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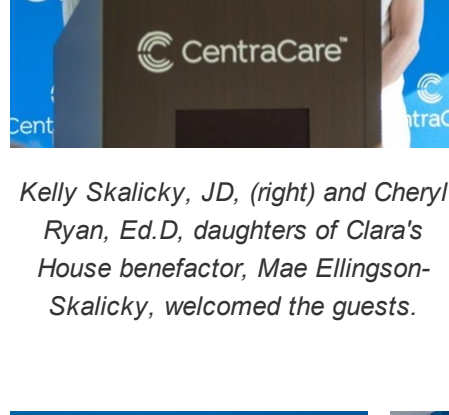
Celebrating how philanthropy lights the path for mental health care in our communities

More than 70 benefactors and friends of CentraCare Foundation recently gathered at CentraCare - Clara's House to celebrate the success of the Lighting the Path Campaign.

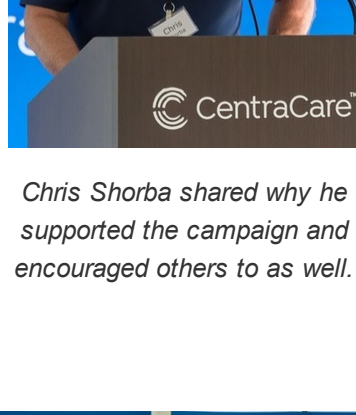
Since July 2022, community members, businesses and CentraCare employees have contributed more than **\$6.2 million** toward this campaign to support mental health in our communities.

These gifts will support:

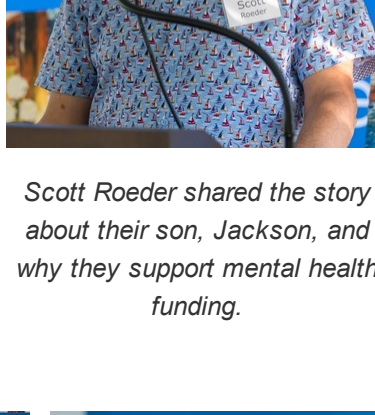
- Expansion of [Clara's House](#) to serve ages 2-5 – making it the first of its kind partial hospitalization program in the Midwest for ages 2-5
- The hiring of a second [Suicide Prevention](#) Coordinator and additional programming
- The addition of a centralized team space in the [EmPATH Unit](#) at St. Cloud Hospital to enhance collaboration and communication for patient care staff.



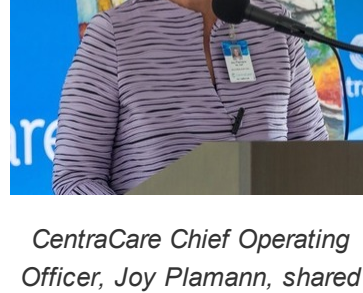
Kelly Skalicky, JD, (right) and Cheryl Ryan, Ed.D, daughters of Clara's House benefactor, Mae Ellingson-Skalicky, welcomed the guests.



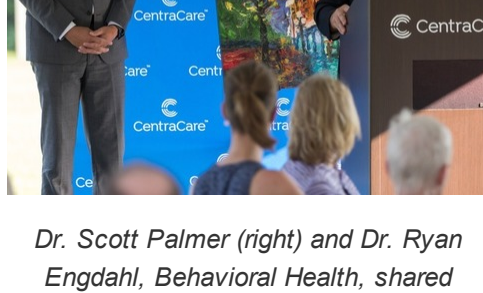
Chris Shorba shared why he supported the campaign and encouraged others to as well.



Scott Roeder shared the story about their son, Jackson, and why they support mental health funding.



CentraCare Chief Operating Officer, Joy Plamann, shared CentraCare Updates



Dr. Scott Palmer (right) and Dr. Ryan Engdahl, Behavioral Health, shared updates on projects supported by the campaign.



CentraCare Foundation Vice President, Brad Konkler, thanked the guests

Covering patients with quilts made with "scraps of love"

Marvin and Karen Martinson made many visits to CentraCare – Sauk Centre's Specialty Clinic and Infusion Center for Marvin's health issues.

"The care he received was amazing and the staff made us both feel like family. They truly loved us, and we wanted to do something to give back," shared Karen. "Often, when we arrived at the Infusion Center, the first two things Marvin asked for were a heated blanket and a cup of coffee."



