

Spring 2026



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How Community Hospital is Redefining Cancer Care Close to Home

*By William 'Buddy' Goodenkauf,
Community Hospital Director of Oncology*

Over the past year, Community Hospital's cancer program has taken extraordinary steps forward — strengthening our services, expanding access across the region, and enhancing the level of care and support every patient receives on their cancer journey. What began as a vision to elevate oncology care for our rural communities has grown into a thriving, dynamic program making a meaningful difference every single day.

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS: Cancer Committee & Tumor Board

In 2025, we established the Cancer Committee and Multidisciplinary Tumor Board, both essential elements in building a world-class cancer program. These teams bring together oncologists, surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, nursing, rehabilitation, nutrition, and supportive care specialists to collaborate on patient care. Their work ensures that every patient benefits from coordinated expertise, evidence-based decision-making, and a seamless continuum of care.

REBUILDING STRENGTH: RebuildingU Exercise Program



To help patients regain strength, mobility, and confidence, Community Hospital's Rehabilitation team introduced RebuildingU, a cancer-specific exercise and rehabilitation program housed within our Rehab Department and led by certified rehabilitation experts. Rooted in evidence-based cancer exercise principles, RebuildingU supports survivors in safely rebuilding function, reducing fatigue, improving balance, and enhancing overall quality of life before, during, and after treatment.

RESTORING CONFIDENCE: RestoringU Image Recovery Program

This year marked our support of the launch of RestoringU, a private, welcoming wig room that provides patients access to wigs, head coverings, and confidence-restoring resources. For many undergoing treatment, hair loss can be an emotional hurdle. RestoringU provides dignity, comfort, and personalized support during one of the most challenging parts of the cancer journey.

CANCER NAVIGATION LAUNCHING THIS MONTH

Beginning in March, we launched Cancer Navigation services, ensuring that every patient has a dedicated guide from diagnosis through survivorship. Our cancer navigator helps coordinate appointments and referrals, provide education and emotional support, remove barriers to care, and ensure timely follow-up and continuity.



EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED: Dr. Benjamin George Honored

We are proud to share that Dr. Benjamin George, Medical Director of Oncology Services, received the prestigious Oncology Icons award this year recognizing his outstanding contributions to cancer

care and his commitment to expanding access for rural patients. His leadership, expertise, and compassion continue to elevate our program and inspire our team every day.

EXPANDING ACCESS: Two New Outreach Clinics

Recognizing the travel challenges cancer patients often face, Community Hospital opened two new oncology outreach clinics this year — one in Wray, Colorado, and one in Colby, Kansas. These clinics bring specialty cancer care closer to home for hundreds of patients across our region, reducing travel burdens and ensuring earlier access to diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.

CONTINUING OUR MISSION

This past year marks one of the most significant periods of growth in the history of Community Hospital's cancer program. With expanded services, new supportive programs, strengthened care coordination, and wider regional reach, we are building a program that rural communities can rely on — one rooted in compassion, excellence, and innovation.

And we're just getting started.





A message from our CEO

BUILDING

for the future

As spring and summer approach, changes to our routines are on the horizon. Change seems to be the only constant these days at Community Hospital – and it's changes for the better. From new initiatives to evolving processes and growth across our teams, these updates reflect our continued commitment to progress, improvement, and serving our community well.

Changes in 2025 have positioned us to move aggressively into the future. This summer, we plan to break ground on our largest building project in Community Hospital history. Scheduled for completion in 2028, the project includes a new, larger McCook Clinic and a new Community Hospital Cancer Center, bringing all cancer services together in one location for our community.

This fall, we are excited to welcome three new family practice physicians

to McCook Clinic and our community. Access to care is essential to a healthy community, and these additions will strengthen access for generations to come.

We continue to expand clinical services at Community Hospital. We are pleased to share that we have signed two general surgeons who will begin practicing later this year, with more details to come. Orthopedic services have also grown, with Dr. Michael Joyner, an orthopedic hand surgeon from Great Plains Health in North Platte, beginning to see patients in March. In addition, urology coverage has expanded with the addition of Dr. Caldwell, who provides clinic and surgical services two days per week, two weeks each month, with plans to increase coverage over time.

