

# DHF Times

#### DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Vermillion, South Dakota

March 2024

#### Coming Up

March 1 - 31

Community Grant Period Open

March 31

High School Scholarship Application Deadline

April 16

An Evening for Women

May 16

Leadership Dinner

July 15

Golf Social

August 6

Community Celebration

November 21

Men's Night Out

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#### Greetings from the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board of Directors

Boy, am I glad the groundhog missed his shadow! I am so excited for Spring, not only for warmer weather, but also for all the great things the Dakota Hospital Foundation has planned! As always, DHF continues to support numerous initiatives and events geared towards our three focus areas: Clinical Innovation, Health Care Education, and Quality of Life.

This is my first newsletter as board president and I would be remiss if I did not say thanks to the other dedicated directors, especially to Andy Howe for his leadership in that role for the past two years, and to Paul Preister who just stepped off after almost ten years of service. We are happy to welcome Farron Pratt, in his first term, on what I have found to be a board of great people, committed to doing excellent work.

In this newsletter you will find photos from the 3D mammography open house—a banner day for Sanford Vermillion—when the facility unveiled the new machine. A decade of DHF fundraising helped Sanford acquire this important technology, providing more convenient and comprehensive cancer screening in our area. We could not have done that without you, our generous members.

Also highlighted is the retirement celebration of Dr. Mary Jo Olson. Mary Jo and her husband Dennis leave behind a legacy, not only because of Mary Jo's nearly 24-year career, but because of a scholarship in their name—one of eight that DHF awards annually. Many thanks to the Olsons and all the donors who pay it forward for the next generation! The foundation also awards grants for community projects, like the Healthcare Careers Summer Camp, which for 18 years has been inspiring high school students to pursue professions in the field. Applications for these grants and scholarships close on March 31 (so spread the word!). The winners will be recognized at our Leadership Dinner on May 16. Don't miss it!

We just enjoyed February's The Best Medicine: LAUGH comedy night, which, now in its third year, brought about the "best medicine" with a roomful of giggles and guffaws! I am also looking forward to our ever popular An Evening for Women on April 16th, this year with speaker, author, entrepreneur, Melissa Johnson of Sioux Falls. I hope we see you there.

All our activities are possible because of the DHF family, so please take a minute to renew your membership for 2024 and be a part of what is coming next! For instance, the inspiration of the Healthy Hometown improvement path: "eat well, move more, feel better." As the days get longer, I hope to do all those things, and I wish the same for you.

Katherine Price, DHF board president

#### Dedicated DHF Board of Directors Receive Service Awards

Paul Priester received recognition for his years of service on the board from 2014 – 2023, including two years as Secretary/Treasurer.

Andy Howe received recognition for his two years as board president. He continues on the board as past president.



Paul Priester, Cindy Benzel, and Andy Howe



Andy Howe and Katherine Price

#### Welcome Farron Pratt, Newest Board Member to DHF

Farron Pratt is the President of First Dakota National Bank in Vermillion. Farron has worked for First Dakota for over 20 years. A native of DeSmet, SD, he grew up on a family farm located just northeast of DeSmet. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Management from Northern State University in 1990.



Farron has been employed in banking for over 30 years after having gone into banking right after graduating from college. Ag, commercial lending and financial analysis have been a primary part of his duties since he started in the profession. Farron has been active in many community and professional organizations throughout his banking career in the communities he has served. Farron has been active within the Vermillion community, having volunteered in the following capacities:

- Past President and Board Member of the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company
- Vermillion NOW! Campaign Committee Member
- Vermillion NOWIII! Capital Campaign Co-Chair
- Vermillion NOW Leadership Advisory Circle
- Economic Development Committee Member
- Vermillion Jr. Achievement Board Member
- Southeast Council of Governments Board Member

Farron is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying all types of hunting in the fall. Annual trips in September to the western states to archery elk hunt is one of his favorite pastimes. Farron and his wife Shellie of 27 years, have lived in Vermillion since 2003 and have two children, Rylan and Kennedy, both of which are graduates of the University of South Dakota.



September 2023

# 30 Mammography Open House









### The Best Medicine LAUGH Snapshots - February 2024













#### USD PINK JERSEY AUCTION RAISES FUNDS FOR DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION INFUSION ROOMS

The numbers of the four jerseys auctioned off on February 17, USD vs St. Thomas game were No. 2, No. 10, No. 12 and No. 32. Proceeds from the money raised were donated to Dakota Hospital Foundation for Sanford Vermillion's infusion rooms, equipping them with state-of-the-art recliners promoting comfort for patients receiving chemotherapy.

"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 \$1500 was raised.





# Time to renew your 2024 donation to Dakota Hospital Foundation!

Your generous giving throughout the year helps fund projects at Sanford Vermillion and other health and wellness initiatives throughout the community.

Donate online at dakotahospitalfoundation.org.

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







Please join us for a very special evening designed for you. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and a special presentation.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 | 5 p.m.

Bring a friend!



