent and upcoming graduations of 1 Bachelor's degree and 3 Master's Degrees. Currently enrolled in the Midland Memorial Scholarship Program are 11 employees pursuing degrees. 1- Associate's Degree, 8- Bachelor's Degrees and 2 Master's Degrees. With the continued support of generous donors, MMH can continue to pursue the goal to employ 80% of nurses with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or higher.



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