Our home health and hospice services transitioned to Angels Care Home Health and Angels Care Hospice in November 2025. Angels

Care now provides these services, while Community Hospital remains involved through office space, therapy coverage, and additional support.

Like hospitals across the country, staffing continues to be a struggle and requires new approaches to recruitment. One such effort is our ROOTS Apartment Complex, which officially opened in January. The apartments are already being occupied by students and others, supporting our long-term workforce needs.



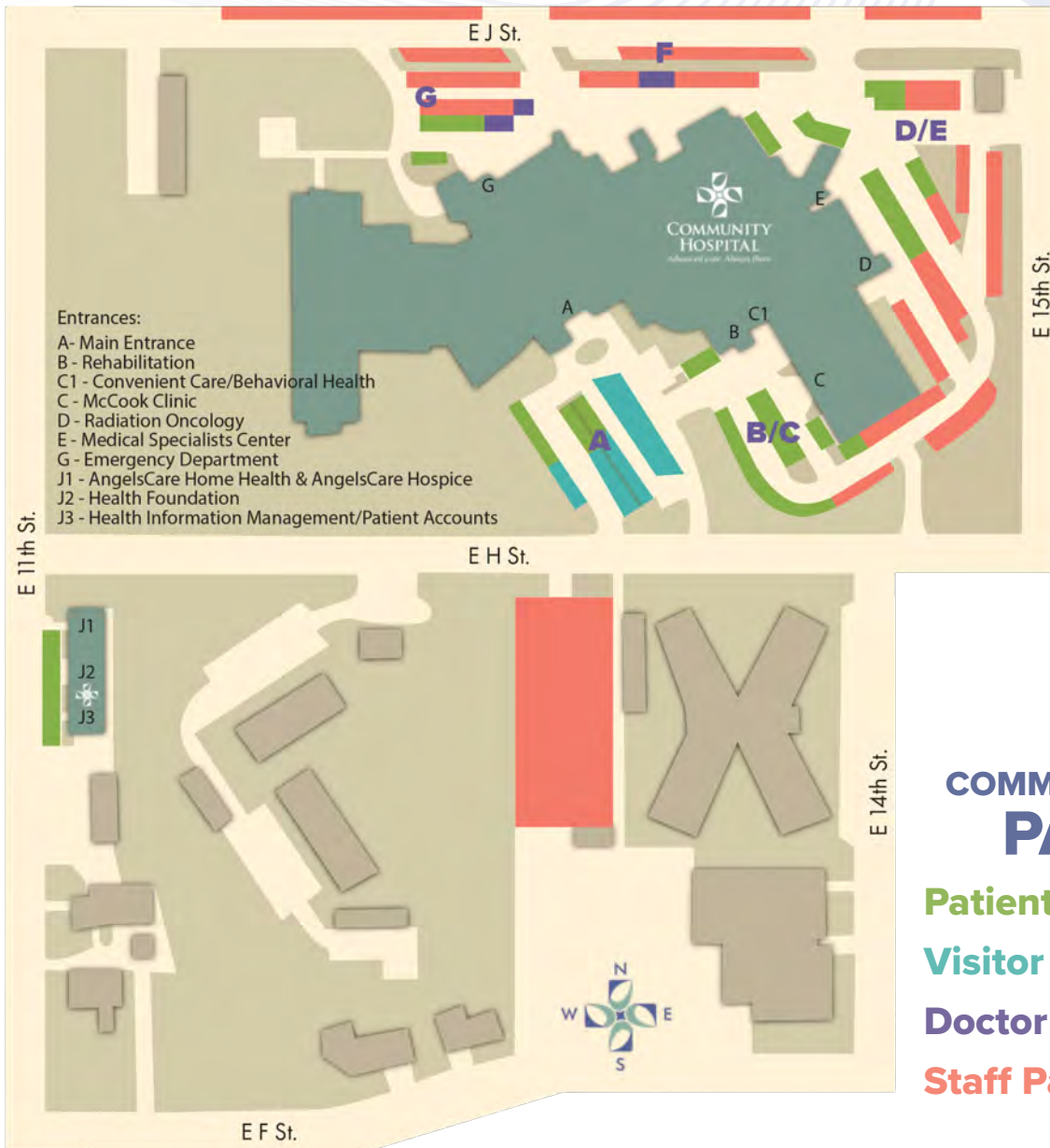
Troy Bruntz
President & CEO, Community Hospital

