

Sauk Centre Care Center construction moves along

On March 16, a project milestone was celebrated as the final steel beam was placed in the Care Center extension frame after a beam signing by many residents, employees and community members.

The Care Center is on track to open this summer. Watch this video to see it in action.



Riding to support the journey of patients with cancer

We are grateful to the [Keller Family Community Foundation](#) (KFCF) for its partnership. Since 2010, KFCF has supported patients at the Coborn Cancer Center by supplying gas cards to help cover the cost of traveling for cancer treatment.

As an avid snowmobiler, Nick Keller and his family created the Snowball Cancer Challenge in 2009 to honor his mother who died from breast cancer and to support others fighting cancer.

As a part of the [Snowball Cancer Challenge](#), they host the Valentine 500 where riders attempt to ride 500 miles on a snowmobile in one day.

"We were and are affected personally by cancer. Our organization is a conduit. It is about the community supporting people of the community-- people helping other people," shared Julie Keller Dornbusch.

Thank you to the Keller Family Community Foundation and to all who support our patients with cancer.



Nick Keller and Julie Keller Dornbusch



St. Cloud Toyota car sales benefit heart patients

We extend a BIG thank you to St. Cloud Toyota who gifted CentraCare Heart & Vascular with a \$20,000 check. This total was achieved through a \$100 donation for every car sold during Heart Month in February.

Brad Konkler, Vice President of CentraCare Foundation, and Phil

Martin, Executive Director of Cardiology Services, hold the check surrounded by St. Cloud Toyota team members.

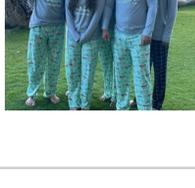


Meet our new Director of Operations

Brenda Jacobson, MA, CFRE, is the new Foundation Director of Operations replacing Dawn Moen. Brenda is a proven development professional with over 25 years of demonstrated expertise in communications, major and planned giving solicitation, alumni/ae relations, annual fund drives, grant writing and fundraising events. She is highly skilled in relationship management, strategic planning, budgeting and finance and managing staff. Brenda holds a Bachelor of Elective Studies in Organizational Management from St. Cloud State University and a Master of Arts degree in Philanthropy and Development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. She has been a Certified Fund-Raising Executive (CFRE) since 2018.

Prior to joining CentraCare, Brenda worked at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota where she served as the Advancement Director since 2017. Previous work experiences included serving as a Senior Development Officer at the College of Saint Benedict's and St. John's University and Director of Advancement at St. John's Preparatory School in Collegeville. Earlier in her career, Brenda served as the Director of Communications for the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, and Director of Admissions and Development at Holy Trinity School in Winstead. Prior to that she was the Vice President of Development, Girl Scout Council of Greater Minneapolis and Director of Development for the Girl Scout Council of Land of Lakes in Waite Park.

Brenda has four children, Alyssa (25, an accountant at Scoular, Minneapolis), Mitchell (21, a junior at Minnesota State University - Moorhead), and 14-year-old twins, Ethan and Anthony, who attend ROCORI in Cold Spring. She lives in Saint Joseph with her husband, Brad Jacobson. Brenda is on the board of Great Northern Theatre Company and has performed with her family on stage many times. She also enjoys international and national travel as well as spending time on Cotton Lake in the summer.



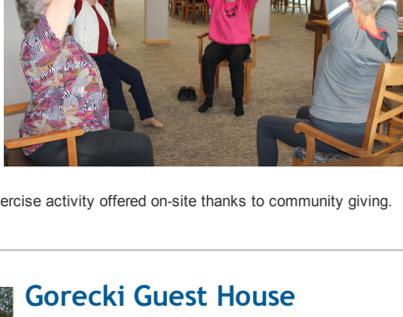
Please join us in welcoming Brenda to her new role!

Tenants welcome return of yoga

CentraCare Paynesville - Stearns Place tenants are enjoying in-person yoga again after having their lessons offered virtually due to COVID restrictions.

The 30-minute, weekly lessons are taught by local instructor, Dana Spates, and the program is made available through generous contributions to CentraCare Foundation.

The tenants appreciate having this relaxing exercise activity offered on-site thanks to community giving.



Gorecki Guest House provides nearby respite for families

Thanks to generous community donations, the [Gorecki Guest House](#) provided 181 nights of lodging assistance to 44 families -- an estimated value of \$8,145 -- since July 1, 2021.

Some guests traveled from Alexandria, Bloomington, Brainerd, Duluth, McGregor, New Ulm, Pequot Lakes, Redwood Falls, Vesta, Vermdale, and Letcher, SD.

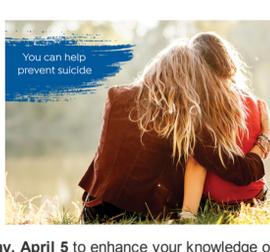
Gorecki Guest House charges a nominal daily rate of \$45 plus tax to stay at the facility, but no one is turned away because of inability to pay.

Register for free suicide prevention training on April 5

Just like CPR taught community members to keep people alive until they could connect them with a healthcare professional, S.A.V.E. suicide prevention training does the same for those at risk of suicide.

Join CentraCare's Suicide Prevention Program manager for a S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention training from **noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5** to enhance your knowledge of mental health awareness, suicide warning signs and risk factors, and how to respond to an individual at risk of suicide.

[Register today!](#) This free training is made possible thanks to community giving!



Blanket Bingo, anyone?

We send our "warm" appreciation to Fingerhut for the donation of 100 plush throw blankets to CentraCare -- Melrose Care Center and Park View Place.

These blankets will be used as Bingo prizes for the residents.

What a great way to spread the warmth!



Mark your calendar and get back on the golf course!

Join your friends and neighbors while helping to support CentraCare Foundation at one of our annual golf scrambles. [Click here](#) for details. Proceeds benefit community-specific goals.

- Paynesville: June 10, 2022
- Sauk Centre: June 21, 2022
- Long Prairie: July 19, 2022

Donors' generosity provides scholarship opportunities

CentraCare seeks to advance the quality of health care for future generations by providing a variety of scholarship opportunities for Central Minnesota students. Available scholarships include the Advanced Practice Provider Scholarship.

Four successful recipients will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship provided by the **Sue and Terry Pladson** and **Mark and Karla Donlin Funds** of the CentraCare Foundation. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Be employed or previously employed at a CentraCare entity (includes hospitals and clinics).
- Be enrolled in a Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant or CRNA Advanced Practice Program.
- Demonstrate qualifications through references, work experience, and professional medical goals and achievements.
- **Apply by April 15, 2022**

To review available scholarships and begin the application process, visit our [website](#).



CentraCare Earth Day Run returns to downtown St. Cloud

Look ahead to an active spring with time in the great outdoors for the CentraCare Earth Day Run on April 15-16. Events include a half marathon, relay, 5K, kids 1K, health expo and post-race parties with live music.

Register at [runearthday.com](#). Race is owned and produced by Active Central MN. CentraCare is the title sponsor.

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.

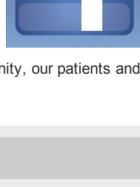
If you are interested in hosting a fundraising event for a CentraCare program, visit our [website](#) or call 320-240-2810 to learn more.

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



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.



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

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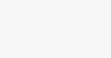
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