



# DHF Times

DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Vermillion, South Dakota

April 2018

## Coming Up in 2018

**April 26**

Assembly Premiere

**April & October**

Open Grant Periods

**May 7**

An Evening for Women

**May 24**

Annual Community  
Leadership Dinner

**July 16**

Annual Golf Social

**August**

Community Celebration

**November**

Holiday Décor Auction

**December**

Tree of Lights

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Dear friends,

Greetings from Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF). I am happy to share this newsletter with you as we look forward and Honor Those Who Serve.

I began my role as president of the Dakota Hospital Foundation in November 2017. On behalf of the rest of the DHF Board, I want to thank Kevin Myron for the important work he has done as our president the past two years. I look forward to his continued support as past president and working with board officers John Prescott, vice president and Andy Howe, secretary/treasurer.

We are pleased to welcome new board members, Tom Schaack and Yewmun Yip, who joined the board in late 2017. Learn more about Tom, Yewmun and board member Tiffany Graham inside. In addition, we thank three outgoing board members, Jerry Johnson, Lisa Ketcham and Mark Froke, for their tireless efforts and dedication during their years on the board.

Thanks to all of you...our members...for your contributions. Your membership allows Dakota Hospital Foundation to have an immediate impact in the community and on the quality of life of our residents, patients and visitors on the campus of Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

We look forward to the year ahead, the many events planned and the opportunity to further our mission, *Dedicated to Community Health and Wellness*. Thank you so much for your past support. We strongly encourage you to consider a 2018 membership contribution to Dakota Hospital Foundation. Your generosity lifts the level of health care for the entire community.

Sincerely,  
Linda Kogel, President  
Dakota Hospital Foundation

# Letter from Tim Tracy

Each year challenges the creative genius of our Dakota Hospital Foundation Committee to plan for and develop the program for our leadership dinner. The program needs to improve on the previous year's programming and contain interesting and entertaining information. The DHF Committee's thoughtful and innovative process will produce for our members and interested public the best program to-date.

First, be informed that with great pleasure DHF will be honoring William Dendinger, MD for his more than 40 years of dedicated service. Dr. Dendinger retired at the end of 2017 after a long and distinguished medical career. I hope each of you will be there to help us thank him for a lifetime of service to the Vermillion community.

Speaking of service, join us as we HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE. One only needs to think about our liberties and freedoms to be thankful for those who protect us sometimes at risk of their personal safety.

Watch the news and one hears almost daily about the performance of law enforcement, emergency responders – fire and ambulance and our military to be brief in naming a few. People who serve others surround us and with this in mind, we are HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE by bringing to Vermillion Keni Thomas a decorated military veteran. Keni, now country western musician, will give us his personal account of the lessons learned during the chaotic Battle of Mogadishu, which inspired the book and movie "Black Hawk Down."

As always, prepare yourself for good music, great food, recognition of high school and college scholars and up-to-date information on your local healthcare facility, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Please join us in HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE.

Timothy J. Tracy, Senior Director

## Assembly Premiere - April 26, 2018

Please join us for the Documentary Premiere  
with Todd Mechling and Chris Meyer  
**Thursday, April 26, 2018**  
at 5:30 pm

**Celebrate. Remember.**  
**The Making of the Dakota Hospital  
Memorial Sculpture Project**

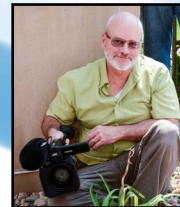
Over two years, 150 community members came together with a team of artists, to share their memories and lend a hand in making this memorial sculpture to honor Dakota Hospital's 85 years of service.

- 5:30 p.m. Social with light hors d'oeuvres
- 6:00 p.m. Documentary Premiere
- 6:30 p.m. Artist Discussion and Q&A

**SANFORD**  
Vermillion



Please RSVP to [Jill.Christopherson@SanfordHealth.org](mailto:Jill.Christopherson@SanfordHealth.org)  
or 605.677.3617 by April 20th.



