

# DHF Times

DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Vermillion, South Dakota

September 2024

## Coming Up

- October 1- 31  
Grant Period Open
- November 21  
Men's Night Out

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19th annual

**Dakota Hospital  
Foundation  
GOLF SOCIAL**

*In memory of Sheri Ellis and Mary Merrigan*

**Over \$23,400 raised for this year's event,  
with proceeds going towards equipment upgrades  
in the Sanford Vermillion infusion rooms.**

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# Welcome Our Newest Physician

Hope this finds everyone enjoying the beauty of Autumn in Vermillion and the excitement a new school year brings to our community. We are thrilled to kick it off by welcoming our newest physician, Dr. Jessica Jordan, DO, to Sanford Vermillion.

Dr. Jordan completed residency at The University of Minnesota Medical Center-Smileys Family Medicine.

She is no stranger to the area as she completed her post-baccalaureate work at Mount Marty University in Yankton where she met her spouse, Matthew. She received her B.M. in Voice Performance from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Dr. Jordan provides the full range of family medicine services to all ages to include obstetrics. She is passionate about reducing health disparities and barriers to access for all patients.



Veronica Schmidt  
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In addition to caring for patients, she enjoys singing in choirs, Dungeons & Dragons, kayaking, and reading. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Transformation Project and looks forward to pursuing additional volunteer opportunities locally. Dr. Jordan and Matthew have one child, Finn.



Dr. Jessica Jordan, DO

Dr. Jordan saw her first patient in the clinic on September 18th and looks forward to serving the area. Please join all of us at Sanford Vermillion in welcoming her to Vermillion.

## MARQUEE MESSAGES

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

## DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS

*A foundation that gives back.*



### The Dakota Hospital Foundation grant application period is open October 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, NE.

Open grant periods are March 1 - 31 and October 1 - 31.  
Guidelines and Application found here:  
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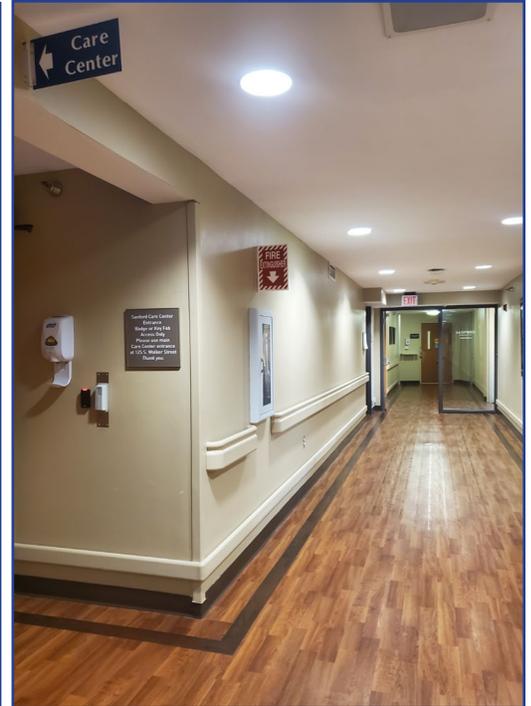
# 2024 Employee Idea Challenge Project Updates

Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion Medical Center continue to search for new and innovative ways to serve our citizens, hence our request for proposals from those most intimate with our patients, residents, visitors and staff - Sanford Vermillion Medical Center employees.

One of the winning ideas submitted this Spring, by Teri Nygaard, Environmental Services Team Leader, was requesting a **safety handrail** installation from the Dakota Gardens entrance to the Care Center entrance. This summer, the Plant Operations team completed that installation for our frequent passersby!

Great timing, dollars saved. Sanford Vermillion received grant dollars to purchase a secondary **Ventilator** as submitted by Courtney Trometer, Respiratory Therapy.

The **Eva Support Walker** is being used quite often in the rehabilitation department. Gail Buhler, Physical Therapist, submitted this project inspired by a hopeful patient who said, “all I want to do is walk again, that means everything to me”.



