



# DHF Times

DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Vermillion, South Dakota

March 2023

## Coming Up

**March 1 - 31**

Grant Period Open

**April 12**

An Evening for Women

**May 16**

Leadership Dinner

**July 17**

Golf Social

**August TBD**

Community Celebration

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Greetings,

Since 1930, Dakota Hospital Foundation has fulfilled its mission *Dedicated to Community Health and Wellness*. Since that time Vermillion's hospital has grown into a comprehensive community medical center providing care for the whole family. The partnership between Sanford Vermillion Medical Center and Dakota Hospital Foundation has strengthened and enhanced the services provided to our community throughout the years.

In February, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center was recognized as a 2023 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital for the second year in a row by the Chartis Center for Rural Health for its performance in areas such as quality, patient perspective, outcomes, and financial efficiency. This recognition is a direct result of our healthcare team's dedication to providing excellence to our patients every day. Through special projects, Employee Idea Challenge funding, and employee support, DHF has played a role in this recognition as well.

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## Greetings continued

Looking forward, March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Through the expertise of Jacob Quail, M.D and Sanford Vermillion's surgery team, patients can have their colonoscopy right here in Vermillion. Dr. Quail is passionate about colorectal cancer screening and the positive outcome early detection can have for patients.

Services significant to the wellness of our community, such as colorectal cancer screenings, are greatly enhanced by the support of Dakota Hospital Foundation. Thanks to all the DHF members who share in this dedication to community health and wellness.

Best,  
Veronica Schmidt  
Sanford Vermillion Senior Director



L to R: Jennifer Kratz, supervisor, Jacob Quail, MD, Ann Berens, CRNA, Jamie Heine, RN, Margie Schissel, RN, Holly Henderson, RN, Shari Mayne, RN (not pictured: Sydney Davis, CRNA)

In 2023, an estimated 153,020 people will be diagnosed with this preventable disease in the United States. Looking closer to home, in South Dakota an estimated 440 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed while 170 deaths from colorectal cancer are expected to occur in 2023.



We take colorectal cancer screening seriously here at Sanford Vermillion. The screening prevents colorectal cancer by removing precancerous polyps and also screening is able to detect colorectal cancer at an earlier stage. This screening guideline changed in 2021, we now recommend screening start at the age of 45, instead of 50, for those that are at average-risk for this disease.

Colorectal cancer screening can be performed by either a screening colonoscopy or a stool-based study, such as a FIT test or Cologuard test. At Sanford Vermillion, we perform over 300 colonoscopies and order over 100 stool-based studies every year. Ask your primary care provider which option would be best for you as everyone's risk for colorectal cancer is different.

If you have any questions about colorectal cancer screening guidelines, please contact your healthcare team at Sanford Vermillion! And remember, wear BLUE for National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month!

-Jacob Quail, M.D., FACS, General Surgeon



Inflatable colon

# *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 12, 2023 • 5 p.m.**

Dakota Center, Banquet Room  
912 N. Dakota St., Vermillion, SD (entrance in back)

5 p.m. Social

6 p.m. Dawn Marie Johnson, MSW  
*The Power of Mentorship*



Register by Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at  
[dakotahospitalfoundation.org/events](https://dakotahospitalfoundation.org/events)  
Or by contacting Jill Christopherson  
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# Outstanding Community Project Award

Outstanding Community Project Award for the FARM Program Class of 2024 has been awarded to Alaire Buchholz, Vermillion FARM student, for her project titled “FARM-ing A Healthier Community”!!

“Alaire plans to continue her project into her Pillar 3 year and we are excited to see how much more her project can continue to impact the community of Vermillion and now Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. Check out her FARM-ing a Healthier Community Facebook page and remember to like and follow the page for delicious recipes and insights on healthy eating!!” stated by the FARM Program representatives.

Dakota Hospital Foundation partners with Sanford Clinic Vermillion and the FARM Program with student living arrangements.

More about the FARM Program: <https://www.usd.edu/.../Medical-Education/FARM-Program>



*Pictured: Alaire Buchholz and Dr. Susan Anderson*

## Community Impact Fundraiser Event

Thank you Vermillion patrons and Pizza Ranch for the partnership in the January 16th Community Impact Fundraiser Event! Proceeds from the evenings sales totaled \$250.91 (10%).