Todd Mechling,  
Videographer



Chris Meyer,  
Artist



"Assembly"

# Scholarship Awards Presented to Local and Area Youth

Sanford Vermillion and Dakota Hospital Foundation is proud to support local and area youth with \$4,000 in scholarships in 2017.

## Sanford Vermillion Employee/Child Scholarship

Natalie Hertz

Vermillion High School .....\$1,000

Daughter of Amy Hertz, Occupational Therapist

## Becky & Dave Nelson Healthcare Career Scholarship

Morgan Herbster

Vermillion High School .....\$2,000

## Tim & Wanda Hannahs Family Scholarship

Rachel Noonan

University of South Dakota .....\$500

Occupational Therapy

## Dennis and Mary Jo Olson Family Medicine Scholarship

Ben Meyerink

University of South Dakota .....\$500

## DHF Board of Directors

Linda Kogel, President  
 John Prescott, Vice President  
 Andy Howe, Sec./Trea.  
 Kevin Myron, Past President  
 Gayle Bliss  
 Tiffany Graham  
 Kelly Herbster  
 Paul Preister  
 Katherine Price  
 Tom Schaack  
 Pat Wingen  
 Yewmun Yip

## Own a Piece of History

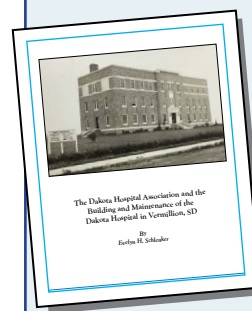
Capture a piece of history with a brick salvaged from the original Dakota Hospital building.



Keepsake brick - \$10  
 Personalized  
 "Born at" brick - \$15  
 (plus S&H)



Also available - History of Dakota Hospital book



Authored by Evelyn Schlenker

## Pink Jersey Auction benefits DHF for future mammography upgrades at Sanford Vermillion



Breast cancer survivors Julia Chaney, Barb Kronaizl and Ann Stewart were recognized and honored at the USD Coyote Women - Pink Jersey game in February. The Coyote Women played well in their pink uniforms beating North Dakota State 80-54. Three jerseys of senior players: Kate Livinghouse, Caitlin Duffly and Jasmine Trimboli were auctioned to the highest bidder through an online link during the game. The jersey auction combined with free will donations raised over \$2,300 in the fight against breast cancer.

# Community Spirit is Alive and Well



*(Top) Golf Social 2017: Team SVMC Hospital enjoying the golf day.*



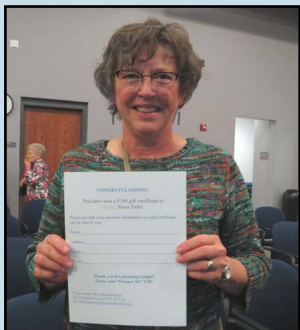
*Assembly – folks gather around Assembly looking at the exquisite detail of each hand.*



*(Left) Sherbear's Team: Sheri Ellis' family appreciating the memorial golf tournament honoring their daughter.*



*Ribbon Cutting – Dakota Hospital Foundation board members, Sanford Vermillion Management team and Medical Staff officially cut the ribbon at the celebration.*



*Deb Mollet, winner of the Pamper Me Basket at An Evening for Women.*



*Great turnout for An Evening for Women.*



*Welcome Dr. Amanda Duxbury (right) to our community and healthcare facility.*



*Dakota Hospital Foundation board member, John Prescott and his wife Karen greeting the Welch family at the Holiday Décor Auction.*



*Balloon twisting was fun for those wanting a hat at the 9.10.17 event.*



*Jerry and Barb Yutzenka receive Community Health Service award. Pictured with DHF Board Member Kevin Myron on the left.*

# Holiday Décor Auction and Tree of Lights

The 2017 Holiday Décor Auction held in November was another successful event and an inspiring evening for all those in attendance. The annual fundraiser drew 35 fantastic décor entries from area businesses, organizations and individuals. All items were available to the highest bidder in either the silent or live auction. Attendees enjoyed several other opportunities to take something fun home while leaving a little something for Dakota Hospital Foundation as well. The Mystery Wine Table was very popular as well as the Gift Basket Raffle. All totaled the evening activities combined with Tree of Lights sales

raised over \$8,700 . These funds have been designated for continued work in the Sanford Arts program at Sanford Vermillion.

