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Vermillion, South Dakota

June 2022

Coming Up

July 18Golf Social

August 9 Community Celebration

October 1 - 31 Grant Period Open

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Greetings,

The first half of the year has been very active for the Dakota Hospital Foundation. It's always in gratitude that we are a foundation that gives back. It's nice to see so many familiar faces supporting DHF, as Vermillion prospers, we will continue to be dedicated to community health and wellness. At our Leadership Dinner on May 18th (with over 250 in attendance!), I shared "What has been Dakota Hospital Foundation's impact?...Your impact as members, supporters, collaborators?" Here is the recap:

Membership and fundraising dollars go to the work of the foundation's mission, including the following areas:

- 1) providing education scholarships, since 2005, awarding 115 scholars, totaling just under \$107,000 with \$10,800 awarded at the leadership dinner; imagine the numerous ways these scholars are impacting others in their professions now! A well-managed endowment sends a message of planned long-term stability, fiscal responsibility, and financial viability. DHF operates as such. In addition, this sends the message of gratitude to these named endowments. As a donor, you have many choices to select where your dollars are contributed to. These endowments are noted as specific purposes to choose from during your donating experience.
- 2) funding community grant programs, since 2015, more than \$240,000 grants awarded, including two this April to Habitat for Humanity Clay and Yankton Counties and Vermillion Community Garden impacting our surrounding community of all ages, individuals, families, organizations, businesses...Vermillion...YOU. These submissions are focused on initiatives enhancing opportunities in the areas of Clinical Innovation, Healthcare Education and Quality of Life.
- 3) the Employee Idea Challenge, as a strong and vital part of the community, DHF and Sanford Vermillion Medical Center (SVMC) continues to search for new and innovative ways to serve our citizens, hence our request for proposals from those most intimate with our patients, residents, visitors, and staff Sanford Vermillion Medical Center employees. Awarding projects submitted by employees, so the medical center and community can benefit from enhanced services, to date, just under \$274,000 have been allocated to that project alone

Greetings from Andy continued

- since 2009. We are grateful for the on-going partnership with Sanford Vermillion and the impact it has on our community as a thriving medical center. This is the first year we've chosen four Honorable Mentions, all receiving \$250 per project. An Honorable Mention means to us, that through partnering with Sanford Vermillion and/or with further project development, the projects will be followed through with, to some degree. The \$1000 winning project was awarded to Jill Smolcyk.
- Events. We kicked off 2022 with what we hope to be an annual event in early spring with "The Best Medicine: LAUGH", bringing us together with a meal and a comedian. The room was full of laughter! In April, over 150 women attended the "An Evening for Women" event. Our speaker, Serene Thin Elk, also spoke to the high school students that afternoon. She shared her experience and expertise at both events relating to mental health, relationships, and emotional resiliency. As mentioned, our leadership dinner in May was full of recognition and gratitude, including Kevin O'Kelley and the COVID-19 Response Team, our Community Health Service Awardees and John Nance bringing us all together, talking about keeping us coming together as individuals, groups, organizations and businesses to avoid the "Near Miss". The Dakota Hospital Foundation Golf Social is scheduled for Monday, July 18th. We are rebranding the event this year to include the memories of Sheri Ellis and Mary Merrigan. Team registration is due July 11th, we are looking forward to a great day of golf. Finally, the Community Celebration is scheduled for August 9th at the Vermillion High School.

The membership, support and collaborations with Dakota Hospital Foundation are evidence of the community commitment we have for healthcare in Vermillion and the commitment we have to Sanford Vermillion & Dakota Hospital Foundation. Together we are doing great things - and this is only the beginning of greater things to come. We genuinely appreciate your past and present support and look forward to welcoming new members and many years of continued opportunities to give back.

With regards, Andy Howe, President

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Hello friends,

Rooted in a history of a small group of concerned community leaders identifying the need for a community hospital in Vermillion decades ago, to the Foundation that supports the delivery of care provided to patients today, Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) has kept one thing consistent through all these years—the understanding that, particularly in a rural environment, it takes a team of committed community members and professionals to deliver high quality care right here where we live. The mutually beneficial partnership of DHF and Sanford Vermillion brings to our patients the most up-to-date medical technology such as 3D mammography, wellness programs, and workforce support. Honoring that rich history and the value this partnership brings to our community keeps us moving forward. Dakota Hospital Foundation is truly a foundation that gives back.

