



DHF Times—Snapshot

DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



Vermillion, South Dakota

E-newsletter March 2021



Greetings,

On behalf of the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, we hope that you are all doing well and that the past few months of this new year have brought a renewed sense of hope and optimism for the future as we continue to move through and beyond the challenges of the past year and into a “new normal.” We are very fortunate and grateful to have dedicated and compassionate health care professionals to take good care of us. We are also blessed to live in such a caring community where people unite and work together for the benefit of all.

Because of the pandemic, much of our work as a board has taken place remotely over the past year. While we were able to be very effective in doing so, we are excited to cautiously start to resume more face-to-face interactions as a board and with the public as the COVID trends continue to head in the right direction. Below are some highlights of recent and upcoming events that we are working on. Sanford Vermillion marquee messages can be purchased to display a special greetings for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, special events, or “just because”. It is a fun way to stay connected and informed.

- In February, we were able to partner with USD Athletics to host a Pink Out event where senior team members’ basketball jerseys were auctioned off to raise money for DHF.
- Our 2021 DHF Membership Campaign efforts are in full swing, including the Employee Giving Campaign, which represents a significant piece of the overall dollars raised that get reinvested in health care services, education, scholarships, and projects that further enhance our community and region.
- The Employee Idea Challenge and our DHF Grant period is open April 1st. Through these programs, employees and members of the community can submit ideas and requests for funding of various equipment or projects that address health care and community needs and services.
- Our An Evening for Women event is being planned for April 21, 2021, both in a face-to-face and virtual format. Dr. Melanie Weiss, an Optometrist from Watertown, will discuss her opioid addiction and recovery with the group and with area students as part of this program.
- Our annual Leadership Dinner will be on May 18, 2021. Karl Mecklenburg, former NFL football player, will be our featured speaker discussing motivational topics around “Teamwork and Leadership in a Changing World.” We will also present the 2021 Community Health Service Award and student scholarships during this event.
- The Sheri Ellis Golf Social event will be held on July 19, 2021.

We will continue to share our plans on programs and events as they are developed, so watch for more communications from DHF, and feel free to stay updated by checking out our website and our Facebook page. We are grateful for and we welcome your involvement in our organization. If you have ideas on how our organization can be better for you and for our community, be sure to let us know.

I have served as a member of the Dakota Hospital Foundation board for over thirteen years. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to share my time, talents, and resources to help others. I am extremely proud of the work that we do and feel very fortunate to be able to be a part of such a great team in identifying and acting on opportunities to fulfill our mission of being “Dedicated to Community Health and Wellness” in the areas of clinical innovation, health care services and education, and enhancing the quality of life throughout our community, the region, and beyond. Together we are stronger. Thanks for all you do!

Lisa Ketcham

Gratitude to Dakota Hospital Foundation Current 2021 donors
"We can't do it without you!"

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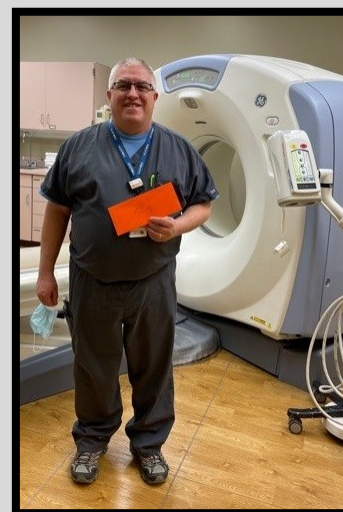
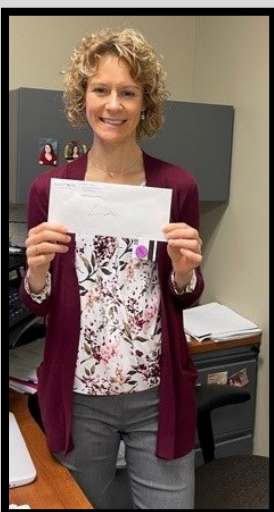


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DHF Employee Giving Campaign

The commitment of the employees of Sanford Vermillion to Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) is truly a gift. Each year, DHF facilitates an Employee Giving Campaign by providing a day of Q&A, and a free lunch celebrating the good work at Sanford Vermillion on behalf of the foundation and gratitude to their giving.



Left to right category and drawing winners: First Time Donors (\$50 chamber bucks) – Linda Reese;
Everyone's in that donated/pledged! (\$100 chamber bucks) – Amy Richardson;
\$250+ donors (\$300 gift card to Dakota PC Warehouse) – Randy Jarvis

The employees of Vermillion appreciate the mission of the Dakota Hospital Foundation. Staff witness its commitment to the facility, the culture and environment they serve in. The employee contributions every year are used in fulfilling the mission of the Employee IDEA Challenge.



I absolutely look forward to spring every year. We are seeing the first signs of spring as the birds begin their flight north migrating through South Dakota. The snow melts away and even when it inconveniently returns we know it is only a matter of days until it once again recedes. The first tulips are peeping through as the first flowers and the red robins are prancing about the ground. Yes spring is a time of renewal, a time of hope.