**Speaker: Melissa Johnson** 

Lifelong Learner: Notes on Lives Well Lived

**The Dakota Center** 912 N. Dakota Street Vermillion, SD

5 p.m. Social | 6 p.m. Speaker



Register by Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at www.dakotahospital foundation.org/events

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# Congratulations on your retirement





















#### Gratitude to the DHF Donors to Date

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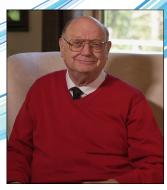
Cindy Benzel Foundation Director



Jill Christopherson Executive Assistant



# 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 the 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.

#### Fall 2023 Grant Awards

#### Dakota Hospital Foundation awards \$10,000 to three local grant recipients:

Gayville-Volin School District / Raider Park - \$4000

Gayville-Volin School District / Greg Pirak Memorial Arboretum and Disc Golf - \$1000

Vermillion Public Schools Foundation / Accessible Elementary Playground Equipment - \$5000

#### Raider Park

"The Gayville Raider Park Project would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) for the generous donation to our project. Our mission is to enhance health and wellness throughout the region and these donations will assist with that goal. Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of the DHF donation will be allocated to the wellness area(s) in the park. The project began with enhancements to the softball field after that sport was sanctioned by HSAA in the 2022-2023 academic year. A concession stand with an announcer's booth was added, as well as concrete bases for bleachers, etc. Gayville-Volin school (GVS) is proud that the softball team earned a trip to their first ever high school state tournament in 2023.





The goal of Planned Giving is to help you plan your estate and charitable giving in a way that benefits you, your family, and others. There are many ways you can make a planned gift and enjoy tax and income benefits.

For more information about Dakota Hospital Foundation, please visit our website or contact us.



A baseball field was built north of the school grounds with a large arboretum of trees to enhance the area. Landscaping will also increase the aesthetic appeal of this area. A large multi-use concrete path is planned for walking, as well as use for wheelchairs, walkers, etc. As the softball field also served as a practice football field, the school created a practice field for football east of the baseball field.

The plans for this park project also include several wellness areas such as an outdoor classroom, with a large awning-type cover, an outdoor exercise equipment area, and an outdoor music classroom area. Area residents, as well as GVS students, are anxious for opportunities to use these facilities.

This donation certainly helps with our project. Generous donations from agencies interested in health and well-being enhance the Gayville-Volin community as well as its residents," stated Kathy Jorgensen, Raider Park committee member.



Pictured left to right: Jeremiah Dibley, Raider Park committee member, Will Pirak, GV student, Philip Dibley, GV student, Hunter Krueger, GV student, Carter Barron, GV student, Kayden Bye, GV student, Nate Larson, GV student, Isaac Krueger, GV student, Alison Brown, Raider Park committee member, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Katherine Price, DHF vice president, Kelly Herbster, DHF board member, Dr. Damon Alvey, DHF board member, Julie Heine, DHF board member, Tom Overby, DHF board member, Kathy Jorgensen, Raider Park committee member, Andy Howe, DHF president, Cindy Benzel DHF director/Sanford Vermillion ancillary director

"The Dakota Hospital Foundation is gratified to support the innovative enhancements to the Raider Park Project with support towards the outdoor wellness area for the Gayville community. Expansion and improvement of outdoor wellness areas provides broader access for the people in our area and enhances quality of life. Projects like these exemplify the commitment that our community has for the betterment of health and wellness,"

Tom Overby, DHF board member

## Greg Pirak Memorial Arboretum and Disc Golf

"On behalf of the Gayville-Volin School and Gayville's Boyscout Troop 180, we want to thank the Dakota Hospital Foundation for their generous donations to the Raider Park project, specifically the arboretum and disc golf piece. Through their generosity, the students and community members of Gayville and Volin will enjoy many educational and recreational activities for years to come. We are grateful for your acknowledgement of our pursuit of health and wellness," Jeremiah Dibley, Raider Park committee member.



Pictured left to right: Hunter Krueger, GV student, Isaac Krueger, GV student, Nate Larson, GV student, Kayden Bye, GV student, Jeremiah Dibley, Raider Park committee member, Carter Barron, GV student/Eagle Scout Troop 180 candidate, Philip Dibley, GV student, Will Pirak, GV student/Eagle Scout Troop 180 candidate, Alison Brown, Raider Park committee member, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Kelly Herbster, DHF board member, Katherine Price, DHF vice president, Julie Heine, DHF board member, Dr. Damon Alvey, DHF board member, Kathy Jorgensen, Raider Park committee member, Tom Overby, DHF board member, Jill Christopherson, DHF/Sanford Vermillion

Tom Overby, DHF board member, Jill Christopherson, DHF/Sanford Vermillion executive assistant, Andy Howe, DHF president

"Dakota Hospital Foundation is excited to award money to Gayville-Volin Schools and their Raider Park project, specifically the memorial arboretum and disc golf, as it will be used by many people of all ages. It's always exciting for our grant committee to find submissions that fit our health and wellness mission for serving Vermillion and its surrounding community,"

Kelly Herbster, DHF board member

#### Vermillion Public Schools Foundation

"The Vermillion Public Schools Foundation (VPSF) is very grateful for the grant award from the Dakota Hospital Foundation. This award will be used for the Accessible Playground project at the new Elementary School. The VPSF is raising funds to ensure the playground is accessible for all students and caregivers. Through this gift, accessible playground equipment will be available at the start of the 2024 – 2025 school year," Dan Mourlam, VPSF president.