As we look toward the future, I take a moment to reflect on the past and honor those who have guided us here. It is their wisdom, tireless years of service, and expertise that we continue to build on. At the leadership dinner, we honored and recognized these health-care professionals who retired this past year after dedicating their lives to the service of others: Shelly Bendert - 20 years; Jane Nelson - 40 years; Dr. Charles Yelverton - 42 years; Jeff Berens - 42 years; Joan Beach - 47 years; and Deb Wahl - 49 years. Thank you all for providing excellent care to our community over the years.

Employees of Sanford Vermillion are dedicated to helping further the mission of DHF through their financial support in membership giving and participation in fundraisers. In addition, staff volunteer their time and talents at the many community events hosted by DHF. We are pleased to report that our 2022 Employee Giving Campaign contributions, held this spring, totaled over \$13,000. Thank you for believing in our partnership with Dakota Hospital Foundation!

I look forward to reconnecting with and meeting you as we continue our mission.

In gratitude, Veronica Schmidt, Senior Director Sanford Vermillion

April Grant Period Awards

Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) accepts Grant Funding applications from local 501(c)3 organizations during the months of April and October each year.

Habitat for Humanity Clay and Yankton Counties - \$5000

The grant will help in funding, a new home, providing the family of six, a safe, affordable home to prosper in the Vermillion community.



(L-R): Cindy Benzel, DHF director;
Rebecca Meier, Habitat for Humanity executive director;
Jim Wehrer, Habitat for Humanity board member,
Laura Archambeau, Habitat for Humanity board member,
Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member;
Ryan Bear, Habitat for Humanity board president,
Natali Toupin, Habitat for Humanity board member, Ray Ring, Habitat for
Humanity board member, Jill Christopherson, DHF executive assistant

Vermillion Community Garden Awarded - \$1000

The grant will help in funding, the installation of a new water line to ensure water is accessible to all areas of the community garden, located by the United Church of Christ.



(L-R): Dr. Damon Alvey, DHF board member, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Alicia Paulson, Vermillion Community Garden board member, Katharina Wymar, Vermillion Community Garden board member, Derek Zomer, president Vermillion Community Garden, Andy Howe, president DHF board, Cindy Benzel, DHF director

\$20,000 donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Vermillion supports the club's first year of programming



Boys & Girls Club is a nationwide movement that relies on local leadership and partnerships to fulfill its mission to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. This mission is achieved by offering daily impactful programs focused on three priority outcomes of academic success, good character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles.

Pictured left - (L-R):Dr. Jacob Quail, Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion Advisory Council vice-president, Cindy Benzel, DHF director, Veronica Schmidt, Sanford Vermillion senior director, Andy Howe, DHF president,

Savanah Sullivan, Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion executive director, Rachel Olson, Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion Advisory Council president, Dr. Damon Alvey, Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion Advisory Council, Lindsie Bell, Boys & Girls Club of Northern Plains chief operating officer

2022 Employee Idea Challenge Project

The Employee Idea Challenge winning project submitted by Jill Smolczyk, Physical Therapy: Dakota Hospital Foundation will fully fund the Dual Probe Ultrasound equipment in addition to the training necessary. This point of care ultrasound will provide more information for therapists to help guide their therapy interventions



Jill Smolczyk

and to assist in providing exceptional care for patients. It provides clarity during assessments, as another "tool in their toolbox". Treatments can be directed to better target the impairment whether in physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy or otherwise requested. Other projects included:

Amy Richardson, Athletic Trainer, VHS; BLS/CPR Trainer - Honorable Mention

- Basic Life Saving Training with CPR (equipment)

Susan Johnson, Patient Access Representative, Care Center - Honorable Mention

- Care Center Courtyard (beautification and utilization project)

Cathy Andre, RN, Hospital - Honorable Mention

- Suspended Ceiling Direction Signs

Tonia Sommervold, Patient Access Representative, Clinic

- Project don't break my heart (heart monitor equipment)

Craig Sorensen, Justin Jensen, Sam Irwin, Plant Operations team

- Procurement of a multi-purpose vehicle (utility)

Misty Rains and Kate Seivert, Patient Access Representatives, Clinic - Honorable Mention

- Proving a safe entrance (main entrance automatic sliding doors)

Kari Nelson, RN Patient Educator; Kay Hoesing, MDS Nurse; Sadie Winckler, Senior Social Work, Care Center

- RQI-P Go Simulation Station (CPR testing equipment)



Save the date for our **Community Celebration** August 9, 2022 4:30pm to 7:00pm **Vermillion High School** Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion invite you to our annual community celebration.