Finding the Right Place to Park

We know that arriving for an appointment can feel stressful—especially if you’re unsure where to park. This map is designed to help patients and visitors quickly find the most convenient parking areas at Community Hospital. Clearly marked zones highlight entrances for clinics, inpatient services, and the Emergency

Department, making your visit a little easier from the moment you arrive.

If you ever have questions or need assistance, our staff is always happy to help.



COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PARKING

Patient Parking – green

Visitor Parking – aqua

Doctor Parking – purple

Staff Parking – pink

Classes & Services

Find us on 

Call 308-344-2650 for information and to register for most classes.

Visit www.chmccook.org to find a list of classes and programs.

The website includes a calendar with more detailed class information.

MEDICAL SPECIALISTS DIRECTORY

Leading our region to a

HEALTHIER

future starts with dedicated medical professionals.

Community Hospital believes you and your family deserve the very best in accessible care. In addition to our local team of dedicated family healthcare providers, we offer the area's largest array of specialists to help meet your exact medical needs.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

C. Jibben, DNP-C	308-344-8280
E. Pascoe, NP-C	308-344-8280
T. Lutz, LMHC	308-344-8280

CARDIOLOGY

Bryan Heart

K. Miller, M.D.	308-344-8285
R. Pacini, M.D.	308-344-8285
K. Johnson, APRN	308-344-8285

Great Plains Health Heart Institute

S. Dassouki, M.D.	308-344-8285
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Nebraska Heart Institute

R. Heirigs, M.D.	308-344-8285
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Platte Valley Medical Group

S. Denney, M.D.	308-344-8285
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DERMATOLOGY

J. Bunker, M.D.	308-344-8285
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EAR, NOSE, THROAT

P. Fitzpatrick, M.D.	308-344-8285
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EMERGENCY MEDICINE

C. Erickson, M.D.	308-344-2650
B. Mikesell, M.D.	308-344-2650

ENDOCRINOLOGY - TELEHEALTH

S. Sanivarapu, M.D.	308-344-8285
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GASTROENTEROLOGY

J. Cloud, M.D.	308-344-8285
A. Howard, APRN	308-344-8285

GENERAL SURGERY

W. Eskildsen, M.D.	308-345-7878
M. Simonson, M.D.	308-344-8285

NEPHROLOGY

I. Islam, M.D.	308-344-8285
P. Kanade, M.D.	308-344-8285

NEUROLOGY

A. Kumar, M.D.	308-344-8285
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NEUROSURGERY

C. Obasi, M.D.	308-344-8285
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OB/GYN

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ONCOLOGY - MEDICAL

B. George, M.D.	308-344-8285
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T. Hlavaty, M.D.	308-344-8374
A. Reynolds-Lorentz, PA-C	308-344-8374

OPHTHALMOLOGY

T. Clinch, M.D.	800-657-2112
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ORTHOPEDICS

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R. Lawton, M.D.	308-344-8285
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ORTHOPEDICS - HAND/WRIST

M. Joyner, M.D.	308-344-8285
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ORTHOPEDICS - SPINAL

D. Benavides, M.D.	308-344-8285
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PODIATRY

R. Hinze, D.P.M.	308-345-3773 or 877-345-FOOT
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PSYCHIATRY - TELEHEALTH

M. de Brito McGee, M.D., MS, MPH	531-355-1449
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PULMONOLOGY

D. Cantral, M.D.	308-344-8285
K. Ganatra, M.D.	402-460-5787

UROLOGY

J. Caldwell, M.D.	308-344-8285
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VASCULAR SURGERY

A. Um, M.D.	308-344-8285
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Advanced care begins with healing professionals who know you and your family, and truly care about your well-being.

