



Community Medical Center **Groundbreakers**

*On September 22, 1918, community members broke ground on a new hospital, which would open October 15, 1919 (and re-open in 1922), and eventually become Community Medical Center. As we approach the 100-year anniversary of our opening, we will recognize each month some of those that pioneered health care in our community and made a difference in our history—people we call *Groundbreakers*.*



C. L. HUSTEAD

Charles Luke Husted, M.D.

Our inaugural Groundbreaker, Dr. C.L. Husted, was born in 1881 in Linn, KS, and graduated from medical school at Creighton University in 1912. He practiced in Falls City from 1912 until 1952. Dr. Husted played a key role in building what was then Falls City Lutheran Hospital, eventually taking ownership in 1922, completing construction, and operating Falls City Hospital from 1922 until 1940. Well-respected as a physician and surgeon, Dr. Husted served in a variety public health roles and was a charter member of the Physicians Post-Graduate Association of the University of Nebraska.

Thank you, Dr. Husted, for being a true CMC **Groundbreaker**.