*Pictured left to right: Andrew Labarge, Pizza Ranch manager; Veronica Schmidt, Sanford Vermillion senior director; Dr. Damon Alvey, DHF board member; Andy Howe, DHF board president; Lana Svien, DHF board member; Cindy Benzel, DHF foundation director; Jill Christopherson, Sanford Vermillion and DHF executive assistant*

## USD Pink Jersey Auction Raises Funds for Dakota Hospital Foundation



The numbers of the three jerseys auctioned off on February 18, USD vs Denver game were No. 3, No. 30 and No. 35. “We appreciate you working with us on the Pink Jersey Auction again this year. It’s always a fun event that our fans look forward to!”, shared Jarren Duffy, USD Assistant AD for Marketing & Promotions. A total of \$890 was raised.

# The Barn Quilt Project: South Dakota Strong

**Vermillion Arts Orgs Featured in New David J. Sencer CDC Museum Exhibition about the Power of the Arts in Public Health Outreach**

Dakota Hospital Foundation is a strong supporter of the Arts in Health program at Sanford Vermillion. It's impact on Vermillion, the state of South Dakota and nationally is exemplary! This project was a collaboration between Vermillion Cultural Association and Creative Care, LLC. Facilitating artists included Ariadne Albright, Lindsay Seier, Rebecca Froehlich, Heather Steffen, Alanya Drabek, Rosemary Buchmann, and Madie Skillman, and other project contributors include Shannon Cole, Susan Heggstad, and B.J. Buckley.

*Vermillion Cultural Association press release January 13, 2023:*

*"Trusted Messengers" exhibition showcases diverse and innovative works of art created to promote confidence in COVID-19 vaccines*

Vermillion, S.D. — Through a unique partnership between public health and the arts, the Vermillion Cultural Association (VCA) together with Creative Care, LLC were among 30 arts and culture organizations that received support from the CDC Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts to develop works of art to educate the public and inspire confidence in COVID-19 vaccines. The participating organizations used their chosen art forms to translate public health information about the safety and importance of immunizations into an accessible, memorable and diverse body of work. An exhibition at the David J. Sencer CDC Museum in Atlanta, GA, titled *Trusted Messengers: Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines Through Art*, is now showcasing original pieces from six of these organizations, including VCA and Creative Care's The Barn Quilt Project: South Dakota Strong.

"The Vermillion Cultural Association is now doubly honored to have been a support to such a worthy community Arts & Health project," said VCA board president Susan Heggstad.

On display at the CDC Museum are colorful paper quilt squares arranged on wires to mimic the design of a fabric quilt in the Barn Quilt Project installation. Artists from Creative Care drew on a long, cross-cultural tradition of quilting in the region by traveling

throughout nine communities across the state in 2022, including rural areas and tribal reservations, to help South Dakotans craft these geometric designs. At local events, participants were invited to share their own pandemic experiences, and their personal stories of resilience can be found on the back of each paper quilt square.

"To have South Dakotans' work showcased in the CDC exhibition is a strong validation of the effort and heart we put into every mile we drove, every conversation we had, and every nine-square quilt made," said project leader and Creative Care owner Ariadne Albright. She continued, "The strength of this hands-on art project seems to be the beauty of the fine art papers, the challenge of the quilt design patterns, and the sense of community built among people who came out to work with us."

"Our talented partner organizations have created meaningful, innovative projects that engaged and informed community members," said Catherine Zilber, MSc, vice president for infectious disease programs at the CDC Foundation. "This new exhibition features impressive art and uplifting messaging that demonstrates the crucial role the arts can play in communicating about important public health issues."

*Trusted Messengers: Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines Through Art* exhibition will run through spring 2023 and features work from Studio Two Three in Richmond, VA; Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective in St. Louis, MO; West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology in Grand Rapids, MI; Community Music School of Springfield and the Springfield Cultural Partnership in Springfield, MA; and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL.

For more information about the exhibition or the David J. Sencer CDC Museum, please visit its website.