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Naomi Olson, DNP-C

Hannah Taylor, NP-C

Ashley Vontz, NP-C

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Michelle Braget, PA-C

Kaitlyn Huxoll, PA-C

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Alysia Sheets, PA-C

Trenton Medical Clinic 308-334-5155

Teresa Hodgson, PA-C

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HOSPITAL HEARTBEAT



Have a Voice in Healthcare at Community Hospital

The Patient & Family Advisory Council (PFAC) brings patients and family members together with hospital staff to share feedback, ideas, and perspectives that help improve care for everyone. PFAC members play an important role in shaping patient experiences—from communication and comfort to policies and services. If you or a loved one has received care at Community Hospital and want to make a difference, we invite you to consider joining PFAC and sharing your voice.

To learn more or fill out an application scan the QR code, visit our website at <https://www.chmccook.org/programs/patient-and-family-advisory-council/>, or call Diane Gumaer, Community Hospital Patient Experience Specialist at 308-344-8292.



Community Outreach & Engagement Highlights

This fall and winter, Community Hospital continued to connect with the community through education, service, and celebration. Healthy Connections featured engaging monthly programs, including a Cancer Center update with Buddy Goodenkauf, an interactive look at what happens when you call 911 led by Julie Wilhelmson, RN, BSN, and McCook Fire Chief Marc Harpham,

and a festive Holiday Social enjoyed by more than 60 participants.

Outreach efforts also included Ladies Night Out for Breast Cancer Awareness, which welcomed more than 200 attendees for education, tours, and local shopping; safety education for youth through the Bison Kids Club; support for the Southwest Nebraska Big Give; and employee-led

initiatives such as the Giving Tree and Christmas Light Parade. Community Hospital also hosted tours of the new ROOTS building and celebrated progress in population health through the Inclusive Playground ribbon cutting and continued collaboration across the Health, Education, Economic Vitality, and Family pillars of McCook on the Move.

Low Dose Lung Cancer

SCREENING

For our community. For your future. Early screening matters.



Are you a current or past smoker?

Scan the QR Code or visit lung.org and take the quiz called **'Saved by the Scan'** to determine your eligibility for screening.

What are the symptoms of lung cancer?

- Coughing that gets worse or does not go away
- Chest pain, back or shoulder pain that gets worse
- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing
- Coughing up blood or rust colored spit
- Feeling very tired or weak all the time
- Weight loss with no known cause

Think screening isn't for you?

Are you having concerns about your lung health even though you have never smoked? Speak with your healthcare provider as you may still qualify for a screening.

Low Dose Lung Cancer Screening

appointments available:

Monday – Friday | 7am to 5 pm

Community Hospital Imaging Services

If insurance is not available or you do not qualify for insurance coverage, appointments are available the **2nd Friday of each month for an out-of-pocket fee of \$215**, due at the time of service.

Provider Referral Required.

For more information, contact Imaging Services at 308.344.8288

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Community Hospital is preparing for an exciting period of growth with several major building projects designed to strengthen care today and well into the future. Together, these investments will improve reliability, expand access to care, and ensure our facilities meet the evolving needs of the region we serve.

A Central Utility Plant (CUP) expansion will modernize the behind-the-scenes infrastructure that powers the hospital, improving efficiency, reliability, and redundancy to support uninterrupted care across all services.



A new 11,000-square-foot Cancer Center will bring medical oncology, radiation oncology, and infusion services together in a purpose-built space, offering patients more privacy, comfort, and the ability to receive advanced cancer care close to home.



In addition, **a new 55,000-square-foot Primary Care Medical Office Building** will significantly expand access to family medicine, reduce wait times, support incoming physicians, and strengthen workforce development—while allowing existing clinic space to be repurposed for growing specialty services.

Community Hospital Board of Directors

Matt Nielsen – Chair **Kurt Vosburg** – Vice Chair **Michael Lord** – Secretary **Matt Davidson** – Treasurer
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Rebecca Wiemers, LCSW, LMHP, MPA, Ph.D.

