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Vermillion, South Dakota

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Coming Up

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2023 Save the Dates:

February 11 The Best Medicine: LAUGH

July 17 Golf Social

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Hello Friends!

Well, school has started, so that must mean Autumn is here—although once we're done with these 90-degree-days, I might start to believe it!

I'm definitely not ready for snow, but I am looking forward to that crisp in the air and for the maple tree around the corner to turn that dazzling scarlet color. The delight that comes with those simple things like the changing of the seasons reminds us to be grateful for all of our blessings, large and small, and to savor the joys of life while we have them. One of the blessings of being in Vermillion is our access to cutting-edge medical

services. We at the Dakota Hospital Foundation are glad to support our hospital staff and medical professionals who help us live long and healthy lives.

DHF supports local healthcare in many ways, from awarding scholarships to students entering the medical field, to providing grant monies to fund the employee idea challenge to improve the medical facility from the inside out. Since 2005, DHF has awarded more than \$107,000 in scholarships, and just recently funded a project on Plum Street which improved pedestrian visibility and made the approach to the hospital safer. DHF also focuses their efforts to improve wellness in the larger community, from designating grant dollars to seed local initiatives, to hosting engaging community events. One recent grant went to support the new chapter of the Boys & Girls Club in Vermillion, and the community celebration in August saw record numbers of more than 600 people in attendance!

If you're not yet a member of the Dakota Hospital Foundation, I encourage you to join at any giving level of your comfort—everyone is welcome, and every gift helps. In my time on the board, I certainly have come to appreciate the hard work done by all our healthcare staff and the strong sense of community and partnership we have here in Vermillion. As the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, remember how lucky we are to have a state-of-the-art medical facility right here at home. Take a minute of gratitude for the doctors, nurses, EMTs, but also for yourself and your friends and neighbors who—as members of the Dakota Hospital Foundation—do your part to support health and wellness in our community. Thanks to you!

Katherine Price, Vice President

Greetings,

As always, the end of Summer in Vermillion brings with it great energy and enthusiasm with the return of USD students to our community. Sanford Vermillion shares in that enthusiasm as we look forward to another great year.

In October, we will welcome Dr. Quinn Cannon to Sanford Vermillion Clinic. Dr. Cannon will provide the full range of family medicine services to all ages to include obstetrics and C-sections. We are excited for the community to get to know Dr. Cannon, his wife, Sukanya, and their daughter, Claire.

Sanford Vermillion, in partnership with DHF, is putting the finishing touches on what we call the "Plum Street Project". As patients and employees had shared safety concerns for pedestrians crossing Plum Steet to the main entrance of the medical center, Sanford Vermillion and DHF reviewed options with the City of Vermillion for improvements. The result was increasing the visibility of pedestrians to motorists on Plum Street by removing diagonal parking spots while maintaining accessibility. The goal for improved safety has been achieved.

Veronica Schmidt, Senior Director Sanford Vermillion







A foundation that gives back.

All gifts to the Dakota Hospital Foundation are used to further our mission of community health and wellness in these focus areas:

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







Thank You!

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Over \$19,400 Raised For This Year's Event!







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DHF Golf Social

July 17, 2023

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Proceeds from this event will support Dakota Hospital Foundation's mission, Dedicated to Community Health and Wellness.

Community Celebration

On August 9th, the annual Community Celebration was held at the Vermillion High School. We estimated over 600 in attendance, our largest to date! Snaps from our event are located on the Dakota Hospital Foundation Facebook page (like/follow the page).

Thank you everyone for helping to make the 2022 Sanford Vermillion/Dakota Hospital Foundation Community Celebration a great success! Your partnership in bringing fun, education and eats for our young to old is phenomenal:

- City of Vermillion
- Dakota Entertainment.
- Ebsen House Productions
- EMS/Fire & Law Enforcement
 - Ambulance
 - Fire truck
 - Highway Patrol
 - Police
 - Sheriff
 - Smoke house

- Great Plains ZooExpress
- Inflatables on the lawn
- Mr. Smith's catering
- RedBird Balloons
- Sanford Arts Vermillion
- Sanford Vermillion/Dakota Hospital Foundation Volunteers
- Twist Ty Balloon Guy
- Vermillion High School
- Vermillion Public Library

This fun-filled night for the whole family included a delicious free meal sponsored by Sanford Vermillion. 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 gathering every year. This celebration continues to grow every year and we cannot wait to see what next year brings!