“The variety and creativity of the entries received truly challenged our judges again this year,” commented Linda Kogel, DHF Board member. “It is so inspiring to see the thought and detail involved in the creation of these beautiful holiday items. They really are works of art and we are so pleased that community members are so willing to share their time and talent with us through this program.”



*Sanford Arts Vermillion, Spirit Award winner and recipient of auction proceeds.*

## Awards

Best of Show - Woodland Christmas, live wreath

**Hy-Vee Floral**

Best Individual - Milkpod Wreath

**Lori Peterson**

Best Business - The Land of Eternal Spring

**Sharing the Dream in Guatemala**

## Judges Choice - Special Category Winners

Most Nostalgic Holiday Fun

**Jane O'Brien**

Spirit Award - “Christmas Collaboration”

**Sanford Arts Vermillion**



*Michele Mechling, Sharing the Dream, Best Business Award.*

# DHF Grant Awards

Dakota Hospital Foundation awarded 11 community grants from the pool of 19 grant submissions received in 2017. A total of \$27,000 was disbursed to these community projects:

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| <b>Habitat for Humanity</b> ..... \$5,000                  | <b>Vermillion High School</b> ..... \$2,000          |
| Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Program            | Cold and Compression Injury System                   |
| <b>Vermillion Downtown Cultural Assoc.</b> ..... \$3,000   | <b>Vermillion High School</b> ..... \$1,200          |
| “On with the Show” Campaign                                | Portable AED equipment                               |
| <b>Welcome Table-Backpack/</b>                             | <b>Clay County Historical Society</b> ..... \$2,000  |
| <b>Vermillion Food Pantry</b> ..... \$2,500                | Matching grant: partial funding of facility upgrades |
| Feeding Vermillion Summer Gap Meal program                 | <b>St Agnes School</b> ..... \$800                   |
| <b>USD Safe Rides</b> ..... \$1,500                        | AED Life Saving unit                                 |
| USD Safe Rides program                                     | <b>Vermillion School District</b> ..... \$7,000      |
| <b>Vermillion Sculpture Walk</b> ..... \$1,000             | Water Bottle Filling Stations                        |
| 2017-2019 Vermillion Sculpture Walk                        | (Jolley & Austin Schools)                            |
| <b>Vermillion Youth Baseball Association</b> ..... \$1,000 |  |
| Training Center/Mentor Coaching program                    |  |

*Grant guidelines and forms can be found at [www.sanfordvermillion.org/foundation](http://www.sanfordvermillion.org/foundation)*

# Meet the New DHF Board Members

## Tiffany Graham

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Welcome to the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board Tiffany!

Tiffany Graham is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and a Senior Lecturer at the University of South Dakota School of Law. A graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, she was previously the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and a Professor of Law at the University of La Verne College of Law, and an Assistant Professor of Law at Villanova University School of Law. Dean Graham's classroom experience has focused on the areas of Constitutional Law, Law and Sexuality, Race and the Law, Criminal Procedure, and Torts. Prior to entering the academy, she clerked on the United States



District Court for the District of Columbia and spent several years working as a commercial litigator for a major Los Angeles law firm. Dean Graham's scholarly works have focused on marriage equality and its relationship to developments in equal protection and fundamental rights jurisprudence. She has also given multiple presentations, including talks regarding the disputed practice of conversion therapy, on the integration of LGBTQ communities in rural neighborhood spaces, on the issue of survivor sex as it affects homeless LGBTQ teens, on strategies for preparing practice-ready lawyers, and more. A winner of the Fulbright award, Dean Graham is currently on the board of the Equality South Dakota PAC and was formerly an appointed member of the Magistrate Judge Selection Panel for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She is honored to be serving Vermillion as a member of the Dakota Hospital Foundation.

