



Investing in Health



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### The joy of reconnecting and growth

Dear Friends,  
In this issue, we are pleased to feature a variety of exciting happenings within CentraCare Foundation and the impact you – our friends and donors – are having on our patients, families, employees and all those we serve.  
There was a new surge of renewal and vitality within the CentraCare Foundation community as we came back together on May 19 for our La Gratitude donor recognition and appreciation event.  
Hosted by our Foundation Board of Directors, the evening was filled with celebration and the reconnecting of friends as we gathered to recognize some of our most distinguished donors. I invite you to view the video highlights featuring our award recipients in the article below.

I'm also happy to share that our Foundation continues to grow. With the upcoming merger of the Carris Health Foundation (which serves our Southwest Region of Benson, Willmar, and Redwood Falls), we will be truly "One CentraCare" Foundation as we strive to engage our community to support the CentraCare mission.

I look forward with enthusiasm to the summer months ahead and thank you for your continued partnership. Until next month,  
Brad



### Our employees keep giving and giving!

Each spring, CentraCare Foundation conducts our annual Employee Campaign where we ask CentraCare employees to contribute financially to support CentraCare programs and services. Since 1998, our generous employees have contributed more than \$11.5 million through this campaign.

This year, our main funding priority is Reach Out & Read. Funding for this program allows all of our CentraCare family medicine and pediatric providers to give age-appropriate books to children between 6 months and 5 years old at well-child visits.

Research shows having a strong, loving bond with an adult can even undo some of the harm created by the negative impacts of poverty and racism, abuse, divorce or an illness in the family. The buffering effect of these loving relationships can create more resilient families and improve the health outcomes and well-being of children who face systemic barriers to their ability to thrive. By making Reach Out & Read a part of their practice, providers have a built-in strategy for working with families to strengthen that essential relationship.

We invite you to join our employees in supporting the Reach Out & Read program with your gift.

[Give now](#)



### Sharing our "La Gratitude"

La Gratitude, our donor appreciation and recognition event, was held in-person on May 19 after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

Hosted by the CentraCare Foundation Board of Directors, this event honors donors, physicians and community leaders who have given of their gifts to support CentraCare and the health of its patients and families.

Our 2021-22 La Gratitude Award winners are:

- Special Tribute: **George & Shirley Torrey**
- Caduceus Award: **Patrick Heller, MD**
- Service to the Foundation Award: **Nicholas Reuter, MD**
- Philanthropists of the Year Award: **Merle & Kathy Felling**
- Lifetime Achievement Award: **Design Electric, Inc.**

[Click here](#) to watch the honoree videos and to see photos from the event.

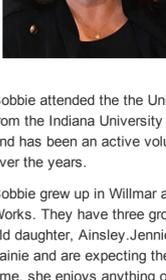
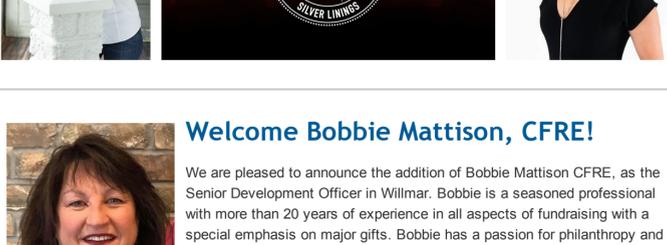
Thank you to all who attended and celebrated with us!

### Holly Ball 2022: Searching for the Silver Linings

Holly Ball 2022 Chair, **Patty Gaetz**, and Vice Chair, **Melinda Tamm**, introduced this year's Holly Ball theme at La Gratitude. Patty shared a personal story about her friend's health challenges with breast cancer and how she inspired Patty to always see the silver lining in every situation.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 3, and stay tuned for more updates as the planning team gets to work to make Holly Ball 2022 even better!

If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity, please call the Foundation Office at 320-240-2810.



### Welcome Bobbie Mattison, CFRE!

We are pleased to announce the addition of Bobbie Mattison CFRE, as the Senior Development Officer in Willmar. Bobbie is a seasoned professional with more than 20 years of experience in all aspects of fundraising with a special emphasis on major gifts. Bobbie has a passion for philanthropy and enjoys improving the lives of others.

Previous to joining us, she worked at Catholic Charities since 2012 and served as the Director of Organizational Advancement since 2017. She also worked for the American Heart Association and Ridgewater College in Willmar.

