



## West Ascension Parish Hospital

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### West Ascension Parish Hospital: A Vision for 2025

As we embark on 2025, West Ascension Parish Hospital proudly shares a bold and transformative vision for the future. Our comprehensive plan reflects our steadfast commitment to enhancing healthcare accessibility, expanding service lines, and fostering community well-being. Grounded in innovation and collaboration, we aim to be the cornerstone of health and healing in Donaldsonville and the surrounding areas.

The recent acquisition of 6.5 acres of property adjacent to the hospital provides a unique opportunity to strengthen our service delivery and infrastructure. Through thoughtful planning and decisive action, we are positioning ourselves to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our community while ensuring sustainability and growth.

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#### Key Pillars of Our Vision

##### 1. Expansion of Specialized Services

We recognize that many in our community travel long distances for specialized medical care. To address this gap, we are introducing new service lines that prioritize accessibility and patient outcomes, including:

- **Tele-Neurology:** Expertise in stroke management and chronic neurological care.
- **Rheumatology:** Comprehensive care for arthritis and autoimmune conditions.
- **Cardiology:** Advanced heart health diagnostics and management.
- **Endocrinology:** Treatment for diabetes, thyroid disorders, and hormonal conditions.
- **Infectious Diseases:** Support for acute and chronic infectious conditions.

##### 2. Strengthening Primary Care and Support Services

A new family medicine clinic at the hospital will serve as the cornerstone for preventive care and chronic disease management. Ancillary services, such as diagnostic imaging, laboratory testing, and respiratory therapy, will be enhanced with state-of-the-art technology and expert staffing to provide a seamless patient experience.

##### 3. Community Engagement and Health Education

Our vision extends beyond clinical care to empowering individuals with knowledge and resources. Through health fairs, wellness events, and targeted education, we aim to build a healthier community, with a focus on preventative care and managing chronic conditions.





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### 4. Financial Stewardship and Accessibility

As we grow, we remain committed to affordability and financial responsibility. By pursuing grants, partnerships, and strategic investments, we will expand our offerings while maintaining access to quality care for all, regardless of income.

### 5. Workforce Excellence and Development

Our dedicated staff is at the heart of our success. We will continue to invest in professional development, recruitment of top talent, and creating a supportive work environment to ensure exceptional care delivery.

### 6. Infrastructure Growth and Planning

The acquisition of new property is the foundation for expanded facilities and services. A community needs assessment will guide the development of a potential new building, ensuring it aligns with the priorities of those we serve.

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## 12-Month Action Plan: Building the Vision

### First Quarter (January - March 2025)

- Finalize agreements for tele-neurology, rheumatology, cardiology, endocrinology, and infectious diseases.
- Conduct architectural planning and feasibility studies for the new facility.
- Launch a comprehensive community survey as part of the needs assessment.

### Second Quarter (April - June 2025)

- Begin recruitment campaigns for family medicine physicians and specialists.
- Establish modular healthcare facilities informed by community feedback.
- Host a health fair focused on chronic disease prevention and wellness.
- Upgrade diagnostic equipment to improve care accuracy and efficiency.

### Third Quarter (July - September 2025)

- Present community needs assessment findings to the board of commissioners.
- Launch telehealth services for neurology and cardiology.
- Expand partnerships to offer free or low-cost screenings at community events.





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### Fourth Quarter (October - December 2025)

- Roll out enhanced training programs for current staff and onboard new recruits.
- Finalize designs for the new building and secure funding strategies.
- Use performance metrics and community feedback to plan for 2026 initiatives.

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### A Bright Future for Donaldsonville

West Ascension Parish Hospital is proud to serve as a beacon of health and hope in our region. Our vision for 2025 reflects our unwavering dedication to compassionate care, community engagement, and innovation. Together, with our staff, board of commissioners, and valued partners, we are building a healthcare legacy that will benefit generations to come.

By embracing this comprehensive vision and actionable plan, West Ascension Parish Hospital is not only meeting the needs of today but laying the foundation for a healthier tomorrow.

**From the Desk of CEO Shelton B. Anthony**



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