## Yewmun Yip

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Yewmun Yip grew up in Singapore. He graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in civil engineering. After working as a structural engineer with the Urban Redevelopment Authority for two years, Yewmun went to Purdue University, West Lafayette, to pursue a MBA degree.



Upon returning to Singapore, he worked as a Senior Development Officer with the Construction Development Board, and later as a Senior Corporate Banking Officer with Overseas Union Bank in Singapore. In 1997, Yewmun completed his PhD in Finance from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

Yewmun started his teaching career with College of

St. Benedict/St. John University, Collegeville, MN before moving to San Francisco State University in 1998. Since 2003, he has been teaching various finance classes at the University of South Dakota. Part of his responsibility as a finance faculty member is to serve as a faculty advisor to investment club, Coyote Capital Management, which currently manages three portfolios with assets of more than \$1.9 million.

Yewmun has served on the USD University Senate, and is currently serving on the Undergraduate Assessment Committee in the Beacom School of Business. He is also a faculty advisor for the USD Chapter of the Financial Management Association.

During the summer vacation, Yewmun enjoys traveling to learn about other cultures and their languages. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, cooking and biking.

Welcome to the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board Yewmun!

## Tom Schaack

Tom Schaack is a native of Watertown, SD. He earned his degree in business administration at Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD.

Tom has been the Community Bank President at First Bank & Trust of Vermillion since 1996. His 38 years in banking has



included previous roles in Aberdeen, SD; Keyes, OK; and Weatherford, OK.

Tom is a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, the Main Street Center and the Vermillion Lions Club.

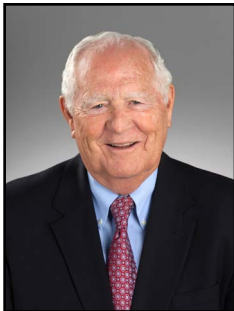
Tom and his wife Peggy have three sons, three daughters-in-law, and two grandchildren. Tom enjoys yardwork, hunting, fishing and golf. He and Peggy also very much enjoy attending athletic and theatre events at the University and feel extremely blessed to have spent the past 21 years in Vermillion.

Welcome to the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board Tom!

## Board Members Recognized for Years of Service

Dakota Hospital Foundation wishes to recognize and thank the following board members for their dedicated years of service:

*Thank you to Jerry, Lisa and Mark for all your work through your years on the board and your commitment to Dakota Hospital Foundation!*



**Jerry Johnson** is recognized for his ten years of service (2007 - 2017) on the DHF Board including two years of service as board vice-president and two years as board president.



**Mark Froke** is recognized for his three years of service (2014 - 2017) on the DHF Board.



**Lisa Ketcham** is recognized for her eleven years of service (2006 - 2017) on the DHF Board including two years of service as board vice-president and two years as board president.



**Kevin Myron** was recognized earlier this year for his leadership on the Dakota Hospital Foundation Board serving as president for the past two years (2015 - 2017).

*Thank you Kevin.*

### President's Plaque



Dakota Hospital Foundation  
 20 South Plum Street  
 Vermillion, SD 57069

## Time to renew your 2018 DHF membership

Thanks to the continued generosity of our dedicated members, Dakota Hospital Foundation has been able to make an impact on the quality of life within our community.

We need your help in order to further our mission, *Dedicated to Community Health and Wellness*. Please consider supporting DHF through a membership contribution. For those renewing your membership,

I encourage you to consider an increase in your level of support this year. Your generosity lifts the level of health care for the entire community.

Sincerely,  
 Linda Kogel, President  
 Dakota Hospital Foundation



Yes, I would like to support Dakota Hospital Foundation's mission of *Dedicated to Community Health and Wellness*.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$Up to \$124 | <input type="checkbox"/> Founder \$500    | <input type="checkbox"/> Visionary \$1,500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Builder \$125        | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$750 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investor \$250       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee \$1,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in having a DHF Board member contact me. |

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