The Cornerstone

Fall 2018

Tree of Lights

Imagine riding a horse like you did as a child, hopping on your bicycle to get to school, or driving your Model A Ford to the neighbor's barn dance.

Well, no imagination needed for Regina residents with the new virtual reality program that will be purchased with proceeds from this year's Tree of Lights. Residents will simply put the virtual goggles on, and the program puts them back in the saddle! What an incredible feeling to go back in time and experience treasured activities from years ago!

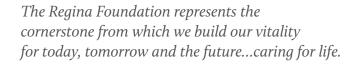
The "smart glasses" also work together, so a group of people can hike up Macchu Picchu together or go on a walking tour of Paris. New experiences can spark old memories and new friendships.

"Virtual reality is decreasing agitation, frustration, anxiety and depression and increasing engagement and happiness," says Dr. Neal Buddensiek, medical director of Regina's Care Center.

The Tree of Lights campaign is a unique and heart-warming way to remember family and friends. The lights on the 14-foot balsam shine for all visitors and passers-by during the holiday season. Its blue, red, green and gold light bulbs symbolize gifts made by donors in memory or in honor of a loved one.

If you donate \$25 or more to Tree of Lights, you will receive a keepsake Christmas ornament as a thank you gift. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Tree of Lights Blessing and Lighting Ceremony on Monday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in Regina's Chapel Lobby. The Tree will remain lit until Jan. 7.







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We'd like to provide you with occasional updates throughout the year; please contact us if you'd like to be added or removed from our email or mailing list.

Contact us at: Regina Foundation at 651-404-1104 or email maria.reis@allina.com

"Let us work together to make this a community of justice, peace, and love."

- Sister Tabitha



Brandi Poellinger

This is one of many quotes that adorn the walls throughout our campus. They are quiet reminders that if we want to accomplish great things, we must work together. The Regina Foundation is blessed to have more than sixty employees and community members who come together, in like mission and values, to serve on our various committees, including:

- **Great Rivers Society** (Brian LaCroix, Chair) recognizes the most distinguished benefactors, who pledge \$5,000 or more over a five year period.
- Annual Support (Mark Zuzek, Chair) focuses on annual gifts between \$50 \$999 that introduce donors to the power of philanthropy
- Community Relations (Joe Harris, Chair) collaborates with our medical staff and community partners to plan health-related educational sessions and community forums
- Spirit of Regina (Lynda Holzemer, Chair) encourages our employees to financially support specific programs and projects that enhance the care of our patients and residents
- Planned Giving (Tony Bolstorff, Chair) educates potential donors on a variety of giving options including will bequests, life insurance, life income gift annuities, and charitable remainder trusts.

Thank you for everything you do – attend a seminar, serve on a committee, make a contribution, recommend Regina Hospital/Senior Living to a friend or family member – to ensure that the tradition of health care excellence that the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy began more than sixty years ago remains alive and well throughout our campus. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Regina Foundation.

Merry Christmas!

Brandi Poellinger

Director of Community Engagement & Philanthropy





Community Relations

The Regina Foundation teamed up with Dakota County Attorney General's office to bring the "Top Secret Project" to Hastings. Presenter Ann Lindberg-Borgen, BA, LADC, District #197 Chemical Health Coordinator, spoke about a unique exhibit designed to help parents recognize unfamiliar hazards that are often in plain sight. Using a simulated teenager's bedroom, the interactive exhibit includes hundreds of items that when seen through an educated lens, could be a signal that there's a problem.





Dane Jorento, MSW, LICSW Allina Mental Health Therapist

On November 5, Dane Jorento, Allina Mental Health Therapist, talked about learning challenges for children (and adults). He discussed a holistic approach about how brain functioning impacts learning, as well as how feelings and thoughts impact behavior differently. He covered tips for parent, teacher and student empowerment and how to improve the learning process. He also redefined ADHD to increase understanding and behavior management.

Annual Support

The Regina Foundation would like to introduce the Annual Giving Committee:

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Thank you for graciously donating your time and energy to help raise awareness of the mission of the Regina Foundation! The Annual Giving Committee will work together to encourage annual donations of \$50 - \$999. 100% of all donations benefit the patients and residents of Regina Hospital and Regina Senior Living.