Bobbie attended the the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and received her certification in Major Gifts from the Indiana University College of Philanthropy. She also is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and has been an active volunteer for countless community and civic organizations in Central Minnesota over the years.

Bobbie grew up in Willmar and is married to Todd Mattison who is the Division Manager for American Door Works. They have three grown children. Jon and his wife Tori live in San Diego, Calif., with their 3-month-old daughter, Ainsley. Jennie and her husband Tom, live south of Willmar with their 3-year-old daughter Lainie and are expecting their second child this month. T.J. lives and works in Willmar. In Bobbie's free time, she enjoys anything on the lake -- fishing, kayaking, pontooning, skiing, and reading, but most of all, she enjoys being a grandma.



## 2022 GOLF SCRAMBLE SERIES

**PAYNESVILLE**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022  
11 am registration  
12 pm start  
Koronis Hills Golf Club  
Paynesville

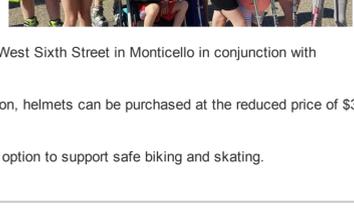
**SAUK CENTRE**  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022  
10:30 am registration  
12 pm start  
Greystone Golf Club  
Sauk Centre

**LONG PRAIRIE**  
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022  
10 am registration  
11 am start  
Long Prairie Country Club  
Long Prairie

Join your friends and neighbors while supporting local health care initiatives at one of CentraCare Foundation's golf scrambles this summer. [Click here](#) for details.

### Bike helmet sale planned for June 11 in Monticello

CentraCare – Monticello's annual bike helmet sale is a community tradition to help equip kids for safe outdoor summer activity!



After taking a two-year break for COVID, we are excited to be back! This year's bike helmet sale is Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at 303 West Sixth Street in Monticello in conjunction with Monticello's Walk & Roll celebration.

Thanks to donations through CentraCare Foundation, helmets can be purchased at the reduced price of \$3 in toddler, child, youth, and adult sizes.

This bike helmet sale gives families an affordable option to support safe biking and skating.



### Chippin' in for kids with cancer -- in a BIG way!

We are extremely grateful to the Coborn Family Foundation for its continued generous support and recent \$100,000 gift. Since 2002, Coborn's has hosted the annual [Grocers on the Green](#) golf tournament to benefit our pediatric cancer program at St. Cloud Hospital.

FROM LEFT: Jim Shaw, CFO, Coborns; Centra Meyer, Director and COO, Coborns; Carol Thelen, CentraCare Foundation; Nick Sanner, CentraCare Senior Director, Medical Specialties; Emily Tolbert, Vice President/Operations; Peter Coborn, Director Liquor Operations; Chris Coborn, Chairman and CEO.

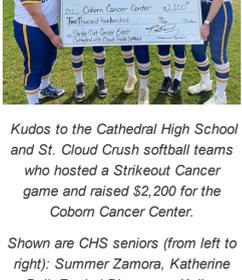
### So grateful to be part of this giving community



Thank you to the Nicholas P. Koenig HERO Foundation for the toy donation to the SCH Children's Center.  
As part of its Birthday Bags for Beans event, they collected new toys and had an amazing response!  
Nicholas' mother, Shannon (on right), delivered the toys to Stephanie Hagen, director of the Children's Center.



We are thankful for these treats donated by a grateful patient to Coborn Cancer and Healing Center staff.  
The handmade tags were created by patients and caregivers in the Art Therapy program.



Kudos to the Cathedral High School and St. Cloud Crush softball teams who hosted a Strikeout Cancer game and raised \$2,200 for the Coborn Cancer Center.

Shown are CHS seniors (from left to right): Summer Zamora, Katherine Bell, Rachel Dingmann, Kailee Falconer and Rachel Voit.

### MS. MELINDA'S DANCERS GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY BY DONATING \$700.00 TO THE CENTRACARE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



**INSTEAD OF BRINGING MORE TROPHIES HOME TO THE STUDIO, STARZ DANCE COMPETITION HAS A PROGRAM THAT GIVES STUDIOS A CHOICE OF CASH BACK INSTEAD OF TROPHIES TO DONATE TO A CAUSE OF THEIR CHOICE.**

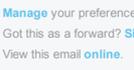
### Follow us on Facebook



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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