"The Dakota Hospital Foundation is delighted to contribute to the purchase of playground equipment for children of all abilities. Imagine the delight of a child with a disability who can now enjoy swings, slides or merry-go-rounds that are now accessible,"

Lana Svien, DHF board member



Pictured left to right: back row: Tim Schorn, VPSF vice president, Katharina Wymar, VPSF past president, Chuck Lubbers, VSPF board member, Joni Freidel, DHF board member, Joanne Ustad, VSPF secretary, Cindy Benzel DHF director/Sanford Vermillion (SV) ancillary director, Andy Howe, DHF president, Kelly Herbster, DHF board member, John Prescott, DHF past president, Andy Schulz, VPSF treasurer, front row: Jill Christopherson, DHF/SV executive assistant, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Veronica Schmidt, SV senior director, Mary Giffin, VPSF executive director, Dr. Damon Alvey, DHF board member, Dan Mourlam, VPSF president, Lana Svien, DHF board member

Grant information: https://dakotahospitalfoundation.org/grant-info-applications/



**4.16.24** | **An Evening for Women** - Melissa Johnson, join her for a message of growth.

5.16.24 | Leadership Dinner - Ryan Campbell, shares his inspirational journey.

7.15.24 | Golf Social - Sponsorship opportunities coming soon. 1pm shotgun start.

**8.6.24** | Community Celebration - A fun social gathering for the whole family.

11.21.24 | Men's Night Out - An informative evening just for the men.

## USD Healthcare Careers Camp Receives Funds from Dakota Hospital Foundation

December 2023

USD Healthcare Careers Summer Camp was recently awarded \$9,000 from Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF). Funds will be used to meet the expenses of the USD SSOM Healthcare Careers Summer Camp (HCSC). The HCSC is a 5-day camp held on the campus of the University of South Dakota that explores a variety of healthcare careers available within the state. Each year up to 40 high school students from across South Dakota and bordering communities in IA, MN, ND, NE & CO are selected to attend the camp. During the week students are given the opportunity to meet with healthcare professionals, tour Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, Southeast Technical College, Parry Center for Clinical Skills & Simulation, SSOM Gross Anatomy Lab and become certified in CPR and Stop the Bleed course.

"The 17th Annual USD Healthcare Careers



Pictured (L-R back row): Jill Christopherson, DHF/Sanford Vermillion (SV) executive assistant, Lana Svien, DHF board member, Veronica Schmidt, SV senior director, Andy Howe, DHF president, Joni Freidel, DHF board member, Lisa Ketcham, DHF board member, Tom Overby, DHF board member, Cindy Benzel, DHF director/SV ancillary director; (L-R front row): Donis D. Drappeau, MSPAS - Sanford School of Medicine Diversity Pipeline Coordinator, DenYelle B Kenyon, PhD - Sanford School of Medicine Associate Dean Diversity & Inclusion/ Director, MPH Dean of Health Sciences, Damon P. Leader Charge, BS - USD Academic Affairs Director of Tribal Outreach/SSOM Diversity & Inclusion

Summer Camp was held in June 2023. It is such a great opportunity to have a camp that offers information on healthcare professions to high school students with that interest. We could not have had the success that we have without the generosity of the Dakota Hospital Foundation and its board members. We are very thankful for the funds to continue and for our partnership into the future," Donis D. Drappeau, MSPAS - Sanford School of Medicine Diversity Pipeline Coordinator.

"The Dakota Hospital Foundation strongly supports the Healthcare Careers Summer Camp because it can do so much to help interested students find their path into the healthcare field. Although we hope to encourage our local students to help fill needed healthcare positions here in our area, just knowing we have helped build enthusiasm in students for this occupation, in general, provides us satisfaction in knowing that we are achieving our foundation's objectives, supporting community health and wellness," said Andy Howe, past president, Dakota Hospital Foundation.

#### DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS A foundation that gives back.



## The Dakota Hospital Foundation grant application period is open March 1—31, 2024.

All gifts to the Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) are used to further its' important mission of community health and wellness. Through financial contributions, the foundation 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

Dakota Hospital Foundation is empowered to support the Vermillion area grant submissions using the Healthy Hometown improvements path: eat well, move more, feel better. Using these paths, and the Community Health Needs Assessment as our guides to awarding impactful grant submissions.

The foundation focuses on the service area of Sanford Vermillion Medical Center. Community locations bordering the footprint area surrounding Vermillion are: Gayville, SD; Irene, SD; Hudson, SD; Akron, IA; Jefferson, SD; Ponca, NE; Hartington, NE; Wynot,

Open grant periods are March 1 - 31 and October 1 - 31.
Guidelines and Application found here:



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