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High-Quality, Compassionate Healthcare Close to Home

Update from WMH Foundation

The WMH Foundation is grateful for the generous donations received from our community over this 2017 calendar year. With your generous contributions, we were able to make several improvements in our hometown hospital. Some of those improvements included an upgraded patient hospital room, additional cabinet storage in the emergency room, and heart monitor equipment.

Funding for these projects generated from our Gala event, golf tournament, and pancake feed as well as private donations and memorials. As we look into a new year, we are excited to partner with the WMH Auxiliary in upgrading a second patient room. During this time of great need, we ask for your assistance in helping fund the hospital generator project. You can make a difference in sustaining such a large project which makes an even larger impact on our facility and community. All contributions of any size are greatly appreciated and allow us to continue to provide high quality, compassionate healthcare close to home. To make a contribution, please visit our website at friendmed.org/about/foundation.

In addition, the WMH Foundation is requesting the community's assistance in volunteering and joining our membership board. The next meeting will be held on January 8th at 5:30pm in the Hospital Conference Room.



Pain Clinic Coming Soon to FCHS

Friend Community Healthcare System is excited to announce our new partnership with Dr. Liane Donovan and Dr. John Massey with MD Pain. This specialty clinic will offer the full spectrum of pain care and will be available to see patients once a week at Zimmer Medical Clinic.

Look for more information coming soon regarding start date.

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URGENT UPDATE!

Hospital in Need of Generator/Electrical Work

A site survey was done by Nebraska DHHS and as part of the survey the fire marshal was here to inspect the building and found numerous code violations with the electrical system and generator within the building due to the age of the equipment. As we made it known in the community meeting earlier this year, **all work must be completed by January 2019 or CMS/Fire Marshal will shut the hospital down.**

Some work has been done on this project. A new transfer switch was installed over the summer and a new permanent generator has been ordered and will be placed in the coming months, but there is still work that needs to be completed and the cost impact is extraordinary, totaling approximately **\$565,000.00**

THE HOSPITAL WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE IF THIS WORK IS NOT COMPLETED!

Please support your local healthcare system! Patient visits are what pays the bills and allows us to continue operating in all circumstances. In current state, the hospital will not be able to fund this project. We have been able to fund the work completed thus far by using funds available from the District but currently are unable to move forward.

We know this community values its local hospital and without additional support help it will be taken from us. Make your appointment today to visit a provider, request lab, x-ray and other ancillary services be performed at Friend Community Healthcare System, and recover at HOME.

Thank you for your continued support! Please contact the FCHS Business Office or the WMH Foundation for information regarding a tax-deductible donation that can be used to help resolve this situation and keep healthcare in this community.

-FCHS Board of Directors



FCHS Employee Receives "The Caring Kind" Award



The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) recognized 66 hospital employees October 27, 2017, for their excellence in service by bestowing them with the organization's prestigious "The Caring Kind" award. Among the awarded was John Babula of Friend Community Healthcare System.

For 38 years, "The Caring Kind" award has been given to Nebraska's most caring and compassionate hospital employees. The award honors outstanding health care employees who have demonstrated compassion for patients, cooperation with co-workers and dedication to excellence in their job responsibilities.

John Babula (JB) was nominated by Chad Thompson, President & CEO of FCHS, for this significant award. "JB is always there to lend a helping hand," said Chad Thompson. "As the maintenance assistant, he is the first call when something breaks or goes wrong. When the panic from others is obvious, JB is the first to remain positive and assure others that there will be a fix in place. Whether it's the late winter snow/ice storm in the middle of the night and sidewalks need to be cleared for change of shift, or a patient room toilet is overflowing, JB always greets others with a friendly smile no matter what is being asked of him. He will stop into my office just to see if there is anything I need or ask how I'm doing."

Congratulations to John Babula for receiving this outstanding award!

Welcoming Ana Taylor, FNP-C



FCHS is proud to introduce our newest provider, Ana Taylor, Family Nurse Practitioner.

Originally from a small rural town in Iowa, Ana grew up helping on the farm with cattle, crops, hauling hay, making fence and driving around in tractors. She attended Union College in Lincoln for her undergraduate degree in nursing and completed her Masters of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner, from Clarkson College in Omaha. She enjoys taking the time to

get to know her patients as a person and working together to reach their healthcare goals.

As a board-certified family nurse practitioner, Ana is able to diagnose and treat any illness or injury while focusing on prevention, wellness and education. She has a strong passion for geriatrics, community health and preventative medicine.

Ana is available to see patients at Zimmer Medical Clinic, as well as admit and treat patients within the hospital and emergency room. To schedule an appointment with Ana, please call Zimmer Medical Clinic at 402.947.2541. Please help us welcome Ana to the community!

Wellness Wednesdays 2018

Friend Community Healthcare System will continue to host "Wellness Wednesdays" in 2018, offering reduced-cost lab work each quarter. Health insurance information will not be collected and no claims will be sent to insurance for processing. Payment is due at the time of service.

6:00 am - 4:30 pm in FCHS Laboratory

**Wednesday, June 20th
Wednesday, September 19th
Wednesday, December 19th**

Laboratory Tests Offered:

Health Screening Profile - \$35.00
(Includes CMP, Hemogram, Lipid Panel, TSH)

PSA (Prostate) - \$25.00
HA1C (Diabetes) - \$20.00
FT4 (Thyroid) - \$20.00

To schedule an appointment or for any questions, please call our laboratory at 402.947.2541. Walk-in appointments are accepted.

A screenshot of the Friend Community Healthcare System website. The header includes the logo, phone number (402.947.2541), and navigation links for About, Services, Providers, Patients & Visitors, and Contact. The main banner features two smiling women and the word "Compassion" in large blue letters, with the tagline "Caring for every patient." below it. Below the banner is the heading "FCHS Launches New Website" and a paragraph of text describing the new website's focus on patient education and information. At the bottom, it says "Visit www.friendmed.org to check out the new and improved website!"

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 Health Fair

Saturday, March 24th | 7-11 am | Friend Community Building
Visit our website for more information coming soon!

WMH Foundation Updates Hospital Patient Room

Last January, the WMH Foundation hosted their first-ever Gala, raising over \$15,000 to go towards updating a hospital patient room. After months of hard work and renovation, the updated hospital room is now available for patient use.

The upgrades include new flooring, cabinetry, furniture, lighting, hospital bed and artwork. This room is primarily used for observation and short-stay patients and is located across the hall from the hospital nurses station.

"FCHS is very appreciative of all donations received for this hospital room update," said Chad Thompson, President & CEO. "These rooms have been untouched since the 1970s, and the update allows us to stay competitive with surrounding hospitals as well as provide the best possible care for our patients."

Friend Community Healthcare System and the WMH Foundation would like to thank all donors who made this project happen. With your contributions, we are able to keep our community hospital viable. If you are interested in making a donation to help with hospital updates, please visit www.friendmed.org/about/foundation for more information.

