



UnityPoint Health  
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# GRMC IN FOCUS



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## Happy New Year!

At the changing of the year my thoughts turn to gratitude so I'll begin by simply saying, "Thank you!"

You, and everyone who joined you in supporting UnityPoint Health - Grinnell Regional Medical Center (GRMC), truly made an impact on health care in our region.

Throughout the past year I have shared how your donations have assisted the hospital in purchasing new and upgraded equipment and technology to help our team members care for countless patients. These purchases are critically important to the hospital and we are all grateful for your support.

Your donations are also used to help our patients in more modest, but equally important ways.

- ◆ Comforter, sleeping bag, blanket, warm clothing and outerwear for a discharging patient who is experiencing homelessness
- ◆ Music therapy for hospice patients
- ◆ Tests and lab work for Community Care Clinic patients
- ◆ Black-out curtains for the sleep lab
- ◆ An upright walker to maximize independence for a physical therapy patient
- ◆ Sleep sacks for our newborn babies

Coretta Scott King once said, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Your compassionate gift to GRMC is a testament to the kindness of our communities. We at GRMC are deeply honored by your generosity.

Wishing you and your loved ones health and happiness in this new year.



*Donna Fischer*

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Director of Development

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop*

**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](http://www.unitypoint.org/grinnell/foundation).

# PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT

## GRMC FOUNDATION BOARD UPDATES

At the end of 2024, the GRMC Foundation expressed thanks to four outgoing members of the GRMC Foundation Board of Directors: **Dr. David Cranston**, **Dennis Day**, and **Chad Nath**, who completed 12 years of service, and **Bill Menner**, who completed three years of service. **Dennis Day** also served as chair of the Board from 2019 to 2021 and served as the Board's secretary/treasurer from 2023-2024.

Beginning on January 1, 2025, we welcome **Lauren Gant, PhD, CPE**, as the newest member of the GRMC Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Gant, who has a background in biomedical engineering, is the Human Factor and Ergonomics Manager at HNI Corporation. She is also an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Iowa.

We look forward to Lauren adding her expertise and experience to that of the continuing members of the GRMC Foundation Board of Directors: **Dawn Disney-Bruggeman (chair)**, **Shane Hart**, **Laura Manatt**, **Mike McKeag**, **Jeff Menary (secretary/treasurer)**, and **Shannon Reding (vice chair)**.

## NEW MANOMETRY FOR SURGERY DEPARTMENT

Thanks to your support, the GRMC Foundation helped the Surgery Department purchase a high-resolution manometry system. This system is used to measure the muscles at the top and bottom of the esophagus, and also measures the pressure, speed, and wave pattern of muscle contractions along the esophagus while swallowing.

"This new equipment has made esophageal manometry easier for our technicians due to shorter procedure times which makes the procedure more tolerable for our patients," says Angie Oakie, RN, BSN, MHA, GRMC Surgery Department Manager.



Pictured with the manometry are two of GRMC's surgical nurses (L to R), Haley DeHoedt, RN, and Lori Glasgow, RN.

## GREENSTATE CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS DELIVERING OUR FUTURE

The GRMC Foundation thanks GreenState Credit Union for their generous donation of \$25,000 toward the *Delivering Our Future* campaign for the expansion and renovation of our obstetrics unit.

"GreenState Credit Union is honored to support the Grinnell Regional Medical Center with this crucial need," states Brad German, vice president and branch manager of GreenState Credit Union in Grinnell. "Our organization recognizes the way this expansion and renovation will impact the community by keeping our expectant mothers and their newborn children close to home, and most importantly, safe."



Pictured L to R: Brad German and David-Paul Cavazos, rural president, GRMC.

## GRMC TEAM MEMBERS GIVE BACK

The GRMC Foundation is grateful to the **124 Grinnell team members** who participated in the 2025 Employee Giving Campaign (EGC)! Together, they raised more than \$25,000 in cash and pledges. Team members donated to the following funds: *Delivering Our Future*, Employee Crisis, Compassion, Area of Greatest Need, Laboratory Remodel, Wellness and Hospice. Special thanks go to the GRMC Leadership who achieved 100% participation in the campaign. *Thanks to all of you for connecting Your Passion with Our Purpose.*



# HOSPITAL NEWS

## GRMC RECOGNIZED WITH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

On November 21, 2024, as part of National Rural Health Day, UnityPoint Health - Grinnell was recognized with a Performance Leadership Award for Excellence in Outcomes by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. This recognition is held for the top quartile - 75th percentile or above - among rural hospitals. GRMC was one of four UnityPoint Health affiliated hospitals to be recognized.



National Rural Health Day is an annual observance to bring attention to, and honor the incredible efforts of, rural healthcare providers, communities, organizations, offices of rural health and other stakeholders dedicated to addressing the unique healthcare needs of rural America.

## LAB RENOVATION NEARS COMPLETION

The renovations to GRMC's laboratory are nearly completed! Pictured here are the finished spaces of the check-in area, waiting room, and draw rooms. Also completed are the staff break rooms and office spaces. The balance of the work was slated to be complete by end of year 2024. We are excited about this expanded space for our team to work in as we continue to provide excellent care to our patients.



## NEW PROVIDER

Join us in welcoming Becca Driscoll, PA, to our team at the UnityPoint Health - Grinnell Manatt Walk-In Clinic! Becca completed her undergraduate degree in Biology at Iowa State University and earned her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Des Moines University. Becca joins us from UnityPoint Clinic Express Care in Marshalltown, where she had been a team member for the past two years. She is motivated by providing care for patients at their most vulnerable times and helping patients understand their healthcare needs and plans of care. Her first day at UnityPoint Health - Grinnell was October 28, 2024.



## UNITYPOINT HEALTH - GRINNELL EXPANDS CLINIC

In September 2024, UnityPoint Health - Grinnell began an expansion of the Clinic on the 3rd floor of the Ahrens Medical Arts Building. Sectioning off the north half of the Administration Suite, construction commenced to add five patient examination rooms, a nurses' station, and three provider offices. This work was slated to be completed by end of year 2024.

These photos show the progress as of early December 2024. We look forward to caring for our patients in this new space.





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