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Vermillion, South Dakota

### Coming Up

October 1 - 31 Grant Period Open

November 26 Holiday Décor and More Auction

November/December Tree of Lights

February 8 Community Health Fair

April 14 An Evening for Women

May 21 Leadership Dinner

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#### Dear Friends,

Greetings from Dakota Hospital Foundation. I am happy to share the fall 2019 newsletter with you as we look forward to the future of the Dakota Hospital Foundation.

Please welcome Hayley Chicoine as Dakota Hospital Foundation's intern. Hayley is a student at USD studying health services administration and plans to graduate with her undergraduate degree this May, and then continue on to receive her MBA at USD. Hayley has been working hard for us on a couple of projects thus far to include the fall newsletter and a new DHF website. This next year, she will be working on membership, events, our social media presence and so much more.

At the same time we publish this newsletter, we are launching a robust social media presence and the release of a new website. The new website will make membership-giving, registration/payment for events, online giving and communications accessible and intuitive for our members. Visit us at Dakotahospitalfoundation.org.

Dakota Hospital Foundation is excited about the year ahead with event planning already in the works and the opportunity to further our impact and achieve our mission, dedicated to community health and wellness. Thank you to each and every member for your continued support. We strongly encourage you to consider a year-end gift to Dakota Hospital Foundation. Your generosity makes everything possible. With your help the Foundation's impact is felt everywhere in the surrounding community.

Sincerely, Linda Kogel, President Dakota Hospital Foundation

### Time to renew your 2019 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. Because of you, DHF is able to do so much good. Thank you!

Renew your membership online at dakotahospitalfoundation.org or fill out the below form and mail it back to us.

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Yes, I would like to support Dakota Hospital Foundation's mission of Dedicated to Community Health and Wellness. □ Builder \$Up to \$249 Benefactor \$1000 □ Legacy \$25,000 cumulative gift □ Investor \$250 □ Trustee \$5000 🖵 Other □ I am interested in having a DHF Board member contact me. □ Founder \$500 □ Visionary \$10,000 Name

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# **DHF** Times DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

October 2019

I began my role as the president of Dakota Hospital Foundation in November 2017. On behalf of the Dakota Hospital Foundation board, I want to thank everyone for their membership and support. The Foundation is successful as a result of your collective efforts and dedication to the DHF mission. This dedication has created an environment in which health and wellness thrive.

# Letter from Tim Tracy

Greetings.

I take great pleasure in writing about the great work being accomplished by Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion Medical Center. Our staff are dedicated and truly amazing people. The collaborative relationship between Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion Medical Center has resulted in innovative and cutting edge benefits for the people of our service area. I would like to talk about our recent priorities/projects:

1. At the beginning of October, we completed a remodeling project affecting the patient rooms and common spaces in the hospital. An Open House was held October 7, 2019 to showcase the changes. Dakota Hospital Foundation reinvested \$400,000 in this remodeling project. All rooms and common spaces were updated with new lights, wall coverings, ceiling inlays and flooring throughout. One specialized room was developed as a hospice and bariatric suite. The room combined two rooms and created one hospital suite. The suite includes a ceiling transfer lift for bedridden and bariatric patients that enables the transfer of the patient into the bathroom, into chairs and other patient transport equipment. I hope you were able to join us for the open house.

2. In September, the Board authorized the acquisition of specialized equipment to test children under the age of three for hearing deficits. We are pleased to partner with USD Language and Speech Pathology to be the only site in our area to be able to perform and teach Auditory Brainstem Response in a clinical setting.

3. We are pleased to have physicians on staff that both use and teach other students and providers the use of mobile screening ultrasound as another tool in providing primary, urgent and acute care. Dakota Hospital Foundation authorized the acquisition of a mobile screening ultrasound for use in the facility. At this time, most rural facilities do not have access to this technology which will be required by our physicians as a tool to improve the quality and efficiency of patient care.

4. Planning is underway for the annual "An Evening for Women" event (April 14, 2020) and the annual "Leadership Dinner" (May 21, 2020). The Board is excited to have the speaker's confirmed and the dates set. Look for some announcements about the speakers as the time draws closer – until then save the dates, you are in for a great experience.

I could go on forever, but they only give me so much space. Please look elsewhere in the newsletter for announcements concerning the new Dakota Hospital Foundation website which will include grant information, news, projects, membership information, online donations and membership renewal and much more.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you customized and personal healthcare at home. Have a great fall. See you at our Holiday Décor and More auction event.

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# **Community Celebration**

On August 13th, the annual Community Celebration was held at the Vermillion High School. With more than 500 community members in attendance, Sanford Vermillion/Dakota Hospital Foundation featured the Drive a Ford fundraiser. For every person that drove a Ford and filled out a survey, Vermillion Ford donated \$20 to the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation. Collectively, community members raised \$3,600 for the Vermillion Public School Foundation. Thank you Vermillion Ford! Other fun activities at the annual celebration included:

- Sanford Vermillion Arts sponsored arts and crafts
- Vermillion Fire and EMS teaching about fire safety
- Vermillion Police Dept. with child seat safety and education
- Inflatables for the kids
- Great Plains Zoo Express with a touch table
- Twist Ty, the Balloon Guy

This fun-filled night for the whole family included a delicious free meal sponsored by Sanford Vermillion and catered by Mr. Smiths.