Railing was installed in the Administration hallway by the Sanford Vermillion’s Plant Operations team.



Hamilton Ventilator



Eva Support Walker



## Grant Application Period

The Dakota Hospital Foundation grant application period is **October 1 - 31, 2024**



## Men’s Night Out XIX Brewing Company

An informative evening just for the men.

**November 21, 2024**

# Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion Medical Center Support USDs Healthcare Careers Summer Camp 2024

The 18th Annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp took place at the University of South Dakota June 9-14, 2024. A total of 32 HCSC participants and three camp counselors attended. Two of the camp counselors were past HCSC participants, and are now Medical Biology majors here at USD.

Closing exercises were held the morning of Friday, June 14 for the participants and their family members. Each student gave their perspective on the week's activities with much gratitude, saying they made many new friends, really enjoyed the Gross Anatomy lab and the Parry Center for Clinical Skills & Simulation, and that the camp solidified their interest in the healthcare field.

During the week, campers were introduced to a variety of health careers available to them in South Dakota. The week started with a tour of the Sanford Vermillion Medical Center's Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Cardiac Rehab, and Sanford Arts departments. In the Lee Medical building, there were presentation sessions where presenters talked of their specific programs such as Dental Hygiene, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Med Lab Sciences, Health Administration, they toured BBS research labs and had a visit from the SD Army National Guard. Each session included a hands-on activity that the students really enjoyed. We, again, incorporated a Mini Med School Camp led by current medical students from the CO2027. They offered sessions on Patient-Based Learning, gowning/

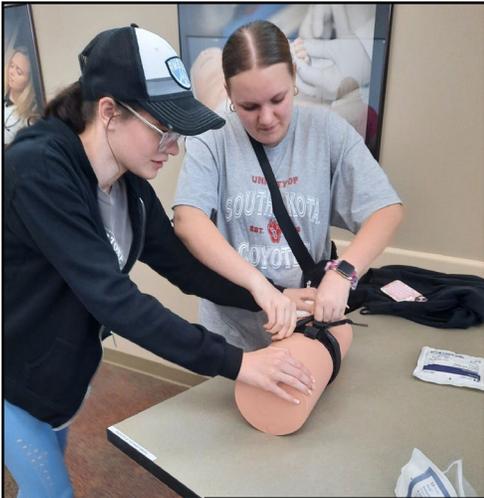


gloving, suture/knot tying, casting/splinting with Dr. Roy Mortinsen, ultrasound, physical exam skills, and a Q&A session with the medical students. Camp highlights included touring the SSOM Gross Anatomy Lab, the Parry Center for Clinical Skills & Simulation, and USD Nursing simulation lab.

All participants successfully completed and received certificates for the Stop the Bleed course and the 2024 Healthcare Careers Summer Camp.

Financial and in-kind support for the 2024 camp was provided by Delta Dental of South Dakota Foundation, Dakota Hospital Foundation, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, Sanford School of Medicine, Sanford Health, USD School of Health Sciences, West River Area Health Education Center (WRAHEC), and the South Dakota Department of Social Services. The 19th Annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp will tentatively take place June 8-13, 2025.





Average GPA: 3.68  
 Gender: M = 2; F = 30  
 Grades: 11th = 10; 12th = 22

Ethnicity:  
 5 - American Indian  
 2 - Asian  
 4 - Hispanic/Latino  
 1 - African American  
 17 - White  
 3 - Mixed race

South Dakota Communities Represented:  
 Aberdeen (1)    Dakota Dunes (1)    Harrisburg (1)  
 Hartford (1)    Huron (1)    Milbank (1)  
 Parmelee (1)    Platte (1)    Pine Ridge (1)  
 Rosebud (1)    Sioux Falls (11)    Spencer (1)  
 St. Francis (1)    Vermillion (1)    Watertown (1)

Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and Minnesota  
 Communities Represented:  
 Colorado: (2)    Minnesota: (1)    Nebraska (1)  
 Iowa: (2)    North Dakota: (1)