Community Hospital Administration

Troy Bruntz – President & CEO **Lori Beeby** – Vice President Support Services and Chief Information Officer
Molly Herzberg – Vice President Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Officer
Karen Kliment Thompson – Vice President Clinic Operations **Leanne Miller** – Vice President HR and Ancillary Services
Sean Wolfe – Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

FOUNDATION NEWS

A Foundation For

GROWTH

A Message from the Executive Director

As Community Hospital looks to the future, exciting progress is taking place now to ensure our region continues to have access to high-quality healthcare close to home. The hospital is actively advancing plans for its next major building projects, and Community Hospital Health Foundation is proud to support this important work through philanthropy and community engagement. The projects currently moving forward include a new McCook Clinic and a Cancer Center expansion—both designed to respond to current demand and prepare for continued growth across our region.

SUPPORTING A NEW MCCOOK CLINIC

Community Hospital's McCook Clinic has already outgrown its current space, even before the addition of new providers. Today, the clinic is staffed by six physicians and six Advanced Practice Providers (APPs), including nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Patient demand has consistently exceeded the capacity of the existing facility.

This fall, three additional primary care physicians will join the Medical Staff, further increasing the need for expanded clinical space. To support both current demand and future growth—including plans to recruit additional APPs—Community Hospital plans to construct a new McCook Clinic on the west side of the patient wing. This project will provide modern, efficient space designed to support team based care and ensure timely access to primary care for years to come.

ADVANCING CANCER CARE CLOSE TO HOME

The Anderson Center for Radiation Oncology is currently located on the east side of Community Hospital, and plans are underway to expand the Cancer Center outward from this location. This expansion will allow medical oncology, radiation oncology, and outpatient infusion services to be more closely aligned and centralized.

By building from the Anderson Center outward, Community Hospital aims to improve care coordination, enhance operational efficiency, and elevate the overall patient experience—making cancer care more seamless, compassionate, and accessible for patients and families. As part of this expansion, the project will also include replacing the hospital's current linear accelerator—the primary piece of equipment used in radiation oncology—with a new, state of the art machine to support advanced radiation therapy close to home.

THE HEALTH FOUNDATION'S ROLE

Community Hospital Health Foundation is honored to support these projects by securing philanthropic investment to help bring Community Hospital's vision to life. If your passion includes cancer care, rural obstetric services, family practice, or geriatric care, your generosity can play a meaningful role in shaping the future of healthcare in our region. Naming opportunities will be available for those who wish to make a lasting impact.

We warmly invite you to contact the Community Hospital Health Foundation to learn more about these projects, explore upcoming naming opportunities, and discover how your support can help shape the future of healthcare close to home. Please stay tuned for more information as planning continues.



Jessica Bortner

Jessica Bortner
Executive Director
Community Hospital Health Foundation



Rocking for a Cause: 2025 Concert for Healthcare Raises Nearly \$30,000

On Saturday, October 11, Kiplinger Arena was filled with classic rock, high energy performances, and community pride as Community Hospital Health Foundation hosted the 2025 Concert for Healthcare, featuring the powerhouse supergroup Legends of Classic Rock. The event brought together music lovers from across the region for an unforgettable night while raising nearly \$30,000 in support of local healthcare initiatives.

Legends of Classic Rock delivered a crowd pleasing performance packed with iconic hits from the glory days of rock and roll. Featuring musicians who have toured and recorded with legendary bands such as Great White, White Lion, Quiet Riot, Whitesnake, and more, the group had the arena singing along to fan favorites and embracing the electric atmosphere.

“This concert is about more than great music,” said Jessica Bortner, Executive Director of the Community Hospital Health Foundation. “It’s about bringing our community together in support of healthcare close to home. We’re incredibly grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered, and sponsored this event.”

Thanks to the generosity of our community, proceeds from the 2025 Concert for Healthcare were dedicated to cancer care—helping patients and families access compassionate, high quality treatment close to home.

The Health Foundation extends its sincere thanks to the performers, sponsors, volunteers, and community members who helped make the 2025 Concert for Healthcare a success—and looks forward to building on this momentum in the years ahead.