Karen and Marvin Martinson

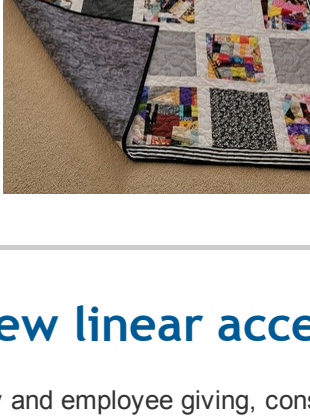
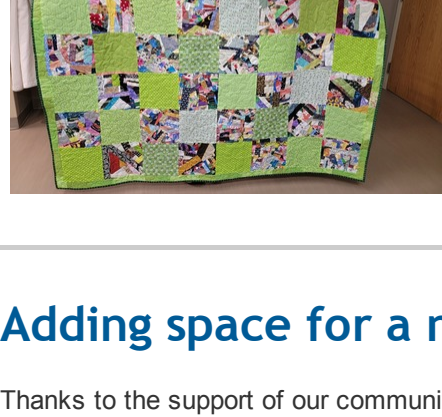
As a seasoned seamstress with a love of quilting, Karen asked if quilt donations would be welcomed, and the answer was a resounding "YES".

Karen found she had many smaller pieces of fabric, so she decided to try a "scrap" quilt. This new project was a perfect fit for them. Karen could be close by when Marvin needed help, and he enjoyed helping with the final design for each quilt. (Marvin also requested the quilts be large enough for folks who were tall, like him – big enough to cover their shoulders AND feet!)

Not only do these quilts provide warmth for the patients, but they are a treasure-hunt game, too! A list of 30-50 objects found in the fabric scraps used to make each quilt is laminated and clipped onto the quilt. This provides enjoyment for the patient during treatments and with their loved ones at home, too.

A note which Marvin helped draft accompanies each quilt with words of encouragement. Shortly before he passed away in February 2023, Marvin asked Karen to continue this project, so she continues to donate the quilts in his honor.

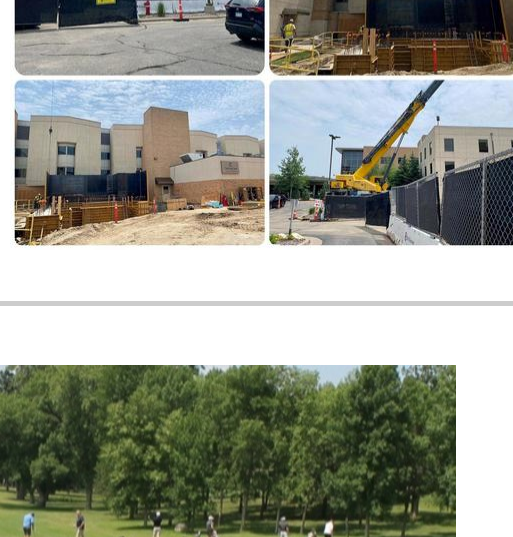
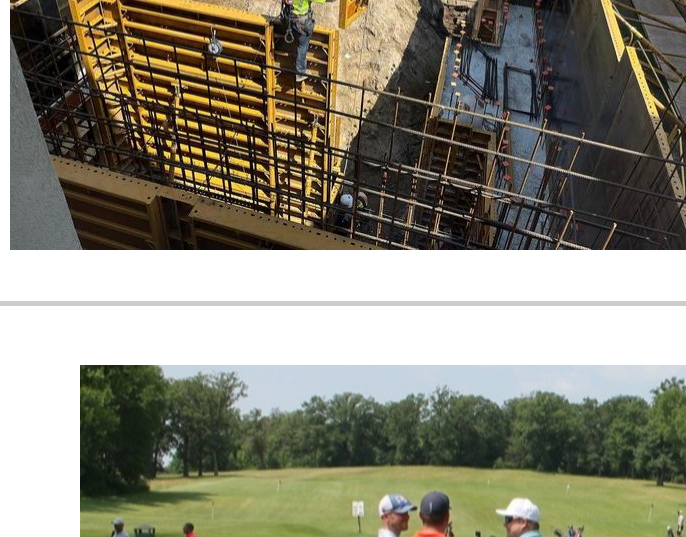
What a wonderful way to "love" those in need!



Adding space for a new linear accelerator in Willmar

Thanks to the support of our community and employee giving, construction has begun on the addition to the Willmar Cancer Center that will house the new linear accelerator. This new equipment will provide advanced radiation treatment and improved patient comfort and healing to those in need throughout the Southwest region.

On June 9, the construction crew set the forms to pour the walls for the linear accelerator vault at the site of the Willmar Cancer Center addition project. The new linear accelerator is expected to arrive in January.



