

Farmers harvest their gratitude by the bushel

As long-time farmers, Tim and Marilyn Beyer of Holloway, MN, recognize that a bountiful harvest is a blessing and has great value – as does their health.

This past year, Tim and Marilyn Beyer both suffered from COVID-19 yet had two very different experiences. Tim started experiencing symptoms on Thanksgiving Day 2020 and had mild symptoms overall and a fairly quick recovery.



Marilyn & Tim Beyer of Holloway, MN

On the other hand, Marilyn's symptoms started two days after Tim's and continued to worsen. After several days of a high temperature, increased shortness of breath and coughing, Tim drove her to the Emergency Room in Morris on Dec. 8. There, she was diagnosed with COVID pneumonia, intubated and transferred to St. Cloud Hospital where she was placed in isolation in the Intensive Care Unit.

"Because she was in isolation and sedated, I called her nurse two times a day," said Tim. "I really appreciated these updates and the amazing care she received throughout her hospitalization."

On Jan. 7, she was transferred to the Stevens Community Hospital in Morris. There, she received intense Occupational and Physical Therapy to re-learn the many daily living activities, including walking, that she had lost during her month-long hospitalization. She was discharged home on Jan. 29 and continues with physical therapy to recover from the significant neuropathy in her right foot.

To show their appreciation for the care received, the Beyers made a donation through CentraCare Foundation's Farm & Harvest Program. They brought 650 bushels of corn to their local elevator and then donated the sale proceeds to CentraCare Foundation. Part of their gift was used to provide a meal to the 75 ICU staff working on Easter!

"I'm feeling much better now thanks to the wonderful care I received," added Marilyn. "Sharing part of our harvest is how we wish to show our gratitude."

To learn more about CentraCare Foundation's Farm & Harvest Program, contact CentraCare Foundation at 320-240-2810.



Spring Fling 2021: A virtual event

Join us from 7-7:30 p.m. May 20 from your living room or patio to celebrate spring and share stories of fresh starts and inspiration. A link to this free virtual event will be posted in May.

- Hosted by Chanda Gebhardt of [Fairview Gardens](#)
- Music by violinist Gabe Dalhoff
- Featuring herb garden planting and cooking with herbs

[Spring Fling 2021](#) will benefit [CentraCare Pediatrics](#) and [St. Benedict's Community](#). Your gift will provide programs and services that improve the care experience for our young patients and enhance the living and community spaces for our Care Center residents.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor, [Granite Logistics](#) and to our co-sponsors: [Benton/Sherburne County Corn Growers Association](#); [Marco](#); [Leighton Broadcasting](#); [SEI](#); [Lathrop GPM](#); and John & Mary Weitzel.

For more details, to purchase a sponsorship or to make a donation, [click here](#).



Doyle, Penny, Kayla & Tyler

Get to know Penny Casavant, Senior Development Officer

To help you learn more about our Foundation staff, we plan to introduce one team member each month.

What is your role and favorite part of your job? My role is a fundraiser, but I think of myself as a connector. I have the honor of connecting philanthropists with CentraCare programs that serve patients in Central Minnesota. Philanthropists want to know that their gifts are making an impact. It's an important and meaningful part of my job to share that impact with them.

Share a little more about you: My husband, Doyle, and I have one daughter, Kayla, who is married to Tyler Kemp. She is finishing a Masters Degree at the U of M this spring and has been accepted at the Doctorate in Psychology program at the University of Iowa.

I grew up on a small grain farm in north central North Dakota. I have fond memories of my brothers, sister and I helping on the farm, including picking rocks. To this day, I don't understand how a field that had been picked one year had just as many rocks on it the next year and needed to be picked again.

I love Minnesota's four seasons and especially enjoy summer activities like golf, gardening, and spending time at our family's cabin near Perham.

Other work experience: I've been in the development field for over 20 years. Prior to joining CentraCare Foundation in 2017, I worked for St. Cloud Technical College and Catholic Charities.

For a full list of Foundation team members, visit our [website](#).

Share your Hope for a World of New Beginnings display with us

As hope is renewed with the increased availability of the COVID vaccine, CentraCare and Carris Health are launching a Hope for a World of New Beginnings campaign. Our organizations will display flowers, butterflies, rainbows, and all things Spring to represent this season of change. We know our healthcare workers are excited and ready for this change, and our communities are, too.



As our walls and windows display these signs of New Beginnings, we encourage our community to do the same. Please help us spread this sense of New Beginnings as we revel in hope once again.

Here are a few beautiful displays created by some of our talented employees. We are excited to see what you come up with! We encourage you to share a picture of your display on social media with the hashtag #WorldofNewBeginnings and/or send it to us at Foundation@centracare.com.

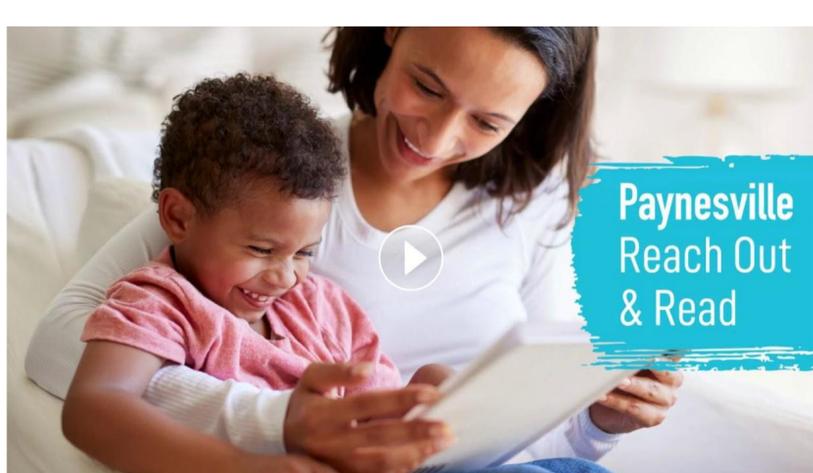


CentraCare annual Employee Campaign underway

Each April, CentraCare Foundation asks CentraCare employees to make a contribution to help fund items and programs that enhance the care of our patients, residents and their families — beyond what is reimbursed by insurance. This support demonstrates to the community that our employees not only deliver superior care, but share of their treasure to improve the experience for those we serve.

Since 1998, CentraCare employees have generously contributed more than \$11 million to enhance programs and services throughout CentraCare.

Here's a highlight video introducing this year's fundraising priorities in each region.



Sharing our COVID-19 journey

Recently, CentraCare hit another milestone as the CentraCare vaccine team administered the 100,000th dose of "hope in a bottle." It's just one example of the extraordinary efforts – accomplished by teams of people – that has made CentraCare a shining light to the communities we serve.

We've captured other significant milestones in a 37-page digital scrapbook, complete with photos, stats and links to videos and various news stories about our COVID-19 journey.

Please take a few minutes to page through [COVID-19 in 2020: A Year of Hardship, Healing and Hope](#).

CentraCare In the News

Click on these links to review recent media stories featuring CentraCare.

[March 12-19](#)

[March 19-26](#)

[March 27-April 2](#)

[April 3-9](#)

Follow us on Facebook

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.



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