SAVE THE DATE
October 17, 2026

Community Hospital Pro-Am at Heritage Hills Returns for 37th Annual Event

The Community Hospital Pro-Am at Heritage Hills returns for its 37th year on Friday, June 5, 2026, and momentum continues to build around this premier community event. Last year’s tournament was one of our most successful yet—teams filled quickly, participation was nearly at capacity, and together we raised more funds than ever before in support of Community Hospital Health Foundation.

Participants can once again enjoy a Shamble format, offering a fun and competitive experience for golfers of all skill levels. The day will wrap up with the always-anticipated Ron Coleman Memorial HorseRace, adding

excitement for both players and spectators.

With growing interest each year, team spots and sponsorship opportunities are expected to fill quickly. Early commitments ensure participation while supporting vital programs and services that benefit patients and families across our region.

Whether you’re forming a team, returning as a sponsor, or joining us for the first time, this is an opportunity to be part of an event that combines great golf, strong community support, and an important mission.



Register your team or explore sponsorship opportunities today by visiting the Health Foundation’s website or contacting our office directly.

Health Foundation Distributions

During the current fiscal year (July 2025–January 2026), Community Hospital Health Foundation has distributed **\$68,291.21** in support of Community Hospital’s mission.

These funds—made possible through the generosity of employees and community donors—help support patient care, equipment, and hospital services. In some cases, the Health Foundation partners with Community Hospital to share the cost of equipment purchases, maximizing the impact of donor dollars. *Below is a general summary of the larger grants awarded.*

Equipment

\$33,945

New equipment and technology advancements.

Secondary Education Scholarships and Education Assistance

\$16,000

Scholarships to train current and future healthcare providers

Community Care Funds

\$10,218

Imperative services for our patients and healthcare team

Patient & Staff Informational Resources

\$6,066

Reference materials and continuing education

Community Hospital Healthcare Team Give Time, Talent, and Treasure

Giving from the Heart: Employees Invest in Care Close to Home

188 employees participated through payroll commitments and one-time gifts, raising nearly **\$60,000** in support of patients, colleagues, and care teams across the hospital during the 2025 Heart of Giving Employee Appeal.

Funds raised through the Heart of Giving campaign support a wide range of needs, including patient assistance, lifesaving medical equipment, continuing education, and emergency support for patients and employees facing unexpected hardships.

Investing In Future Caregivers: Collaborative Support for Nurse Aide Tuition

Community Hospital Health Foundation, Community Hospital, McCook Community Foundation Fund, and McCook College Foundation continue to work collaboratively to support nurse aide tuition for classes held at McCook Community College. This long-standing partnership helps reduce financial barriers for individuals pursuing nurse aide certification and responds to a current workforce shortage of nurse aides in our area, strengthening the local caregiving pipeline.

In addition, Community Hospital Health Foundation supports healthcare education broadly through scholarships and educational work-forgiveness programs for students in a wide range of accredited healthcare programs. During the past year, this support included students pursuing careers in nursing,

radiology, pharmacy, mental health, and other healthcare fields, with \$15,500 awarded in scholarships and educational assistance.

These programs prioritize students enrolled in accredited healthcare programs who plan to return to the region after graduation—many of whom go on to work at Community Hospital, helping ensure high-quality care remains available close to home.



APPLICATION DEADLINES
March 15 & September 15

For more information, contact the Health Foundation directly or visit the website at chmccook.org/Foundation.

We gratefully recognize the Community Partners who supported our mission in the past year

Community Hospital invites local businesses to become Community Partners and join our shared mission to promote health and wellness across the region. Through support of our signature fundraising events—the Community Hospital Pro Am and Concert for Healthcare—business partners play a vital role in strengthening healthcare services in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas.

Community Partner support helps bring quality entertainment and engagement opportunities to our area while raising critical awareness and funds to advance local healthcare initiatives.

2026 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CATALYST:

MNB Bank
MNB Insurance
Sampson Construction
Strategic Design

INNOVATOR:

First Central Bank
Golight, Inc.

