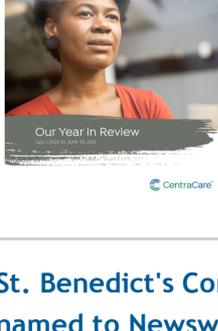


## Thank you for your record-setting support!

Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, you helped CentraCare Foundation raise more than \$342,670. And, thanks to \$100,000 matching gifts from **Marco** and **1st State Bank of Sauk Centre** as well as a \$25,000 matching gift from **Stellis Health** in Monticello, the total amount raised was \$567,672 — a 36% increase over last year's campaign total!

We extend our gratitude to our community for the 1,200+ gifts received and to our matching gift sponsors for their generous support. Thank you for making a difference for those we serve!



## Annual Report highlights success

2021 was a challenging year but we have so much to be thankful for — especially our CentraCare family and our community.

This year's [Annual Report](#) celebrates our successes and highlights the new Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment and Healing Unit (EmPATH Unit).

Also included in the report is an overview of CentraCare's financial performance and highlights from fiscal year 2021 and an update on support given to CentraCare Foundation from our generous donors.

## St. Benedict's Community named to Newsweek's 'America's Best Nursing Homes 2022' list



CentraCare – St. Benedict's Community was listed as one of the nation's top-performing facilities in Newsweek's [America's Best Nursing Homes](#) in 2022, ranking second overall in Minnesota.

Newsweek partnered with global data research firm Statista to create an annual ranking of America's Best Nursing Homes. Survey data was taken in 25 states that have the highest population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Out of the nearly 12,000 nursing homes that were analyzed, the nation's top-performing 450 facilities were awarded with a rank in their own state, resulting in 25 individual lists that are published by Newsweek.

Ranking was based on three critical criteria: overall performance data, peer recommendations and each facility's handling of COVID-19, relative to in-state competition.

Thank you to our hardworking Care Center team for your continued dedication to providing excellent care to our residents and patients. [Click here](#) to see the full list of America's Best Nursing Homes for 2022.

## CentraCare - Paynesville preparing for hospital expansion, renovations



Excitement for the future of health care in Paynesville is growing as construction plans are nearly complete and ground-breaking for a \$28-million dollar expansion and renovation is planned for April.

The construction, managed by Mortenson, will be divided into two major phases lasting 11 months each. Phase one will include demolition followed by construction of the new hospital in-patient wing. This space will feature several types of rooms to match patient needs, a private family waiting room and in-patient rehabilitation therapy.

Phase two, expected to begin in April 2023, will include demolition of the current emergency department, ambulance bay and hospital. The new main entrance will feature a covered entry canopy, lobby, registration, waiting areas and conference space. The helipad will be relocated for emergency LifeLink transfers. The Paynesville Clinic also will add a covered, drop-off canopy near the main entrance and receive interior design and furnishing updates.

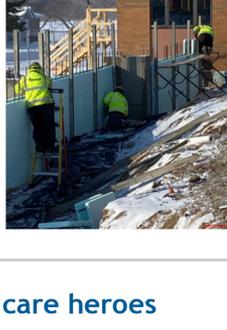
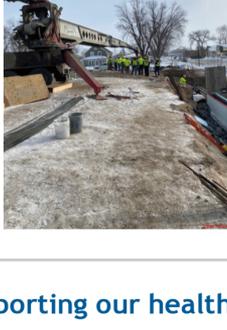
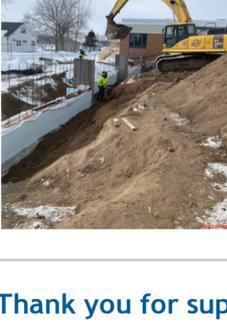
"CentraCare is committed to providing the best patient care experience possible and we are confident that these new amenities will enhance that experience," said Brandon Pietsch, President, CentraCare – Paynesville. "We are grateful and excited for the possibilities this provides for the future."

CentraCare Foundation is raising funds for the project to add value and make health care experiences even better for the Paynesville Community. Currently, a positioning study is underway to engage area residents and provide feedback on the needs of our community.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for area residents to come together to help us provide the best available resources and features," added Paynesville Development Officer Jennifer Gully-Engen.