Funding for this effort was made possible through a subaward from the CDC Foundation and is part of a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) financial assistance award totaling \$2,500,000.00 with 100 percent funding from CDC/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement by, CDC/HHS or the U.S. Government.

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## About Ariadne Albright and Creative Care, LLC

Ariadne Albright, MFA, owner of Creative Care, LLC. She is the Arts Program Coordinator at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, initiated the arts in health curriculum within the College of Fine Arts at USD, served as a founding board member and chair of the Professionalization Committee of the National Organization of Arts in Health (NOAH), and is an active roster artist with the South Dakota Arts Council's Artists in the Schools and Communities Program. The 2020 publication of her first book, *Creative Care: An Artist in Healthcare*, records her experiences and best practices. For more information, please visit [creativecarellc.com](http://creativecarellc.com).

## About the Vermillion Cultural Association

The Vermillion Cultural Association is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to making Vermillion the creative center of the region by developing and supporting cultural opportunities for the community. The VCA independently owns and operates the region's only first-run movie theater, the Coyote Twin, and regularly features local artists in the First Dakota Coyote Gallery, Vermillion's premiere rotating art space. For more information and to preview upcoming events, please visit [vermculture.org](http://vermculture.org).



## Scholarship Opportunities

Dakota Hospital Foundation in partnership with Sanford Vermillion Medical Center is excited to offer scholarships for the 2023 - 2024 academic school year to area high school seniors within our footprint (Vermillion, Alcester-Hudson, Elk Point-Jefferson, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Beresford, Akron-Westfield, Hartington-Newcastle, Ponca, Wynot and Cedar Catholic).

Scholarship guidelines and applications found here: <https://dakotahospitalfoundation.org/projects/scholarships>.

The scholarships offered are:

- The Becky and Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship
- The Patrick & Theresa Wingen Family Healthcare Career Scholarship
- Dakota Hospital Foundation SVMC Employee-Child Scholarship

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2023.

Thank you donors for your contributions  
so that projects like this continue!



In partnership with Sanford Vermillion

# A foundation that gives back.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.

# Gratitude to the DHF Donors to Date

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## *Leadership Dinner*

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Keynote Speaker, Caleb Campbell, a West Point graduate, former Army Officer and ex-NFL athlete delivers an actionable and authentic message.



## *Golf Social*

Monday, July 17, 2023

In memory of Sheri Ellis and Mary Merrigan.



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



Mary Merrigan, Dakota Hospital Foundation Director and Sanford Vermillion Public Relations, dedicated to Vermillion's health and wellness (2021)

***Sponsorship opportunities coming soon!***

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



## Time to renew your 2023 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.

Renew your membership online at  
[dakotahospitalfoundation.org](http://dakotahospitalfoundation.org).

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so much good. Thank you!



## A foundation that gives back.



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## Dakota Hospital Foundation

*A health care partner with Sanford Vermillion*

### **The Dakota Hospital Foundation grant application period is open \*March 1 – 31, 2023.**

All donations to the Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) are used to further its' important mission of community health and wellness. Through financial contributions, DHF supports local non-profit organizations with initiatives focused on enhancing opportunities in our three main focus areas as follows:

**Clinical Innovation:** Seed money to foster and enhance new programs and fund unique services

**Health Care Education:** Support of community health and wellness programs and scholarships for health professionals

**Quality of Life:** Supporting community projects that enhance the quality of life of our residents, patients, visitors and staff

The grant guidelines and application form can be found at [www.dakotahospitalfoundation.org](http://www.dakotahospitalfoundation.org). The deadline for grant applications submitted this funding period is March 31, 2023.

Dakota Hospital Foundation accepts grant funding applications from local non-profit organizations during the months of March and October each year.

\*New grant period.

*~ For more information and to renew your membership ~*



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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 allocated to general membership):

- ☐ General Membership
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- ☐ Becky and Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship
- ☐ Dennis and Mary Jo Olson, MD Family Medicine Scholarship
- ☐ Employee Crisis Fund
- ☐ Patrick and Theresa Wingen Family Endowment Vocational School Scholarship
- ☐ Timothy J. and Kathleen Tracy Health Administration Scholarship
- ☐ Wanda and Tim Hannahs Scholarship
- ☐ William Dendinger, MD Family Medicine Scholarship

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