McCook Family Medicine, PC
Pinnacle Bank
Wagner Auto Group

TRAILBLAZER:

Eide Bailly
Emergent Architecture
Herrmann-Jones Funeral Home
High Plains Radio

In return, Community Partners receive exclusive event recognition and access to valuable workplace wellness benefits. These may include participation in health fairs, discounted lab draws, wellness presentations (such as nutrition, exercise, stress management, and ergonomics), and specialized staff trainings including CPR and fire extinguisher safety.

Businesses interested in learning more about the Community Partner Program are encouraged to contact Community Hospital Health Foundation at 308.344.7222.

PIONEER:

Acme Printing Company
LifeNet
Cobblestone Hotel & Suites
Holiday Inn Express
Idea Bank Marketing
The Olson Group
W Design Associates, Inc.



Linda Graff



Nichole Hartzler



Bruce McDowell

Board of Directors Leadership Update

Community Hospital Health Foundation Welcomes Two New Board Members

Community Hospital Health Foundation is pleased to welcome Linda Graff to its Board of Directors. Linda is a retired radiology technologist who dedicated many years of service to Community Hospital before retiring in March 2021. With extensive healthcare experience and a strong commitment to community involvement through local events and nonprofit organizations, Linda brings a valuable perspective and insight to the Foundation's leadership.

Linda joins current board members Michal Swanson, Jim Hall, Cathy Kenny, Shari Lewis, Matt Tiller, and Troy Bruntz, President and CEO of Community Hospital, who serves as a standing member of the Health Foundation Board. In addition, Karen Craw and Matt Nielsen will continue representing Community Hospital's Board of Directors on the Foundation Board for another one-year term.

The Foundation also welcomes Nichole Hartzler, Administrator of McCook Family Medicine, PC, who joins as an ex-officio member of the Community Hospital Board and will also serve as an active

member of the Health Foundation Board. Nichole will serve a one-year term, stepping into the role previously held by Ashley Vontz.

As we welcome new members, we also extend our sincere appreciation to Bruce McDowell, whose service concluded at the end of December after completing two consecutive three-year terms. Since joining in January 2020, Bruce provided thoughtful guidance and steady support for the Foundation's mission.

"We are deeply grateful to Bruce for his years of dedicated service and leadership," said Jessica Bortner, Executive Director. "Bruce has a way of keeping things moving—always engaged, always encouraging others, and always focused on what's next. His steady steps have helped move our mission forward."

We appreciate Bruce's contributions and look forward to the positive impact Linda Graff and Nichole Hartzler will bring as they begin their service.

Honoring Loved Ones Through Memorial Giving

Community Hospital recently transitioned its Home Health and Hospice service line to Angels Care Home Health and Angels Care Hospice, a provider nationally recognized for its expertise in home health and hospice services. While ownership of this service line has changed, Community Hospital continues to work closely with Angels Care to support patients, families, and care coordination across our region—ensuring continued access to compassionate, high quality care close to home.

As a result of this transition, Community Hospital Health Foundation is no longer accepting philanthropic

gifts designated for home health or hospice services. The Health Foundation continues to support inpatient hospice services provided at Community Hospital; however, there are currently minimal philanthropic needs in this area. This allows donor support to be thoughtfully directed toward other areas of greatest impact in patient care today and into the future. If you have questions about current giving priorities, the Community Hospital Health Foundation team is always happy to help.

Many families choose to honor loved ones through memorial gifts in gratitude for the care they received. Community Hospital Health Foundation



is honored to accept memorials that support the hospital, providers, and care teams who walked alongside patients and families throughout their healthcare journey. Memorial gifts help ensure high quality care and vital services remain available for our community—now and for generations to come.

Support the Future of Healthcare

It's simple to make a donation:



Mobile Access: Scan the QR code

Online: chmccook.org/about/foundation/ways-give

Email: jbortner@chmccook.org

Call: 308-344-7222

Designate your gift to the following areas:

- Greatest Need (Undesignated)
- Equipment
- Cancer Services
- Scholarships
- Endowment
- Other

We also accept gifts of commodities. Contact the Health Foundation for more information.