Hope is a sustaining feeling or desire for something affirming and good to occur. During the past year of the pandemic, many have found hope to be somewhat elusive but the human spirit has still made small discoveries that have allowed us to survive.

This column is dedicated to the staff who have remained hopeful and dedicated throughout the year. They have cared for patients, residents, visitors and their families all while providing transformative care in the most difficult of situations. Staff have been until recently the sole source of testing for the entire county testing between 100 and 700 people in any given week for almost a year. For the past three months staff have been the sole source for vaccinations. Multiple businesses and enterprises have looked to Sanford Vermillion as the safety net. Today as I write this my admiration for the work the staff of Sanford Vermillion is unmeasurable – they are the best. All of this staff accomplished while performing all their normal responsibilities. They are HEROES for me and for the public.

Dakota Hospital Foundation has been, is and continues to be an inspiration for cutting edge, quality medical services in this area. The Foundation has always been keenly aware of the key role and contributions of staff in insuring safe, quality and compassionate care. The Foundation also recognizes the extraordinary efforts of our healthcare HEROES. Please support the Foundation by renewing your membership, making a legacy gift or supporting one of their many projects. I read a book a number of years ago by Dr. Kent Keith titled “ANYWAY” based on what he titled The Paradoxical Commandments. During this past year I have relied on these as an additional guide to keep me on the right path and help me continue to be a person of great hope and faith. Please read.

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

6. The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

7. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

9. People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

I leave you with this as the last article I will write for the Dakota Hospital Foundation newsletter. I will be retiring in June to use my talents as a deacon in the church and spending more time with family. It has been my honor to serve as a leader for Dakota Hospital Foundation, the Staff of Sanford Vermillion and for the community. I hope to see all of you at the May Leadership Dinner. Peace and Blessings to all.

Timothy A. Tracy

An Evening for Women

Please join us for a very special evening designed just for you.
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and a special presentation.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 • 5 p.m.

Muenster University Center Ballroom
USD Campus, Vermillion, SD

5 p.m. Social

6 p.m. Melanie Weiss, OD
Opioid Addiction and Recovery Speaker

Limited capacity. Masks required.

Register by Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at
dakotahospitalfoundation.org/events

Or by contacting Jill Christopherson
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**Just a
reminder...**



**Any changes
we should
know about?**

**Moved? Household changed?
Email? Phone?**

**Please keep your
information up-to-date with us.**

**Contact Cindy Benzel at
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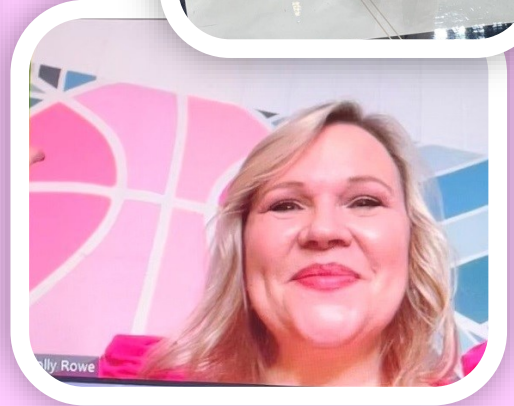
Have you renewed your 2021 Dakota Hospital Foundation Membership?

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!

2021 PINK OUT USD EVENT

The University of South Dakota women's basketball team, Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion celebrated together virtually honoring women's health with a meal and education via speaker Holly Rowe, ESPN Sports Telecaster. The senior pink jerseys were auctioned off raising \$2800 with proceeds benefiting Dakota Hospital Foundation 3D Mammography campaign project. The game ball for the event was presented to Dr. Dan Beutler, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.



- OPEN GRANT PERIOD -

Open grant periods are **April 1 - 30** and October 1 - 31. All gifts to the Dakota Hospital Foundation are used to further its' important mission, ***dedicated to community health and wellness***. Through financial contributions, the Dakota Hospital Foundation supports initiatives focused on enhancing opportunities in our three main focus areas as follows:

- Clinical Innovation • Health Care Education
- Quality of Life

Grant guidelines and applications can be found on the website/news.

MARQUEE MESSAGES

A great way to send a message for a holiday, birthday, anniversary, any message!

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

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SAVE THE DATE

2021

April 21—An Evening for Women

May 18—Leadership Dinner

July 19—Sheri Ellis Golf Social





The Dakota Hospital Foundation

Pledge Form

Please Print.

Donor Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

PLEDGE COMMITMENT:

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

☐ I would like to make a reoccurring donation of \$ _____ on the ____ of every month
**a notification will be sent to the email address provided*

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Becky and Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dennis & Mary Jo Olson, MD Family Medicine Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick & Theresa Wingen Family Endowment Vocational School Scholarship
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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:

Cash, check (payable to the Dakota Hospital Foundation), ACH (provide voided check) or by clicking on the DONATION tab on the dakotahospitalfoundation.org website.

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