Community Healthcare Service Award

Each year Dakota Hospital Foundation recognizes a community member with the Community Health Service award. This year's Community Health Service award was presented to Kevin O'Kelley, on behalf of the Vermillion COVID-19 Response Team. The Community Health Service Award recognizes outstanding contributions of time, talent and resources benefiting the health of the community. We are pleased to present this award every year to someone in the community who we feel encompasses these values.

Kevin O'Kelley On behalf of the Vermillion COVID-19 Response Team

Kevin and his wife Samantha moved to Vermillion in 2012, when he was hired as the Director of Environmental, Health and Safety for the University of South Dakota. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Sciences from San Jose State University and a master's degree in psychology earned here at USD. In 2014 Kevin was appointed Assistant Vice President for Research Compliance, serving the needs of our research community, while still overseeing the safety side of things on campus. One of those "safety things" included leading the university's emergency

response planning. Normally he thought about things like fires and floods and tornadoes, and he would run President Gestring's leadership team through tabletop exercises. When COVID-19 arrived, USD had the infrastructure ready.



Kevin O'Kelley

and the key personnel had already practiced their roles. This was Kevin's first pandemic, but it was not Vermillion's first. He reached out right away to those with experience with our earlier pandemics, like SARS in 2003, H1N1 in 2009, and MERS in 2012. These included USD researchers, local health care professionals, K-12 school administrators and our community's emergency responders. A team just magically formed as everybody stepped up, ready to work.

Kevin says that if you have to have a pandemic, Vermillion is an excellent place to have it.



A foundation that gives back.



Andy Howe



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Veronica Schmidt Sanford Vermillion Senior Director, ex-officio



Cindy Benzel Foundation Director, ex-officio



Jill Christopherson Executive Assistant ex-officio

Leadership Dinner Snapshots





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In partnership with Sanford Vermillion



William Dendinger, MD Family Medicine Scholarship

In honor of Dr. William Dendinger and his many years of health care service to the Vermillion community, this scholarship endowment will provide a scholarship for a medical student accepted into a Family Medicine Residency Program and currently enrolled at USD Sanford School of Medicine.



Wanda and Tim Hannahs Scholarship

This scholarship endowment is in honor of Wanda and Tim Hannahs. Wanda was an employee of Sanford Vermillion who experienced a spinal cord injury after a car accident, which left her paralyzed. She spoke regularly to USD's OT & PT students about her life, the accident, and the services she received, and this scholarship is in gratitude to their career path.



Dakota Hospital Foundation SVMC Employee-Child Scholarship

This scholarship is to honor Sanford Vermillion employees' children who are planning to pursue post-secondary education in a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical program.



Dennis & Mary Jo Olson, MD Family Medicine Scholarship

This scholarship endowment shall provide a scholarship for a medical student accepted into the Family Medicine Residency Program and currently enrolled at the USD Sanford School of Medicine. It is in honor of Dr. Mary Jo Olson's career path, as well as her and Dennis' dedication to service to others in the Vermillion area.



Timothy J. and Kathleen A. Tracy Health Services Administration Scholarship

In honor of Tim and Kathy for their years of service in health care and commitment to the foundation, this endowment is to provide a scholarship for a South Dakota student enrolled in Health Services Administration, a member of the student group (HEAL) Healthcare Executive Advancing Leadership and currently enrolled at the University of South Dakota.



Becky & Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship

This scholarship endowment is to identify and retain outstanding Vermillion area high school seniors dedicated to furthering their education at USD in a health-related occupation. It is in honor of retired Chief Operating Officer of Sanford Health, Becky Nelson and her husband for her commitment and years of service to health care and Sanford Health.



Patrick & Theresa Wingen Family Vocational School Scholarship

This scholarship endowment is to identify and retain outstanding Vermillion area high school seniors dedicated to furthering their education in a health-related occupation. This scholarship is in honor of Patrick and Theresa Wingen for their commitment to health care occupations achieved through attending a Vocational Technical Institution.

The Dakota Hospital Foundation is proud to present scholarships to the following recipients:

Becky & Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship

Mackenzie Brady, Vermillion High School Attending: University of South Dakota

Major: Nursing

Harshavardhan (Hari) Kadarkaraisamy,

Vermillion High School

Attending: University of South Dakota

Major: Medical Biology

Patrick & Theresa Wingen Family Vocational School Scholarship

Allison Assmus, Vermillion High School Attending: Lake Area Technical College Major: Nursing

Sanford Vermillion Employee-Child Scholarship

Emma Heine, Vermillion High School, daughter of Jamie Heine, RN Surgery Attending: South Dakota State University