Community Hospital Health Foundation Board Members & Staff:

Michal Swanson – *Chair*

Jim Hall – *Vice Chair*

Cathy Kenny – *Secretary*

Matt Tiller – *Treasurer*

Troy Bruntz

Karen Crow

Linda Graff

Nichole Hartzler

Shari Lewis

Matt Nielsen



Jessica Bortner
Executive Director

HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS

VISIONARY – \$500,000 and up

Lemoine 'Andy' and Geraldine Anderson
James Maurice Lee Estate
Frank Murray Estate
Myatt & Genevieve Volentine Foundation

LEADER – \$250,000 to \$499,999

Ethel Armour Barnett Estate
Dorothy Chambers Estate
Community Hospital
Joe and Alice Edwards
Orvil Gray Estate
MNB Bank
Charles and Irene Rees Estate
Sunderland Foundation
Norman and Sharon Timmerman
Willard W. and Mildred H. Troutwine
Kathryn Wall Estate

PACSETTER – \$100,000 to \$249,999

AmFirst Bank
Graff Charitable Foundation
Ona Hartman Estate
Jim and Cathy Kenny
Ellen 'Anne' Morse Estate
Catherine Rose Estate
Mollie Schafer Estate
Myrle L. & W.K. Swanson Estate
Lester Walker Fund

BUILDER – \$50,000 to \$99,999

Genevieve Armstrong Campbell Memorial
Burlington Northern Santa Fe
Oren and Eleanor Carter
Community Hospital Auxiliary
Marcia Earnest Estate
First Central Bank
First National Bank
Golight, Inc.
LoRene Jennings Estate
Kitty Perkins Foundation
Diane Kugler
Russel D. Kugler
Lifetime Eyecare
McCook Clinic, P.C.
McCook Community Foundation Fund
McCook Masonic Bodies
Parker
Richard Racine Estate
Southwest Nebraska Physical Therapy
Jim and Jaime Ulrich
Sean and Becky Wolfe

FOUNDER – \$25,000 to \$49,999

Evelyn Adams Estate
Armstrong McDonald Foundation
Berndt Family Trust
Gary and Donna Bieganski
Donald and Marilyn Brandt
Troy and Tammie Bruntz
BryanLGH Foundation
Michael E. and Cathy Carr
Sharon and Stephen Conroy
Dennis and Mary Fargen

Garrison's for Men & McCook Lettering
Mabel Gerlach Estate
Jerry and Diane Gohl
Pete and Dolores Graff and Thomas Family
Mark and Linda Graff
Heartland Cattle Company
Kinman-Oldfield Family Foundation
Kenneth and Elaine Kolbet
Harold and Marion Larmon
Jim and Shari Lewis
McCook Daily Gazette
Larry McNutt Estate
MNB Insurance
Maude Neubauer Estate
Nick and Hanah Nothnagel
Pinnacle Bank
Leslie Schmidt and Family,
In Memory of Nancy Schmidt
Seim Johnson, LLP
Dr. Mark and Mary Jo Serbousek
Dr. Leann Serbousek
Allen Strunk
The Olson Group
Wagner Auto Group
Dr. Wayne and Lori Watkins
Wells Fargo Bank, McCook

PATRON – \$10,000 to \$24,999

AKRS Equipment
Helen Allen
Michael Anderson
John Batty, M.D.
Jerry and Cheri Beckenhauer
Chase and Lori Beeby and Family
Belville-Vondrak Eye Care and Surgery
Bison Dental
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2nd Friday of every Month

Caring Coffee
Prairie View A meeting room
10:00 am

April 24

Brake for Breakfast
McCook Christian Church
Parking Lot

Week of April 27

Nurses Week

Week of May 11

Hospital Week

May 21

Third Thursday:
Healing Happens HERE
4pm-8pm
Norris Alley - Downtown McCook

June 5

Community Hospital Pro-Am
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July 25

Pink Out Rodeo
Kiplinger Arena | McCook

October 17

Concert of Healthcare
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November 5

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