



DHF Times—Snapshot

DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



Vermillion, South Dakota

E-newsletter April 2020



Dakota Hospital Foundation was preparing for one of our most exciting and rewarding times of our year and then COVID-19 happened. Several events have been canceled or postponed. **An Evening for Women** to happen in April will be postponed until a later date probably this fall. This is a special time for DHF and Sanford Vermillion

to collaborate in providing a health topic of particular interest to the ladies all while providing a night out with a little food, wine and fun.

We have also postponed our annual **Leadership Dinner** normally held in May. Each year we present our health care leadership award, scholarships, and update everyone on Sanford Vermillion and Dakota Hospital Foundation efforts and activities. We hope to host this event later this summer. Our Employee Idea Challenge is currently underway and we look forward to announcing a winner. It is always challenging to choose and award a project.

Mark your calendars for the annual Sheri Ellis golf social, July 20, 2020. We are currently soliciting hole and pin sponsors.

Thank you to each of you for your generous donations and renewal of membership.

Be well,
John Prescott, President



15th Annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social

Hope you can join us again!

Monday, July 20, 2020

Registration 10:30 am

Shotgun start

12:00 noon

Bluffs Golf Course

Vermillion, SD



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Grant awards.

Open grant periods are April 1 - 30 and October 1 - 31. All gifts to the Dakota Hospital Foundation are used to further its' important mission, ***dedicated to community health and wellness***. Through financial contributions, the Dakota Hospital Foundation supports initiatives focused on enhancing opportunities in our three main focus areas as follows:

- Clinical Innovation
- Health Care Education
- Quality of Life

Grant guidelines and applications can be found on the website/news.

Five community grants were awarded in the fall of 2019:

- The USD Department of Dental Hygiene was awarded a \$2,500 grant. The grant request was for funding athletic mouth guards to protect student athletes at Vermillion High School.
- The USD Sanford School of Medicine Healthcare Careers Summer Camp was awarded a total of \$9,000. USD SSOM Healthcare Career Summer Camp is a 5-day camp held on the campus of the University of South Dakota that explores a variety of healthcare careers available with the state.
- The Patriots Plaza Project on University of South Dakota campus was awarded a \$10,000 grant. The Patriots Plaza project will remind future students and others of the sacrifices of military service and provide an appropriate venue for observance of patriotic holidays and related events.
- The Robotics of Vermillion club was awarded \$3850 to fund supplies (Vex IQ Classroom Bundle and Super kit 12 pack).
- The South Dakota Special Olympics Vermillion 2020 Summer Games was awarded \$8500. Due to 2020 cancellation, these funds will be used for future games.

Time to renew your 2020 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.

Our current campaign project is the purchase of a 3D Mammography machine.

Renew your membership online at dakotahospitalfoundation.org

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



Why are We Here

We only need to look at the events of the past month to fully appreciate how the role of Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion play in the provision of healthcare in Clay County. This has been the month where the rubber hits the road so to speak. We began March with rain and ice requiring a swift and decisive response asking our physicians, nursing staff and many other able bodies to respond to a bus rollover on I-29. We received 11 injured patients and while all patients were treated, the real story is the response. Before the ambulance was able to get a single patient to the emergency room, 6 providers, 11 RNs, anesthesia, radiology, lab, registration, security, nutrition services, environmental services and administration (29 staff in all) were present to help with triage and support. The Sanford Team responded exactly as one might expect and better, treating all incoming injured within a few hours of the call, arranging for meals, providing comfort and ultimately transportation home. What a great and high functioning team.

Today we find ourselves in a new type of crisis response – COVID 19. Again our staff have stepped up and are ready to respond to an invisible enemy. Swiftly, we began specimen collection and then curbside specimen gathering. Others began to refine the emergency management plan while identifying an alternate care site and necessary materials if needed. Processes and protocol were quickly developed to insure staff and patient safety. Sanford Vermillion is the only specimen gathering site in Clay County taking the pressure off other community providers. In these times, our remarkable staff, front line staff and those that support them have placed themselves in harm's way so each of us have the assurance health care will be available when it is needed.

Wonder about why you support Dakota Foundation, your legacy of giving and contributing is playing itself out at this very time of extreme need. While other providers of health care have restricted business or are not participating in the COVID-19 response, the staff of Sanford Vermillion and Dakota Hospital Foundation stand ready to provide for your health care needs. We are the safety net for the community.

Thank you to all of you who have maintained a reasonable distance, washed your hands regularly and called before coming to the facility so we might screen you and protect your health and that of everyone else. As we face this invisible enemy together we hope for a quick end with minimal suffering and loss of life. We are a resilient people – we can do this!

Timothy J. Tracy, Sr. Director

The University of South Dakota women's basketball team, Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion celebrated together honoring women's health with a meal, education and fellowship with breast cancer survivors and their families. The Kenton family of Vermillion were honored at the dinner and game. The senior pink jerseys were auctioned off raising just under \$2500 with proceeds benefiting Dakota Hospital Foundation 3D Mammography campaign project.

[Enjoy the video!](#)

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Scholarship awards.

Three scholarships Dakota Hospital Foundation award to area high school seniors are due April 20th. The applications will be reviewed and awarded as scheduled and the recipients will be invited to attend the leadership dinner. These scholarship applications can be found on our website/projects.

- ◇ DHF Employee-child Scholarship
- ◇ Becky and Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship
- ◇ Wingen Healthcare Career Scholarship

Three other scholarships offered to students of the University of South Dakota are in process and will be recognized at the leadership dinner as well.

- ◇ Wanda and Tim Hannahs Scholarship
- ◇ Olson Family Medicine Scholarship
- ◇ Dendinger Family Medicine Scholarship

