

**Mission**  
To educate, advocate, and promote  
the profession and practice of  
Respiratory Care

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### KRCS needs you!

- Recruit, recruit, recruit....
  - Why?
    - Membership helps with:
      - Building the profession
      - Share networking and best practices
      - Builds strengths in numbers
      - Helps with legislative issues
      - Money for the affiliate
      - Builds relationships, shares goals, make friends
      - AARC – list serves, AARConnect, connections, resources

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### Upcoming events

- World Spirometry Day
  - Free peak flows available thru AARC
- RC week Oct 24-30<sup>th</sup>
- Great American Smoke out
- World COPD Day
- Annual Business meeting
- Legislative Day 2012

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### Programs available

- Peak Performance USA
- Web based Best Practices on Mechanical ventilation
- 3 hr workshop on VAP to train RTs
- Canned Public Service announcements for RC week
- AARC Store
- PAP Adherence document and Aerosol guide book

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### More

- ARCF Goal \$5 million
- ARCF international Fellow – reception at nationals
- Summit Award
- Leadership and Mentoring Initiatives
- Student coupons for NBRC exam
- Student Website

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### DRIVE4COPD

- National Public Health Campaign
- Screening
- Tool
- Challenge
- Events
- What you can do....[DRIVE4COPD.COM](http://DRIVE4COPD.COM)

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## KRCS needs your help!

- Volunteer
- Need candidates for officers
- Applications for Russ Babb Scholarship
- Screening
- Speaking
- Committee work
- Recruitment
- Fun

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## Your Challenge

- 10 DRIVE4COPD screens
- Volunteer
- Reach out to non members
- Engage in your profession
- Make a difference!

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## Why?

- Educational resources
- Online courses (revenue sharing)
  - Asthma, COPD, VAP, Ethics
- Engage managers and educators
- Best practices from across the country
- Discounts for early registration

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# KRCS The New Wild West

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## Introduction

- Charity Clark  
- I am a mom & a wife...



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## Introduction cont.

- I ride a Harley, a steel horse, for quiet time.
- I am a KU Alumni & a Jayhawk fan.



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## Introduction cont.

- I am a coworker, a night shifter and a RRT...



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## Chapter VII KRCS

- Currently, I am a member of the KRCS board
- I serve as the Chapter VII President for 2011.



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## Networking

- How do Therapists in Kansas connect with each other?
  - How do therapists get involved in KRCS activities?
    - Meetings
    - CEU Opportunities

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## Technology & Gas Prices

- Things that keep us from traveling across the state to network with other RTs.
  - Although we evolved from horses as the main transportation in KS...
    - Busy Lives, the Economy and Gas Prices
- More CEU's offered locally
- Modern Technology
  - Online CEUs and research

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## KRCS is NEW and EXCITING!

- Revamped & Rejuvenated
- New Core Strategies
  - Promote
  - Advocate
  - Educate

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## Promote - Hitting the Pavement

- Road Trip!!!
  - Donuts
  - KRCS Promote Volunteers
  - Information
  - Pictures



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### Visits & Spotlights...



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### Visiting RTs in Chapter VII

Therapists in KS are fun!  
Therapists in KS are interesting!  
Therapists in KS are making great achievements!!!!



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### Educate/Advocate Fun...

- Drive for COPD Float at Riverfest



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## Drive4COPD Volunteers!!!



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## Educate the Next Generation



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## Internet Publication

- Check Promote Connections on Web
  - [www.kracs.org](http://www.kracs.org)
  - Updated website
  - Maintained regularly
  - Your Kansas Respiratory Care Resource

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### What RTs Need

- Therapists Thirst for More
  - Legislative
  - Protocols, Policies, Procedures
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Best Practices
  - Involvement in Causes
  - Connections!!!



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### There Are Amazing Respiratory Therapists Everywhere!!

- There are so many therapists doing amazing things in Kansas, across the US and internationally!!
  - We can learn from each other.
  - We can support each other.
  - We can be involved in great numbers!



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### Connect With RTs Everywhere

- AARC Connect
  - Facebook for RTs
  - [www.aarc.org](http://www.aarc.org)
  - Multiple groups to be involved in and information to be found on AARC Connect!!!
  - Connect with RTs all over the WORLD!
  - Sign up today!!!



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## How do you get CONNECTED?

- Many Volunteer Opportunities
  - Sign Up Today!!!!
  - Core Strategies: Educate, Advocate, Promote
  - Find a way to use your strengths to be a part of your profession
- Example for Promote...
  - More Site Visits
  - Invite us to visit you
  - Go visit with us



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## It's time to join the stampede!!!!

- Get Connected!!
- Be a part of something big!!!
- Come see us at the KRCS booth in the vendor hall today!!!



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