



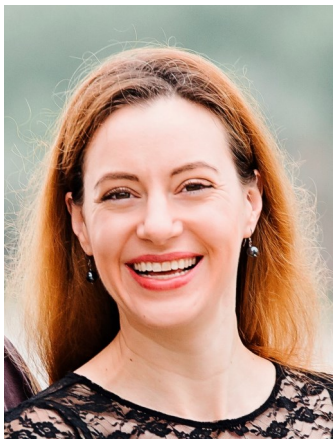
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DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



Vermillion, South Dakota

E-newsletter January 2021



Greetings from the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board of Directors,

I, personally, am breathing a sigh of relief as we welcome in 2021! 2020 was so tasking, and I know we are all hoping for a better new year. So many things are still up in the air, and still so much left to overcome, but as we watch the COVID-19 vaccine roll out, it finally seems there is a light at the end of the tunnel. During this time of coming up for air, I am reminded what a wonderful community we live in, in part thanks to you, our generous membership of DHF.

As chair of DHF's community engagement committee, I am usually closely involved in the planning and orchestrating of our many events, and throughout 2020 it was discouraging to see them indefinitely postponed—from the annual Leadership Dinner, An Evening for Women, holiday events, community celebrations, and more.

However, we were very happy in November to host a virtual event with author and speaker Mitch Reed, who gave a timely and thought-provoking presentation about being grateful for what we have and realigning our priorities towards family and personal growth. I hope you got an opportunity to watch his moving and meaningful talk.

Now as we look forward to 2021, we can keep our fingers crossed that our events can resume. We hope to welcome our members back to participate in fun and health-centered occasions. We are already discussing some late-spring and early-summer events like our An Evening for Women and annual Leadership Dinner, and how to approach them in a safe and healthy way. Look for specifics on those as the year develops on our website.

And as always, please take a minute to renew your DHF membership for 2021 and contribute to our ongoing giving campaign. Consider purchasing a message on the Sanford Vermillion Marquee to honor your sweetheart or congratulate a friend. Proceeds go to DHF as we advance our goals towards 3D Mammography and funding community grants and student scholarships. It's because of you, our membership, that we can raise the level of healthcare in Vermillion. Thank you for your ongoing support. We'll get to the end of the tunnel together!

With gratitude,
Katherine Price, DHF Secretary/Treasurer

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Have you renewed your 2021 Dakota Hospital Foundation Membership?

Your generous giving throughout the year helps fund projects at Sanford Vermillion and other health and wellness initiatives throughout the community. ***Our current campaign project is the purchase of a 3D Mammography machine.***

Renew your membership online at dakotahospitalfoundation.org
Because of you, DHF is able to do so much good.
Thank you!

*Dakota Hospital Foundation welcomes
Julie Heine and Tom Overby to our board of directors*



Julie Heine's hometown is Vermillion, SD and she is a proud 1983 VHS alumna. After graduating from high school, for her freshman year, she attended St. Cloud State University and then transferred to South Dakota State University to obtain a B.A. in English Education. Her M.A. is from the Uni-

versity of South Dakota as a Reading Specialist. Julie taught junior high in Alcester-Hudson School District and middle school in the Vermillion School District. Following her classroom experience, she worked for the North Central Association which is an accreditation agency for K-12 schools. Currently she is the secretary at the USD Children's Center and is enjoying the opportunity to work with children again.

Julie was raised in the belief that service is of utmost importance. She has spent her life in numerous volunteer capacities. Previously Julie has been active in Clay County 4-H, Vermillion Food Pantry and St. Agnes Church and School. She is currently on the board for the Vermillion Civic Council and part of the ESA Theta Omega.

Tim, Julie's husband, farms with his family. They have three grown sons – Luke, Gerrit and Seth, a lovely daughter-in-law, Katie, and two wonderful grandchildren – Max and Atleigh. Julie is excited to join the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board and follow in the footsteps of her mother, Gayle Bliss (DHF board member 2014 - 2019) to continue this community support.



Tom Overby grew up in Southeastern South Dakota, graduating from Viborg High School. He is also a graduate of Augustana University in Sioux Falls with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

Tom is currently a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Vermillion. Prior to Edward Jones he worked in a variety of roles in the Biopharmaceutical industry for 28 years, primarily with Amgen Inc. and Johnson & Johnson.

Tom has been married to Kaye, a native of Irene, South Dakota, for 29 years. They have two children: Kiana and John.

Tom enjoys attending sporting events in his leisure time, particularly with family and friends. He has previously served on boards for youth sports and served many years as a youth coach for football, basketball, and baseball.

MARQUEE MESSAGES

A great way to send a message for a Valentine, Birthday, Anniversary, any message!

Purchase a message to be displayed on the corner marquee (Plum/Main) for \$20 a message.
www.dakotahospitalfoundation.org

All gifts to the Dakota Hospital Foundation are used to further its' important mission.



