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DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Vermillion, South Dakota

June 2021

Coming Up

July 19

Sheri Ellis Golf Social

August 9

Community Celebration

October 1 - 31

Grant Period Open

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Greetings,

Summertime activities are filling up our schedules. It is great to have fewer COVID restrictions compared to the summer of 2020. DHF has had a busy 2021 to date and have many more events and projects in the planning. We are not taking this summer off.

It was great to gather, see so many familiar faces, and celebrate at our Leadership Dinner on May 18th with over 200 in attendance! A very special dedication to our health care heroes was presented with a video of the hard working staff of Sanford Vermillion acknowledging the challenges of the past year and the attitude of gratitude that pulled them through it. The video is posted on our Dakota Hospital Foundation website and Facebook page.

Additionally, our keynote speaker, Karl Mecklenburg (Former All Pro Captain, Denver Broncos) brought a wonderful message of overcoming obstacles on the way to your dreams. We also recognized our scholarship winners, learned about the employee idea challenge project entries, and recognized two very special leaders in the DHF family. Please check out the photos and descriptions inside this newsletter to learn more! Many thanks to all who attended this spectacular evening.

Tim Tracy was the recipient of the Community Health Service Award. Sanford Vermillion, Dakota Hospital Foundation, and our community, are very fortunate to have had Tim's leadership and vision over the last 17 years. We wish Tim and Kathy the very best as they begin retirement. While they may be relocating, family and activities will have them returning on a regular basis. We look forward to catching up on their visits to Vermillion. In typical Tim style, at the event, he recognized others in his acceptance speech. One of the special recognitions was for Mary Merrigan. Mary retired from Sanford Vermillion and Dakota Hospital Foundation, we were grateful to be able to recognize her for all her great work! Mary's great smile and can-do, behind the scenes, exceptional work attitude were staples of Dakota Hospital Foundation for so many years. THANK YOU Mary and Tim for all of your work on behalf of the community and Dakota Hospital Foundation! It is appreciated and we will miss seeing you on a regular basis.

We have two important events coming up in the next couple of months:



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Greetings from John continued

- Sheri Ellis Golf Social, Monday, July 19 at the Bluffs Golf Course. Please check inside to learn more about it and register your team! There are ways to be involved beyond golfing. It promises to be a fun day.

- Community Celebration, Monday, August 9 at the Vermillion High School. There will be a picnic-style meal, many activities, an opportunity to meet Dr. Jacob Quail and Dr. Daniel Beutler, and the new Sanford Vermillion Senior Director will be invited to join us as well.

Thank you for your membership to Dakota Hospital Foundation. DHF is an integral part of making health and healing happen in Vermillion through the generous support provided for many special projects. You are appreciated. Have a great summer.

Be well,
John Prescott, President



Community Celebration

Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion invite you to our annual community celebration. Bring the entire family for a picnic meal, ice cream and more:

- Vermillion Public Library
- Great Plains Zoo Express
- Sanford Arts Vermillion activity
- Inflatables on the lawn
- Twist Ty The Balloon Guy
- Free blood pressure screenings
- EMS/Fire & Police Dept.
 - Smoke house
 - Car seat safety
 - Fire truck
 - Ambulance
 - Police
 - Sheriff

Monday, Aug. 9, 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Vermillion High School, 1001 E. Main Street

For more information, call (605) 677-3617.

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Gratitude to Dakota Hospital Foundation 2021 donors to date

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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.



South Dakota Shakespeare Festival awarded \$2000



Vermillion Area Dance Organization awarded \$1600



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2021 Employee Idea Challenge Project

Winning Project submitted by Katie Hoyt, Physical Therapy: The Biodex Balance System machine is used for neuromuscular re-education after lower extremity surgeries and injuries, post stroke rehabilitation, and fall prevention. This proposal will replace the fifteen-year-old machine with state of the art technology.



Katie Hoyt, Physical Therapist



Biodex Balance System

Other projects include: Marge Schissel, RN – A Crosswalk for Safety and Casey Kuhl and Tom Mathis, Activities Assistant – Expanded Sidewalks for Courtyard Gardens.

Today 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.

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 Timothy Tracy, Senior Director at Sanford Vermillion. 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.

Tim Tracy is the son of Gerald E. and Virginia Tracy (both deceased). Tim is one of eight children, having grown up in Watertown, SD, and graduating from Watertown High School. After High School, Tim enlisted in the United States Air Force from 1974 - 1976 and in the Air National Guard from 1976 - 1982. Tim attended the University of South Dakota from 1976 - 1981. During his time at USD, Tim met Kathy, the love of his life, and they were married in the spring of 1977. Kathy and Tim's family grew by three during his college career, and this family of five celebrated the awarding of his Bachelor's Degree in Administration in 1981. Tim was awarded his Masters Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University in 2004.

