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DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Vermillion, South Dakota

November 2021

Save the Date

February 12
NEW! LAUGH - Comedian
at Old Lumber Company

April 12
Annual An Evening for
Women

May 18
Annual Leadership Dinner

July 18
Annual Golf Social

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Greetings,

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Veronica Schmidt, the new Senior Director at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center. I may be a familiar face to some of you as I started my career at Sanford Vermillion in 1995 as a new graduate of USD. I worked in various roles here until 2011 while obtaining a Masters in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from USD. Prior to returning to Vermillion, I served as the CEO at the hospital and nursing home in Custer, SD and most recently as the CEO of an independent critical access hospital in Broken Bow, Nebraska.



My husband, Troy and I met while attending USD and are both South Dakota natives. My three children, Emme (23), Maya (21), and Roman (16) were all born at Sanford Vermillion Hospital. Emme is a 2020 graduate of USD and is a 2nd year medical student at the UNMC College of Medicine in Omaha. Maya is currently a Senior at USD and will attend USD Physical Therapy school next Fall. Roman is a high school Junior. In a nutshell, we are all Coyotes to the core!

During my first tenure here, I was fortunate to observe and participate in the development and evolution of the services, programs, and community partnerships that continue today, most specifically that of Dakota Hospital Foundation. Seeing first-hand the work that made Dakota Hospital Foundation what it is today, I look forward to continuing the legacy of leadership and partnership that has been so impactful for our community and our dedicated staff who deliver excellent care to our patients and residents every day.

As we head into the holidays and beyond, there are several upcoming events listed in this newsletter and the e-newsletter that will continue to bring us together to celebrate, learn, and share. Please mark your calendars for those events as we always look forward to seeing you.

Sanford Vermillion, the Vermillion community, and USD invested in me and influenced me greatly as a young professional years ago. I appreciate the opportunity to give back now as I return to where it all started and reacquaint myself to the people and place that have always been "home" to me and my family.

Have a blessed Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Veronica Schmidt

Senior Director

Sanford Vermillion Medical Center

Annual Memorial Golf Social Held

On July 19th, the Dakota Hospital Foundation held its annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social. Sheri Ellis was a passionate registered nurse at Sanford Vermillion Hospital who lost her battle with cancer in 2005. Because of Sheri's love for golf and dedication to nursing, the memorial golf tournament was established to honor her memory. We look forward to golfing with everyone again in 2022!



Thank You!

16th Annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social

**Over \$17,000 Raised
For This Year's Event!**




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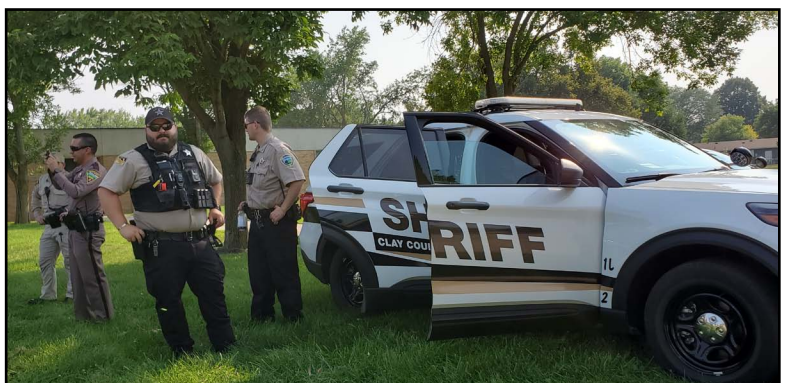
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Sanford Vermillion staff volunteers

Annual Community Celebration Held in August

On August 9th, the annual Community Celebration was held at the Vermillion High School. Serving a picnic style menu sponsored by Sanford Vermillion and catered by Mr. Smith's to more than 500 community members, fun activities and connection were enjoyed by everyone in attendance! Activities included:

- Sanford Vermillion Arts sponsored arts and crafts
- Vermillion area First Responders (Fire/EMS; Police; Clay County Sheriff; SD Highway Patrol) brought their smiles along with the smoke house, fire truck, ambulance, police/sheriff car(s)/motorcycle and rollover simulator
- Vermillion Public Library handed out free books
- Twist Ty, the Balloon Guy
- Red Bird Balloon esthetic décor
- Sanford Vermillion Clinic offered free blood pressure checks
- Inflatables for the kids
- Great Plains Zoo Express with a touch table
- Bike give away: child winner, Gannon Praster and adult winner, Brian Wood

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the evening and to all the volunteers who helped from set up to tear down. Thank You! Sanford Vermillion and Dakota Hospital Foundation look forward to this collaboration and gathering every fall.



October Grant Awards



The Main Street Center awarded \$4000 towards kitchen cupboard aesthetics.

St. Agnes School Donation



St. Agnes student council, the Merrigan family, Cindy Benzel and Kelly Herbster receiving the check on behalf of the foundation

On October 27th, Cancer Awareness Day, St. Agnes School Students were invited to wear a color that represented a type of cancer and with a donation of \$5 they could chew gum and wear a hat during school.

With a generous donation of \$500 from one family and students matching that donation, they raised \$1,468!

The money was donated to Dakota Hospital Foundation in Mary Merrigan's name to be put toward the 3D mammography campaign.

Board Member Recognized for Years of Service



Dakota Hospital Foundation wishes to recognize and thank Linda Kogel for her fifteen years of service (2006 - 2021) on the DHF Board including two-year terms each as board vice-president, president, and past president.

Thank you, Linda, for all your work through the years on the board and your commitment to Dakota Hospital Foundation!

MARQUEE MESSAGES

This year, make your Holiday Wishes extra special! Show your Thanks, send Holiday Greetings, Peace for the New Year, or any personal message to that special person or family!

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

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Time to Renew 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.

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The Dakota Hospital Foundation Pledge Form



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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

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*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
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Employee Crisis Fund

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send completed pledge forms to cindy.benzel@sanfordhealth.org 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.