Modified summary report provided by Donis D. Drappeau, MSPAS, Sanford School of Medicine



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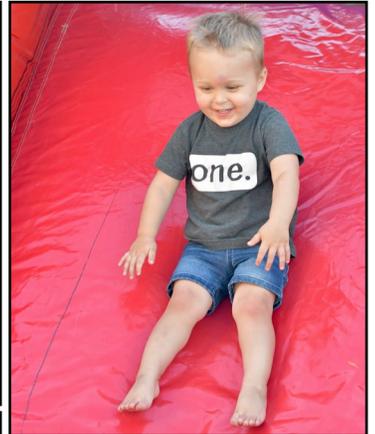
# Community Celebration

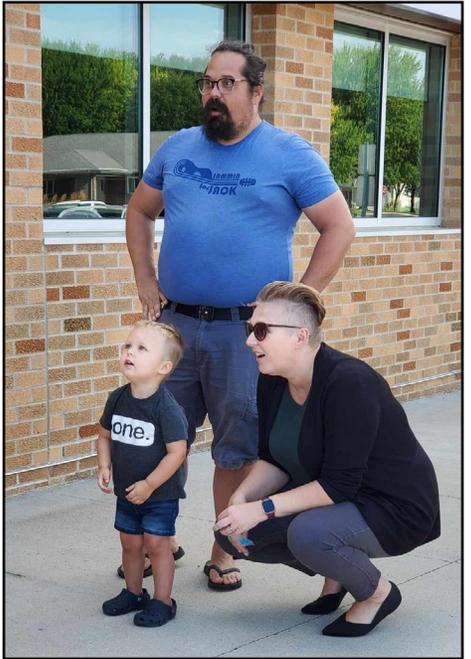
On August 6th, the annual Community Celebration was held at Vermillion High School. We estimated over 550 in attendance! Snaps from our event are located on the Dakota Hospital Foundation Facebook page (like/follow the page).

Thank you everyone for helping to make the 2024 Sanford Vermillion/Dakota Hospital Foundation Community Celebration a great success! Your partnership in bringing fun, education and eats for our young to old exemplifies your rural heart:

- Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion
- City of Vermillion
- Clay County Sheriff
- Dakota Entertainment
- Ebsen House Productions
- Great Plains ZooExpress
- Inflatables - Dakota Entertainment
- Lunchtime Solutions
- Mister Smith's Catering
- RedBird Balloons
- Sanford Arts Vermillion
- Sanford Vermillion/Dakota Hospital Foundation Volunteers
- South Dakota Highway Patrol
- Twist Ty Balloon Guy
- Vermillion EMS/Fire
- Vermillion Police Department
- Vermillion High School staff
- 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! See you at our next Community Celebration in August 2025!





# The 19th Annual Dakota Hospital Foundation Golf Social

On July 16th, the Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) held our annual golf social in memory of Sheri Ellis and Mary Merrigan.

Sheri was a passionate registered nurse at Sanford Vermillion who passed away in 2005. Because of Sheri's love for golf and dedication to nursing, the memorial golf tournament was established to honor her memory.

Mary, DHF Director and Sanford Vermillion Public Relations Director, was equally passionate about the work of health and wellness in our community. She passed away in 2021. Collaborating the works of DHF and SVMC with like minded organizations and projects was her niche.

This year's golf social proceeds will go towards equipment upgrades in the Sanford Vermillion infusion rooms. Due to your generous donations and participation in the annual golf social \$23,400 was raised! Your generous donations will help support the health and well-being of Sanford Vermillion patients in the Vermillion and our surrounding service area.

The golf social would not be possible without our golfers, hole sponsors, pin prize sponsors and event volunteers. A special thank you to all our sponsors 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 our volunteers during the event. You braved the heat and made sure the event ran smoothly throughout the day. Thank you!

Preparations are already underway for next year's 20th Annual Golf Social. Mark your calendars for July 21, 2025 (3rd Monday in July) 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 2025!





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