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Andy Howe



Katherine Price



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Veronica Schmidt Sanford Vermillion Senior Director, ex-officio



Cindy Benzel Foundation Director, ex-officio



Jill Christopherson Executive Assistant ex-officio



Sanford Care Center Folks "Chip In" to Create New Sign



Pictured (L-R): From left to right: Dakota Hospital Foundation president Andy Howe, Sanford Arts Vermillion coordinator Rosemary Buchmann, resident Carol Anderson, RN Kari Nelson, Executive Assistant Jill Christopherson, RN Audra Edelen, resident Lowell Jorgenson, tenant Roberta Klostergaard, Lead Artist Michele Mechling, resident Marian Oland, Dakota Hospital Auxiliary member Donna Sommervold, Dakota Hospital Foundation board member Lisa Ketcham, resident Dixie Campbell, tenant Linda Fox, and Sanford Arts Vermillion program coordinator Ari Albright.

VERMILLION, S.D. – A new sign was installed at the Sanford Care Center Vermillion in the Spring of 2022. This sign is especially unique because it was made by residents, tenants, and staff of the long-term care and assisted living facilities at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center. Michele David Mechling, local artist, teacher, and business owner, planned this ambitious mosaic project as part of the arts programming of Sanford Arts Vermillion. Thank you to Dakota Hospital Auxiliary for your contribution to the most recently added plaque of collaborated efforts of many.

"I was delighted to have this opportunity to work with Ari Albright and her Sanford Arts Vermillion team on this large-scale mosaic project. The residents and staff at the care center did an amazing job in helping me to create the panel designs in the mosaic sign which was permanently installed on the Sanford Care Center Vermillion building entrance. It is bright and cheery and reflects the positive attitudes that Sanford employees share inside the center."

About the Mosaic Sign Project

Rosemary Buchmann, interim arts program coordinator assisted Michele David Mechling during many artmaking sessions in September and October of 2021. Over 60 residents, tenants, and staff arranged glass tiles into quilt block-style patterns building a 4 x 6-foot sign. In keeping with Sanford colors, various blues, whites, and grays were used to create individual mosaic blocks in 8 x 8 " quilt pattern designs. After the glass tiles were carefully glued to a mosaic mesh backing, Michele then arranged them on a board and grouted them permanently in place on a ³/₄ plywood backing. Framing and epoxy-based grout provide essential waterproofing for the artwork. The sign was installed on the outside brick wall at the Sanford Care Center Vermillion entrance in December of 2021. The community is welcome to drive by the Care Center's 125 Walker Street entrance anytime to view the new sign.

About Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Arts Vermillion

Since its beginning in 1930, Dakota Hospital



"Together...We Comfort" plaque was installed next to the mosaic sign at 125 Walker Street. The plaque was created by the talented team at Bronze Age Art Casting, LLC, Sioux Falls, SD using traditional bronze casting techniques.

Foundation has fulfilled a mission dedicated to community health and wellness. The health care 'pioneers' who established Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) also nurtured a tradition of community health service leadership represented by today's Foundation members. Since 2013, Sanford Arts Vermillion (SAV) was created through a Dakota Hospital Foundation grant to support resident wellness. SAV strives for an evidence-based approach to person-centered care through arts engagement.



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

About South Dakota Arts Council

The mosaic sign project was made possible with a grant from the South Dakota Arts Council. The Artists in the Schools and Communities Program brings roster artists from all over the state to schools and community settings. Michele David Mechling has been a roster artist for seven years. Her mosaic work can also be seen in various locations in our community, including the staircase mosaic for the Vermillion Area Arts Council (Washington Street entrance) and a mosaic sign for the Vermillion Cultural Association's First Dakota Covote Gallery. She has assisted mosaicist Nancy Losacker in creating the large-scale mosaic "We Are Kind, Safe and Helpful" on Austin Elementary School's entrance as well as "Children's Living River" in the VPL Conference room that involved the Messy Hands Summer Arts Campers. Michele has been passionately bringing art education to this community for over ten years. She was asked by Ari Albright to devise a lasting mosaic experience for those living and working at the Care Center and to produce a beautiful sign to welcome visitors.

"With the support of SAV and the SDAC Artists in Schools and Communities program, working artists on the roster have the needed support to share their knowledge and craft with people of all ages around South Dakota.



Time to renew your 2022 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.

Because of you, DHF is able to do so much good. Thank you!

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The Dakota Hospital Foundation grant application period is open as of October 1, 2022.

The grant guidelines and application form can be found at www.dakotahospitalfoundation.org. The deadline for grant applications submitted in this funding period is October 31, 2022.

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