## Sauk Centre Care Center construction continues

The cold weather has created some delays in the construction of the Care Center addition but progress continues. The past couple weeks included digging, forming and pouring footings for the foundation.



## Thank you for supporting our health care heroes

- St. Benedict's Community (SBC) staff received a meal from the **family of former resident, Ruth Rengel**, in appreciation of the care they provided to Ruth during her 5 1/2 years at SBC. We are grateful to the Rengel family and to our health care workers who continue to go above and beyond during these challenging times.
- We extend our gratitude to **Dick, Mimi & Erin Bitzan of D. J. Bitzan Jewelers** for providing food for the CICU staff who are caring for COVID patients and have difficulties getting away for breaks/meals.
- Thank you to **Deerwood Bank, and the cardiologists, employees and community members** who provided snacks for the committed staff working in the COVID units (CICU, MED2, ICU, ER) at St. Cloud Hospital. This support for our hardworking health care workers is greatly appreciated!



## Need a gift idea for Valentine's Day for someone special?

You're in luck! Sparkle Bags are still available at **J.F. Kruse Jewelers**.

For \$50 (cash or debit card only), you have a chance to win an item that is worth at least \$50 or more. No need to sign up, just stop by J.F. Kruse to play. [Learn more.](#)

Proceeds benefit CentraCare Hospice, Coborn Cancer Center and the Central MN Child Advocacy Center.



## We are grateful for our community partners!



The Stearns Co. Sheriff's office raised \$2,080 to support patients served at Coborn Cancer Center.

The gift included contributions from their employees and funds raised during a No Shave November event. Pictured are Sheriff Steve Soyka, Chief Deputy Dan Miller and Brad Konkler, Vice President, CentraCare Foundation.



With the help of the Cathedral community, the National Honor Society students raised money and supplies for more than 200 chemo bags for the Coborn's Cancer Center.

We are grateful to these students who strive to make the world a better place and provide our cancer patients with a little joy.

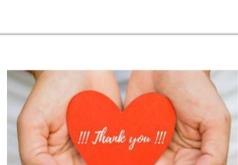


The Patrick McMullen Smile in My Heart Foundation and the Moran family brightened the holidays for our patients and families with gifts of toys, activities, blankets, and art supplies. Patrick lost his battle to cancer in 2017, and his family and friends continue to support our pediatric patients.



The Sauk Rapids-Rice Girls and Boys Basketball teams hosted a Coaches vs. Cancer night last week at their games. They sold t-shirts, displayed signs of family and friends who have had cancer and collected donations at half-time. Together, the teams raised \$1,357 for the Coborn Cancer Center. Thanks for sharing your team spirit and supporting our patients with cancer.

If you are interested in organizing a fundraising event to benefit our patients, [click here](#) to learn more.



## Sharing "Heart-felt" gratitude

In honor of Heart Month, we share these comments received with recent gifts to CentraCare Foundation.

*"I received great care during my stay at St. Cloud when I had my heart attack. Every person I interacted with was professional and caring. This was my first time as a patient at your hospital and I was extremely impressed."*

*"I would like to give this fifty dollar bill to the hospital for all that they are doing. Thank you so much for saving lives! It brings me so much joy. I hope this money helps you all. Thanks!" (from a 10-year old girl)*

*"Last summer, I required emergency surgery and hospitalization while on vacation in Minnesota. The Gorecki Guest House provided a place for my husband and family members to gather during my two-week hospitalization at St. Cloud Hospital. This was especially important during COVID as I could only have two visitors a day at that time. God bless you for providing respite for families."*

We are grateful to all of our health care workers for the great care they provide day after day and for the generous community support!

## The impact of your gifts on kids

Below is a summary of the services provided to victims of child abuse by the team at the Child Advocacy Center in 2021 thanks to community giving!

- 385 - Children Served
- 300 - Forensic Interviews
- 206 - Medical Visits (including 30 Foster Care Physicals)
- 146 - Integrative Behavioral Health Sessions
- 1,903 - Advocacy Sessions



The mission of the CAC is to provide protection, advocacy, justice and healing to all child abuse victims and their families in Central Minnesota. CAC services are provided to families at no cost.

If you would like to learn more about this important service, [click here](#).

Thank you for your continued support. It is making a difference one child at a time.

## 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.