SAVE THE DATE

2021

April 21—An Evening for Women

May 18—Leadership Dinner

July 19—Sheri Ellis Golf Social

Gratitude to Dakota Hospital Foundation November 2020—Current donors *"We can't do it without you!"*



Cindy Benzel
 Foundation Director
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What a wild ride we are on! Covid has interrupted and in some cases permanently changed lives in our community. Sanford Vermillion has been ready and responded whether it was treatment, testing or vaccinations. With a significant road still ahead of us, I am compelled to take this time to say THANK YOU. Thank you to the staff, who have with professionalism, compassion and self-sacrifice consistently rose to the challenge during this most difficult period. Thank a health care worker next time you get a chance.

Dakota Hospital Foundation has also had interruptions. 2020 found the Leadership Dinner, An Evening for Women event and holiday functions canceled. Each of these events was a chance to keep you informed of our progress which impacts the community in so many different ways. In 2020,

- DHF acquired an emergency room ultrasound unit and provided training for all of our physicians and advanced practice providers.
- DHF provided healthcare scholarships to secure the workforce of the future.
- DHF participated in the remodel of our patient care area of the hospital.
- DHF provided thousands of dollars to needed community organizations aiding in the care and health of many.
- DHF is actively working on securing 3D Mammography equipment as its next major project.

As we enter 2021, DHF is planning on hosting events albeit in different ways and venues. Please mark your calendars for An Evening for Women, April 21 and the Leadership Dinner, May 18. We are committed to hosting these events this year and have plans that will allow for proper and safe distancing and protection.

DHF, welcomes two new Board members, Julie Heine and Tom Overby. At the same time we say goodbye and are thankful for the service and contributions of Yewmun Yip and Tom Schaack. As we begin 2021, please make an effort to renew your membership. Thank you for your commitment to our community's healthcare.

Here's looking forward to a renewed 2021.

Timothy Tracy

Senior Director, Sanford Vermillion

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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) awarded \$2,000.

The grant award will fund the recruiting and training of four new volunteers in Clay County, to be assigned as advocates for abused or neglected children.

Pictured (L-R): Andy Howe, DHF Vice President, Sherri Rodgers-Conti, CASA Program Director, Paul Preister, DHF board member, Katie Kassin, Southeast CASA board member, Crystal Gemar, CASA board member, John Prescott, DHF President, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Tim Tracy, Senior Director, Sanford Vermillion

The Evan Project, Diaper Bank awarded \$5,500.

The grant award will fund a onetime (diaper) purchase, to meet the needs of families in Clay County.

Pictured (L-R): Andy Howe, DHF Vice President, Cindy Benzel, DHF Foundation Director, Ken Green, USD Coordinator of Business Writing, Tim Tracy, Senior Director, Sanford Vermillion, Catherine Johnson, Community Impact Director for United Way of Vermillion, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Kailena Anderson, USD student, Linda Kogel, DHF board member, John Prescott, DHF President



Vermillion Veterans of Foreign Wars awarded \$2,125.

The grant will fund 75 new flags for the Bluff View Cemetery, Avenue of Flags. The flags are raised the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, along the center road of the cemetery and is referred to as the "Avenue of Flags."

Pictured (L-R): Andy Howe, DHF Vice President, Art Mabry, VFW member, Jackie Voigt, John Prescott, DHF President, Jim Richardson, VFW member, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Terry Brady, VFW member, Tim Tracy, Senior Director, Sanford Vermillion



Vermillion Fire and EMS Department awarded \$1,050.

The grant will fund trauma equipment and prehospital trauma life support training for fifteen emergency medical technicians.

Pictured (L-R): Joe Kyte, EMT, Madison Christensen, EMT, Ty Murray, paramedic/firefighter, Matt Callahan, Chief of Vermillion Fire/EMS, John Prescott, DHF President, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Andy Howe, DHF Vice President, Cindy Benzel, DHF Foundation Director, Joni Freidel, DHF board member, Tom Overby, DHF board member





The Dakota Hospital Foundation

Pledge Form

Please Print.

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PLEDGE COMMITMENT:

☐ I pledge the amount of \$ _____ on or before _____.
**a reminder will be sent to the email address provided*

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I would ask that my membership donation be allocated to the following projects (multiple choices will be equally distributed unless otherwise noted; left blank will be allocated to general/membership):

<input type="checkbox"/>	General/Membership
<input type="checkbox"/>	3D Mammography Project
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Employee Crisis Fund

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send completed pledge forms to dakotahospitalfoundation@gmail.com or mail/drop off to 20 S Plum Street Vermillion, SD 57069 attn: Dakota Hospital Foundation.

Options to process donation:

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With much gratitude, we thank you for your pledge commitment.