Tim has served as a health care administrator in South Dakota and North Dakota since 1983. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of Sanford Vermillion Medical Center since April 2004. During Tim's tenure in health care, he has assisted in the development of model rural health care centers in Vermillion, South Dakota, Cando, North Dakota and Gettysburg, South Dakota.

Tim is an ordained Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Eastern South Dakota, currently serving at St. Agnes Parish & School in Vermillion while assisting with several Diocesan-wide assignments.

Tim currently serves as a Delegate to the American Hospital Association for the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, is past chair of SDAHO Board of Directors, and has served on various committees. He was a Board Member and Chair of the South Dakota Healthcare Executive Group. Tim served as the North Dakota Healthcare Association chair from 2001 - 2003, where he has also served as vice-chair, secretary/treasurer, director at large, and committee member. He was also secretary of the North Dakota Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, a member of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, and a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Tim and Kathy Tracy

Tim has been active in community service organizations, including the American Legion and Economic Development organizations in every community. Locally he has served on the Main Street Center Board, the Vermillion Area Dance Organization (VADO) Board, the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company Board and various committees at St. Agnes. He was honored by the Dakota Conference on Rural Health with its Outstanding Rural Health Professional award in 1997, and in 2001, by the American Hospital Association with the Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Development Award.

When asked of his most rewarding activities in Vermillion, Tim would say:

- Bringing Sanford Vermillion into a new age through the efforts of DHF - the Medical Staff and the Leadership,
- leading the committee which raised the needed funds to remodel and add-on to St. Agnes School,
- serving as a Deacon at St. Agnes Church,
- helping to secure DHF and community funds for the Main Street Center updates,
- building and securing of funds for the VADO dance studio,
- helping to establish DHF grant programs, employee programs and scholarships,
- and the development of Sanford Vermillion Arts in Healthcare program.

Tim takes pride in his faith and family, proud to be blessed with three children, their spouses, and their nine grandchildren. Tim will miss his church family, his work family, and Vermillion but takes many fond memories into retirement. He will be back from time to time. GO YOTES!!!

Leadership Dinner Snapshots



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

Sanford Employee/Child Scholarship

Hunter Lavin, Vermillion High School,
son of Carol Lavin, RN Clinic Supervisor
Attending: South Dakota State University
Major: Pharmacy



Hunter Lavin

Kayla Van Osdel, Gayville-Volin High School,
son of Janine Van Osdel, Triage Clinic RN
Attending: University of Sioux Falls
Major: Biology - Pre-Med



Kayla Van Osdel

Becky & Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship

Bayleigh Peterson, Alcester-Hudson High School
Attending: University of South Dakota
Major: Kinesiology



Bayleigh Peterson

Emily Miiller, Alcester-Hudson High School
Attending: University of South Dakota
Major: Medical Biology



Emily Miiller

Grace Gustad, Gayville-Volin High School
Attending: University of South Dakota
Major: Kinesiology and Exercise Science



Grace Gustad

Ella Wittmuss, Vermillion High School
Attending: University of South Dakota
Major: Medical Biology, Spanish Minor



Ella Wittmuss

Dennis & Mary Jo Olson, MD Family Medicine Scholarship

Joe Napierala, 2021 graduate,
USD School of Medicine
Family Medicine Residency: Tripler Army Medical
Center, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian archipelago



Joe Napierala

William Dendinger, MD Family Medicine Scholarship

Casey Hanson, 2021 graduate, USD School of
Medicine
Family Medicine Residency: University of Florida,
Gainesville, Florida



Casey Hanson

Wanda & Tim Hannahs Scholarship

Jessica Simon, 2020 graduate, Augustana University,
Sioux Falls, SD
Attending University of South Dakota pursuing
Doctorate in Occupational Therapy



Jessica Simon



Kennedy Steiner

Patrick & Theresa Wingen Family Vocational School Scholarship

Kennedy Steiner, Webster Area High School,
Webster, SD
Attending: Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD

16th Annual

Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social

Schedule
your tee time
call
605.677.3617

Monday, July 19, 2021

**The Bluffs Golf Course
Vermillion, SD**

Tee times between 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

**18 Hole, 4 Person Scramble
\$50 per person paid in advance / \$60 day of event
Includes Golf, Dinner and Prizes**

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For more information or to register call 605-677-3617



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Your generous giving throughout the year helps fund projects at Sanford Vermillion and other health and wellness initiatives throughout the community. Renew your membership online at dakotahospitalfoundation.org. *Because of you, DHF is able to do so much good. Thank you!*

The Dakota Hospital Foundation Pledge Form



Please Print.

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PLEDGE COMMITMENT:

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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):

General/Membership
3D Mammography Project
Becky and Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship
Dennis & Mary Jo Olson, MD Family Medicine Scholarship
Patrick & Theresa Wingen Family Endowment Vocational School Scholarship
Wanda & Tim Hannahs Scholarship
William Dendinger, MD Family Medicine Scholarship
Employee Crisis Fund

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed pledge forms to cindy.benzel@sanfordhealth.org or mail/drop off to 21 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.