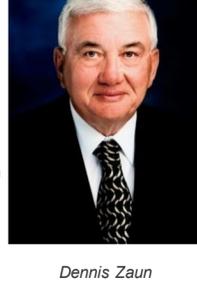


## A big heart that keeps on giving

Everyone who knew him, knows that Dennis Zaun had a BIG heart. He was a hardworking man with a great sense of humor who was always willing to help others. That's why it was no surprise that Dennis and his wife, Karen, were generous supporters of CentraCare Foundation and other community organizations.

Dennis' connection to CentraCare started after he experienced a heart attack in 2000. Impressed by the lifesaving care he received, the Zauns looked for ways they could give back to support this high-quality health care for their family, friends and customers in Central Minnesota.



Dennis Zaun

"He would often tell others that the doctors and staff at St. Cloud Hospital saved his life, and he would share how impressed he was of the level of health care available in Central Minnesota," said his son, Steve.

Dennis wanted their contributions to be an investment in improving health care for the community.

"During his follow-up visits, Dennis often asked his cardiologist about the newest heart advancements and the vision of the heart program," added his son, Todd.

As a business owner, Dennis worked hard and was well-respected by those he served. He was a CPA who initially worked for Price Waterhouse before buying a small accounting practice in Wadena, MN. To build his practice, he moved to St. Cloud in the late 1970s where he served community bank clients throughout Minnesota.

In his second career as a banker, he served as President of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Pierz and also was involved with banks in Park Rapids and Eden Valley.

Even after his sudden death in April 2020, Karen and their sons, Todd and Steve, knew that Dennis would want to continue to support CentraCare. In his honor, they recently made contributions to CentraCare Foundation to support the [CentraCare Heart & Vascular Center](#) and the [St. Benedict's Community Capital Campaign](#).

Dennis' BIG heart continues to help others.

## Grant provides new way to treat mental health

CentraCare has received a \$1.2 million grant to construct a new unit at St. Cloud Hospital to care for adult patients with emergency mental health needs. The EmPATH unit (Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment, and Healing) is one of the first of its kind in Minnesota and will make mental health care for patients in crisis timelier and more cost effective as well as reduce wait time for emergency room patients.

This new care model will help more than 10 patients each day who seek emergency mental health care in the St. Cloud Hospital emergency room (ER).

- Patients seen for mental health concerns in the ER require almost three times the amount of time as the most common reason to visit the ER.
- Patients will generally stay on the unit for less than 24 hours, until they have been stabilized, assessed and given a treatment plan.
- Construction began on the sixth floor in December and is expected to be completed by early summer.

The construction of the new unit is made possible by support from [Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust](#) along with \$200,000 from CentraCare Foundation.

## Community generosity creates domino effect

Following the success of the Stearns Place visitation area, the idea to construct visitation spaces at the CentraCare Paynesville Care Center and Washburne Court Assisted Living facilities came to life.



CentraCare Foundation's Development Officer, Jennifer Gully-Engen, started calling community members and businesses who agreed to contribute \$15,000 anonymously to complete the projects. With this incredible financial support, CentraCare Maintenance employees with help from a local company began construction to ensure that the Visitation Stations at the Paynesville Care Center and Washburne Court Assisted Living were completed before Christmas!

"Community members and our hospital auxiliary were very excited about the Stearns Place project and wanted residents and families of our other senior facilities to enjoy that same face-to-face interaction," said Jennifer.

Even hidden by masks, the smiles on both sides of the glass tell the story of these priceless donations. The gift of being together.

Here's a link to a Feb. 4 [WCCO story](#) highlighting the Visitation Stations.

## Learn more about Holly Ball gifts in action

Last month, we shared a video highlighting the [Child Advocacy Center](#). This month, watch this video to learn the importance behind another one of our Holly Ball beneficiaries, [CentraCare Hospice](#).



## Complimentary Estate Planning for your family

About 30 households attended our Introduction to Estate Planning seminar presented by Paul Grassmann with Thompson & Associates on Feb. 10. [Click here](#) to watch the one-hour seminar recording.

If you are interested in a virtual, individual meeting with Paul to learn more about this complimentary [estate planning service](#) provided by CentraCare Foundation, please contact [Allison Theisen](#) to schedule your one-hour appointment. Paul meets with CentraCare clients two days each month.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact our office at 320-240-2810.

## Health care career scholarships available

Thanks to the generosity of many community members, CentraCare has a variety of scholarship opportunities available for those pursuing health care careers. [Click here](#) to learn more about these scholarships and eligibility.



## Thelen achieves CFRE designation

Congratulations to Carol Thelen, CFRE, Senior Development Officer for CentraCare Foundation, for achieving the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation.

The [CFRE International](#) designation includes tenure in the profession, education and demonstrated fundraising achievement. Carol passed a rigorous written examination testing the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a fundraising executive and agrees to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights. She joins more than 7,400 professionals around the world who hold this designation.

## Economic Security Act provides gift tax incentive

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has several key provisions that relate to philanthropy.

**Suspension of Required Minimum Distributions:** The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. This is good news for many retirees who would have had to withdraw a greater percentage of their retirement accounts than expected or face a penalty, given that their RMD calculation for 2020 is based on the retirement account balance as of Dec. 31, 2019.

**Creation of Universal Charitable Deduction:** The universal charitable deduction is an above-the-line deduction available to all taxpayers, not just those who itemize. This tax incentive is available for gifts to qualified charities (and not to donor advised funds)

*Example: A taxpayer who takes the standard deduction and makes a \$300 cash gift to a public charity in 2020 may claim the \$300 deduction in computing his or her adjusted gross income. The deduction is in addition to the taxpayer's standard deduction.*

**Lifting of Cap on Annual Contributions:** Contributions to public charities are generally limited to a percentage of a taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI). The new law lifts the cap on annual contributions for those who itemize, increasing it from 60% to 100% of AGI for 2020. Any excess contributions available can be carried over to the next five years. For corporations, the new law raises the annual limit from 10% to 25% of taxable income.

## CentraCare In the News

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

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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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