



With Heartfelt Gratitude

This week I would like to share a letter from "Bubba and his Brown Bunch." Their heartfelt message is a reminder of why having care close to home matters so deeply. Moments like the one they describe are only possible because of a strong local team—nurses, staff, and providers — the positive bottom line, and dedicated Board Leadership that keeps this level of care available right here in our community.

Michael Hassell, CEO

Monday, May 12, 2025

To all the staff at MMH,

In honor of Bubba's 10th birthday back on 4/28/25, our family wants to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the wonderful staff at this amazing facility. **Everyone** in this facility all play an important part working together to ensure that everything operates and functions like a "well-oiled machine." From the least of y'all to the greatest in this facility, y'all matter and your efforts are seen.

We are very blessed to have access to exceptional medical care in this rural community especially for the complex needs of our disabled son. Melissa Memorial Hospital is definitely not taken for granted by us! We're grateful for the confidence that y'all had in caring for Bubba during his most recent hospital stay back in March. It was a HUGE relief for us to be able to treat his illness close to home instead of being transferred to Children's Hospital in Aurora. We have grown close to many of the staff members and consider y'all as part of our family when it comes down to the medical care and treatment of Mister Bubba. Even though that illness temporarily disrupted our lives for a bit, the opportunity to stay in our local community hospital made our dynamics MUCH easier on our entire family versus trying to navigate our lives in a huge hospital setting hundreds of miles away. For this, we are so grateful!

Never doubt what y'all are capable of and the impact your medical care has on an individual or a family. Keep up the fantastic work!

May the LORD richly bless and keep each and every one of y'all at MMH!

With gratitude,

Bubba & his Brown Bunch