Combined golf event brings in more green

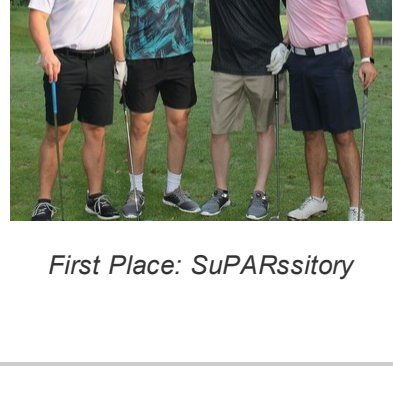
On June 29, 200 golfers participated in the CentraCare Foundation Golf Scramble at Greystone Golf Club in Sauk Centre raising \$87,375 for the greatest health care needs for the Long Prairie, Sauk Centre and Melrose communities.

"Thanks to the overwhelming support we receive from our generous sponsors, golfers and volunteers, this new combined golf event was a great success" stated Brad Konkler, Vice President, CentraCare Foundation.

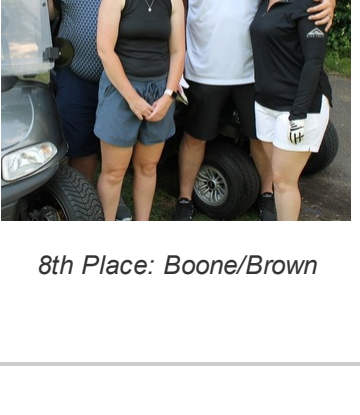
Thank you to our presenting sponsor **HMA Architects**, our premier sponsor **Melrose Electric**, volunteer sponsor **Greiner Construction** and lunch sponsor **Coborn's**.

We also extend our appreciation to our co-sponsors: **American Heritage Bank, Bayer Built Woodworks, Inc., Hubbard Radio, Minnesota National Bank - Sauk Centre, Mortenson, Walking Billboards and West Central Anesthesia PC**. Thank you our course sponsor: **Dr. Ken and Linda Holmen**, and to our gold sponsors: **Astera Health, Central Minnesota Diagnostic, Inc., Dunham, Famo Feeds, LeJeune Steel Company, Leo A Daly, McDowall Company, NXC Imaging, Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A., Regional Diagnostic Radiology, Sellnow Law Office, P.A., Social Indoor, Williams Dingmann Funeral Homes and Wold Architects and Engineers**.

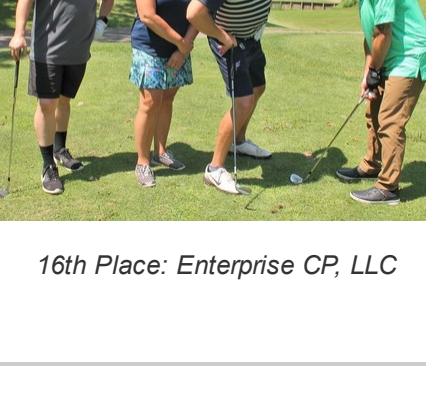
Congratulations to our prize-winning teams! Visit [centracare.com](#) for other team and event photos.



First Place: SuPARssitory



8th Place: Boone/Brown



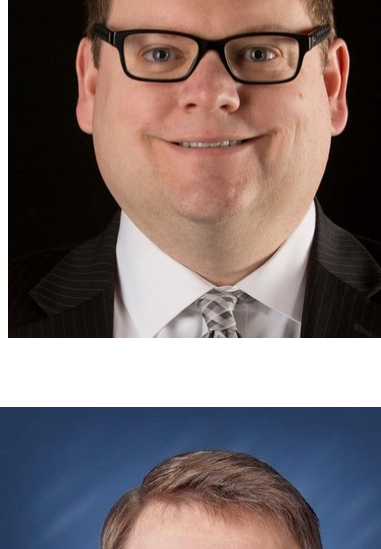
16th Place: Enterprise CP, LLC

Thank you for your service to our Foundation board and committees

We extend our appreciation to these four volunteers who have generously shared their time, talent and treasure over the past 6-9 years serving on our board of directors and other committees.

We are grateful for their service and commitment to our Foundation.

Chad Roggeman is an attorney at Rajkowski, Hansmeier, Ltd. and has served on the Planned Giving Committee from 2014 to Present, on the Board from 2017-2023 and was our Foundation Board Chair from 2022-2023.



Brad Schmidt an Attorney and Partner at Johnson, Moody, Schmidt, Kleinhuizen & Zumwalt, P.A. in Willmar. He served on the Carris Foundation Board from 2014-2022 and CentraCare Foundation Board from 2022-2023.



