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A Note from UnityPoint Health – Grinnell’s Director of Development

As I write this note, I am just days away from my first anniversary at UnityPoint Health® - Grinnell Regional Medical Center (GRMC) Foundation. I’ve truly enjoyed getting to know my colleagues, and have been impressed by their steadfast commitment to, and care of, our patients. I’ve equally enjoyed getting to know several of GRMC’s supporters. Thank you, all, for your welcoming spirit.

After working this past year at GRMC, I completely understand why UnityPoint Health was selected as one of the **Top 150 Places to Work in Healthcare** by Becker’s Hospital Review. This national healthcare trade publication selected organizations that promote diversity, employee engagement, professional growth and work/life balance. UnityPoint Health is the only health system in Iowa to be named on this year’s list. I’m proud to work at an organization that has such a strong culture focused on the value of each team member.

I’m also proud of, and grateful to, the individuals, businesses and organizations who faithfully and generously support GRMC. Many facets of philanthropy have been on display at GRMC in the past few weeks, as you’ll read about on page two. The caring nature of our community for GRMC’s patients and team members is so inspiring.

Finally, on page three, you’ll learn about some of the changes occurring within the hospital as GRMC welcomes new providers, shows off the new patient admitting area and wishes a beloved surgeon well as he retires to start on the next chapter of his life.

You, our donors, continually impact GRMC’s ability to fulfill its mission of improving the health of the people and communities we serve. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!



Enjoy your summer,

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ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of every dollar donated to the GRMC Foundation stays local to benefit the healthcare programs and needs in the GRMC service area. For more information and to make a gift, visit www.unitypoint.org/grinnell/foundation.

PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT

Recent Grants Awarded to GRMC Foundation

- **PCA/Community Fund** awarded a grant of \$9,092.96 from the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation for the purchase of four patient transport chairs. This follows a 2021 grant for three patient transport chairs proven to be immensely popular with the hospital staff for various safety features and ease of cleaning.



Left: Sheenna Bachman, Manager of Med-Surg/ICU
Right: Tisha Miller, Team Leader Respiratory Therapy

- **Grinnell Mutual Group Foundation** awarded a grant of \$12,553.75 for the purchase of eleven aspirators for use with the crash carts throughout the hospital and clinics. These AC/battery-powered suction units provide instant, powerful suction in critical situations, such as when a patient is unable to remove respiratory secretions while seizing or unconscious.

Our thanks to these two incredible, generous supporters of GRMC.

Grinnell Mutual Donates Cookies to GRMC Team Members

Grinnell Mutual generously donated 19 cases (228 boxes) of Girl Scout Cookies to the team members at GRMC. The cookies were delivered to each department and clinic during National Hospital Week, May 9 through 13.

Everyone at GRMC thanks Grinnell Mutual for continuing its unwavering support of our team members! This sweet treat certainly lifted our spirits.



Medical Staff Fund Emergency Medical Services Scholarship

GRMC's medical staff recently voted unanimously to designate their medical staff dues to fund a new scholarship program, available to any emergency medical service (EMS) student or service in Poweshiek County and surrounding areas. The GRMC medical staff recognize the critically important role local EMS holds for the overall health and well-being of our local communities and the struggle these vital services are facing.

The scholarship will allow for up to \$750 of reimbursed cost to a student affiliated with local EMS or local EMS departments upon completion of an authorized EMS training program. New and existing EMS volunteers are encouraged to apply. Applications and additional information can be obtained by contacting GRMC administration at (641) 236-2300.

Donor Spotlight: Kathy McNulty

Kathy McNulty, a radiology technologist who specializes in mammography at GRMC, recently shared that she named the GRMC Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. A beneficiary designation, like Kathy's, is a simple, flexible and affordable way to make a planned gift.

When asked why she did this, Kathy says, "The hospital has been a big part of my life for 30 years. I believe in what we do here and want to keep it going for future generations. Technology is always changing and is costly to keep up, so I want to ensure that the hospital can do this."

Thank you, Kathy, for your service to our patients and for your commitment to the future of GRMC.

As Kathy says, "Planned giving is an easy way to ensure that your hard-earned money is put to good use when you're gone."

To learn more about planned giving options, visit our website at grmcfoundationlegacy.org.

HOSPITAL NEWS



Celebrating Dr. David Coster

On Wednesday, June 8, GRMC hosted a reception celebrating Dr. David Coster on his retirement after more than three decades of rural, surgical expertise and innovation. Dr. Coster has cared for thousands of patients and numerous communities throughout his career.

He was the first doctor in Iowa to perform several different types of complex laparoscopic minimally invasive surgeries, changing patient care from an in-patient stay to an outpatient surgery. He led the way for GRMC to be the first hospital to practice anti-reflux surgery, splenectomy and biliary procedures laparoscopically. In March of 2020, he performed his 1000th robotic procedure.

"There is no moment more gratifying than knowing your work has saved lives," Dr. Coster says. "This rural hospital in Grinnell, Iowa, became a powerhouse in healthcare and I'm leaving it in great hands to continue that legacy."

Newly Renovated Patient Registration

We are pleased to announce GRMC's new Registration area. This new space will be complete once the glass doors arrive and are installed on the three registration stations. This new space provides a higher degree of comfort and privacy for our patients during the check in process.

New Providers



Angelique Deright, ARNP, FNP-BD is a new provider in the Manatt Walk-In Clinic. She completed her undergraduate education at Oklahoma City University and her graduate education at Simmons University in Boston, Massachusetts. She completed nurse practitioner practicums in primary and acute care at Knoxville Hospital & Clinics and is certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Angelique began seeing patients on April 4.



Kirk Smith, MD, PhD, FACP, has joined the Grinnell Internal Medicine Clinic. He cares for patients of all ages, with a focus on chronic disease management support and began seeing patients on May 31. He completed his undergraduate degree at Austin College in Sherman, Texas and received his MD and PhD from the University of Texas Austin. Following his studies, he completed a residency at Georgetown

University Hospital in Washington, D.C., and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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