Major: Animal Science

Jackson Girard, Vermillion High School, son of Julie Girard, Improvement Advisor Attending: University of South Dakota Major: Business

Sanford Health Network Scholarship

Lauren Schild (Yankton, SD), Patient Access Representative, Clinic 2021 graduate, USD (Medical Biology) Attending USD School of Medicine pursuing a Medical Degree (specialty undecided)

Dennis & Mary Jo Olson, MD Family Medicine Scholarship

Katie Steinlicht (Milbank, SD), 2022 graduate, USD School of Medicine Family Medicine Residency: Center for Family Medicine, Sioux Falls, SD

Timothy J. and Kathleen Tracy Health Administration Scholarship

Meghan Jouwstra (Sioux Falls, SD), December 2022 graduate, USD Health Services Administration Vice-President, HEAL (Healthcare Executive Advancing Leadership) Master of Business Administration, emphasis in

Health Services Administration (beginning May 2023)

Wanda & Tim Hannahs Scholarship

Madison Hayenga (Windom, MN), 2021 graduate, South Dakota State University (Exercise Science) Attending USD pursuing Doctorate in Physical Therapy

William Dendinger, MD Family Medicine Scholarship

Elise Blaseg (Kalispell, MT), 2022 graduate, USD School of Medicine Family Medicine Residency: St. Mark's Family Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT



Mackenzie Brady



Harshavardhan (Hari) Kadarkaraisamy



Allison Assmus



Emma Heine



Jackson Girard





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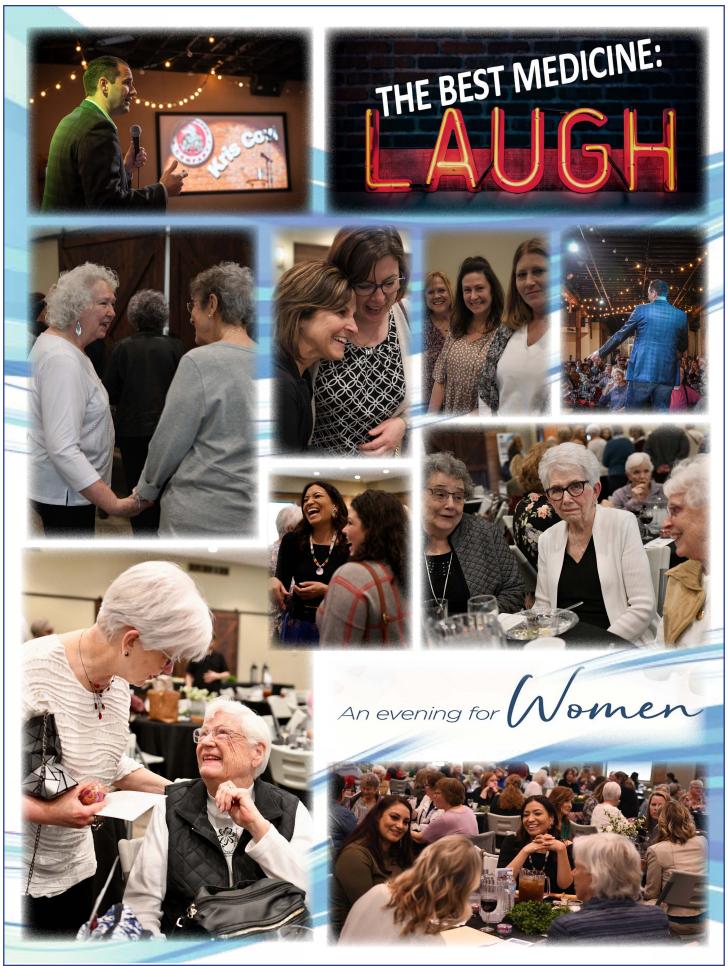
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17th Annual



Dakota Hospital Foundation **GOLF SOCIAL**

In memory of Sheri Ellis and Mary Merrigan



Monday, July 18, 2022

The Bluff's Golf Course, Vermillion 12:00PM shotgun start | 18 Hole, 4 person scramble Registration begins at 10:30AM

Sheri Ellis, a dedicated and passionate Registered Nurse at Sanford Vermillion and equally passionate about golf (2005)

Monday, July 11



Team Registration Due:

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\$50 per person paid in advance \$60 per person day of event

Includes golf, dinner, prizes to follow Cover it all—add the following: Mulligans (2)—\$10 / 3 Games—\$15 Cart Fees—\$40 each

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For Player# 1 2 3 4

Game Fees—\$15/player (\$60) \$ For Player# 1 2 3 4

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1 cart— \$340

2 carts-\$380

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