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 fall. This celebration continues to grow every year and we cannot wait to see what next year brings!

### United Way of Vermillion Recives \$15,000 Grant Award







Pictured (l-r): Pat Flannigan, Salvation Army, Lisa Ketcham, Dakota Hospital Foundation board, Pastor Steve Miller, Salvation Army/Vermillion Ministerial Association, Gayle Bliss, Dakota Hospital Foundation board, John Prescott, Dakota Hospital Foundation board, Teresa McDowell Johnson, Director, Vermillion Food Pantry, Andy Howe, Dakota Hospital Foundation board, Kelsey Collier-Wise, Executive Director, United Way of Vermillion, Tim Tracy, Senior Director, Sanford Vermillion, Chad Passick. United Wav of Vermillion board. Peggy Cooper, The Welcome Table board, Ellie Pvles. The Evan Project/United Way of Vermillion Community Impact Director. Casey Drueker, Community Connection Center intern, and Amanda Nyhaug, The Welcome Table board

# The 14th Annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social

On July 15th, the Dakota Hospital Foundation held our 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.

This year's golf social proceeds will go towards funding future upgrades to 3D mammography at Sanford Vermillion. Due to your generous donations and participation in the annual golf social \$17,377 was raised!

Your donations this year will help support the health and well-being of women in the Vermillion and our surrounding service area.

The annual golf social would not be possible without our golfers, hole sponsors, pin prize sponsors and event volunteers. A special thank you to all our spon-





sors who make this event possible, please thank them in person by supporting their business. We would also like to extend a thank you to all of our volunteers during the event, you braved the heat and made sure the event ran smoothly throughout the day. Thank vou!

Preparations are already underway for next year's 15th annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social. Mark your calendars for July 20, 2020 for another fun day of golfing for a great cause. We look forward to another successful year and are excited to golf with everyone again in 2020!



Vermillion Area Arts Council Receives \$2,500 Grant Award



Pictured (l-r): Susan Heggestad, VAAC, board president, Cynthia Aden, VAAC board, Gayle Bliss, DHF board, Phyllis Packard, treasurer, VAAC board, Linda Kogel, Tom Schaack and Andy Howe, DHF board

# **Community Leadership Dinner**

On May 23rd, the Dakota Hospital Foundation held Sanford Vermillion. Congratulations Doctor Olson! our annual community leadership dinner. Each year we We are so proud of all the miracles staff participate in recognize a community member with the Community daily at Sanford Vermillion. Health Service award. This year's award was presented Board president, Linda Kogel, got the magic started to Layne Stewart. The Community Health Service with her welcome and accolades to members and staff. Award recognizes outstanding contributions of time, Linda provided some highlights on DHF activities many of which are detailed in this newsletter. Thanks talent and resources benefiting the health of the comon behalf of all the DHF Board were voiced along munity. We are pleased to present this award every year to someone in the community who we feel with encouragement for all to continue their generous encompasses these values. membership and contributions. Many thanks to all who attended this spectacular evening.

Layne has been a volunteer Firefighter for Vermillion and Wakonda for 25 years and an EMT for 20 years. He has taught many Firefighter, EMT, CPR, first aid and ACLS classes over the course of 20 years. Layne has been part of Clay/Union County POD (Point of Dispensing) since inception in 2008. As a result of a POD exercise held in 2016 where representatives from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) came to observe along with other federal, state and regional agencies participating, he was asked to join a CDC work group on Medical Counter Measures (MCM) events. Lavne is in the process of setting up a mini POD in Union County to help alleviate some of the congestion in Vermillion, should such an event occur. We thank Lavne for his service and dedication to Vermillion and its surrounding communities.

The annual dinner continues to grow welcoming over 300 attendees this year. Shaking it up this year a

video was produced illustrating accomplishments and advancement. The video demonstrated the partnership between DHF and Sanford Vermillion which contributes to"Hou the Magic Happens" at Sanford Vermillion. Quality is no mistake - it is intentional, DHF is an integral part of making health and healing happen in Vermillion through the generous support provided for many special projects. Dr. Mary Jo Olson has delivered on the average of one baby a week (every week) since she began working at Sanford Vermillion. Dr. Mary Jo was recognized for an amazing milestone of delivering 1,000 babies here at







Carmen & Lavne Stewart with Andv Howe, DHF.

# Community Spirit is Alive and Well





















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

### SANFORD VERMILLION EMPLOYEE/CHILD SCHOLARSHIP

Anna Moser......\$500 Vermillion High School Daughter of Dawn Moser, Environmental Services

BECKY AND DAVE NELSON HEALTHCARE CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

> SANFORD HEALTH NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP

Kailyn Mutsch Resident Assistant, Dakota Gardens Assisted Living

### WANDA AND TIM HANNAHS SCHOLARSHIP

> WILLIAM DENDINGER, MD FAMILY MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP

Luke Fuhrman......\$500 2019 graduate of The Sanford School of Medicine

> DENNIS AND MARY JO OLSON FAMILY MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP

Daniel Parr.....\$500 2019 graduate of The Sanford School of Medicine



Gayle Bliss and Abby Burbach



Anna Moser and Paul Preister



Shelby Husby and Katherine Price



Fom Schaack and Bryce Dangler



John Prescott and Alisha Leber



Kailyn Mutsch and Tim Tracy



Erin Buse with Hannahs family



Luke Fuhrman



Daniel Parr