Bernie Peryman is the Owner of Batteries Plus Bulbs. She served on the Foundation Board from 2017-2023 and on the Community Relations Committee from 2020-2022.



Doug Schmidt is the Owner of the Doug Schmidt Insurance Agency in Long Prairie. He served on the Foundation Board from 2017-2023.

Introducing our 2023 Holly Ball chair and vice chair

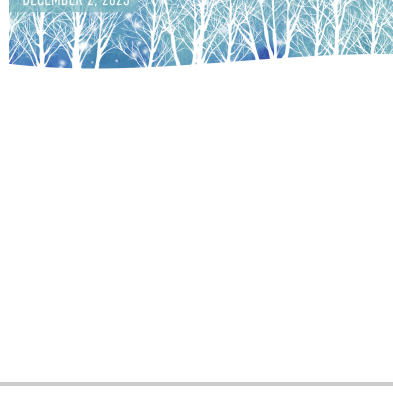
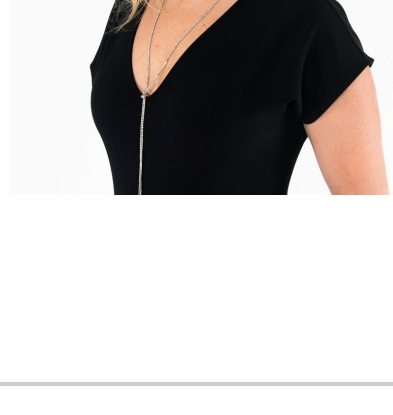
We are grateful for the hundreds of community volunteers who help us to plan, coordinate and implement Holly Ball every year. This event would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers.

We extend special recognition to **Melinda Tamm**, our 2023 Holly Ball Chair, and **Marie Sanderson**, our 2023 Holly Ball Vice Chair. Their leadership and vision will make this year's Holly Ball unforgettable!

Melinda has been a Holly Ball volunteer for the past 17 years and she is the owner of Ms. Melinda's Dance Studio, where "Making a Difference" is a core value of her own life and within her business. She also has been very involved in working with dancers who have often entertained guests at Holly Ball over the years.

Marie is the co-owner of Wilke Sanderson where she works in the human resources department. Her company has been a sponsor of Holly Ball for 15 years and she has volunteered for a number of those years.

Thank you for your time commitment and dedication!

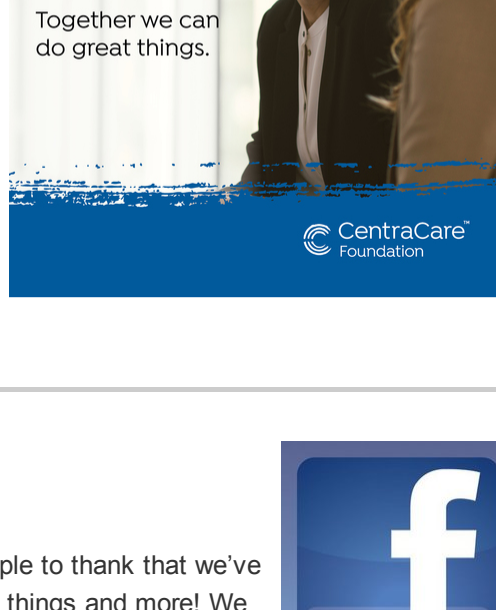


Are you interested in hosting a fundraising event?

As the charitable, tax-exempt organization for CentraCare, CentraCare Foundation has created policies and procedures designed to guide in planning fund-raising events and activities that benefit CentraCare programs.

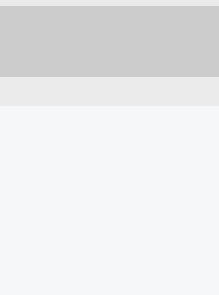
If you are interested in hosting a fundraising event for a CentraCare program, visit our [website](#) or call 320-240-2810 to learn more.

We are so grateful for our community partners who make a difference for our patients through their efforts.



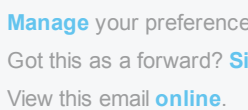
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CentraCare Foundation has so many stories to share and people to thank that we've created our own [Facebook page](#) where you can find all these things and more! We invite you not only to like our page, but to take it a step further — invite your friends to the page to engage and interact with the posts on Facebook. And give feedback on how we can share the great things CentraCare Foundation is doing for our community, our patients and their families thanks to the generous support of our employees and the community.



Contact us at 320-240-2810 or Foundation@CentraCare.com

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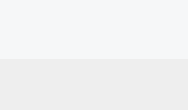


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