Planned Giving Committee

As a community who values having high quality, local health care, we have the power to strengthen and expand the services available in Hastings for generations to come. There are numerous ways to support the Regina Foundation, but if you are looking to leave a legacy, please consider a planned gift. All the material things we've worked for—personal property, assets like retirement funds and insurance policies—are tools of charitable gift planning, tools that allow you to express your beliefs and values. Planned gifts can also provide you with valuable tax benefits, and even an additional source of income for life.

Over the next year, the Planning Giving Committee will host education seminars on a variety of topics including: charitable gift planning, retirement planning, saving for college, estate planning, the importance of a will, and advanced directives.

If you would like to learn more, please contact the Regina Foundation office.



The Regina Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the viability of health care in our community. Our work enhances the health care services and medical technology available in Hastings and the surrounding area. Gifts may be designated for a specific purpose or used by Regina for the areas of most need in senior living and the hospital. All gifts are gratefully received and acknowledged by the Regina Foundation. For more information, call the Foundation office at 651-404-1104.

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The Regina Foundation recognized these Great Rivers Sociey members with a customary watercolor print: Mark and Christina Pieper-Bigelow, Cindy Early, Donna and Rick Rother, Armin and Cindy Hoffmann.



Don and Mary Ellen Olson, Jr.

Great Rivers Society

September is the perfect time of year to visit an apple orchard, and we were blessed once again to gather at Whistling Well Farm on September 25. The Great Rivers Society members and guests enjoyed a casual evening, ending with a delicious variety of freshly baked apple pies. We enjoyed recognizing some of our newer members.

Great Rivers Society has been established to recognize and honor the most distinguished benefactors of the Regina Foundation. Membership is extended to individuals who make a commitment to Regina Foundation of \$5,000 or more over a five-year period. All donations stay local and are used to fund projects at Regina Hospital and Regina Senior Living.

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Spirit of Regina

The employee giving group, Spirit of Regina, recognized 2018 participants at a June indoor picnic. The theme this year is "Regina Round Up," and we kicked off the event with a menu of pulled pork and turkey, calico beans, with apple strudel dessert! September 24 started Spirit Week with all kinds of "Round Up" activities to raise funds for 2019. Projects are chosen by Regina employees and include:

- 1. Maintain the Employee Emergency Fund so we can continue to help our coworkers in crisis. We have assisted four of our Regina family members so far in 2018.
- 2. Virtual Reality Kit provides training for individuals who work within the aging services area or department. This education tool encompasses many situations that the elderly face; especially those with dementia. This equipment allows the health care team to step into the perspective of the patient and is a great tool for senior living and hospital staff, family members and even community members like police and firefighters.
- **3. New recliner chairs** in the Pauline Community will add to the comfort and safety of our residents.
- **4.** A baby changing station in the surgical waiting room will help keep family close, so they don't miss important updates about their loved one's progress.
- **5. Charging stations** installed in the surgical and emergency waiting rooms, so family and friends can keep their electronic devices up and running.

Spirit of Regina committee member, Melissa Lundberg, serves up some apple strudel at the Regina Round Up recognition picnic last summer.





Wow! We had a golfer make a hole-in-one! Lynda Holzemer, also the Regina Classic tournament director, made her second ever hole-in-one and won a set of "Smart Clubs." Valley Pontiac-Buick-GMC of Hastings provides prizes like this for our tournament, including a car on Hole 9. Congratulations, Lynda!



It was a beautiful, sunny day for Regina Classic golfers on September 10. Over 160 golfers and volunteers enjoyed golf, raffles, silent auction, great food and comaraderie all day.

Thanks to our sponsors, donors and volunteers, more than \$36,000 was raised at the tournament. Proceeds will support an aromatherapy program for our residents in Regina Senior Living. This program is specifically designed for seniors and addresses pain, anxiety and behavior-related symptoms. Funds will also be used to upgrade the Regina Senior Living therapy kitchen. The "mock" kitchen will be upgraded with working appliances so residents have real-life experience with cooking, using the dishwasher, doing laundry, etc. Creating a more functional setting to duplicate what patients encounter at home is a significant advantage for them.

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Getting a mammogram is not exactly the highlight of the year for most women age 40+, but Regina Foundation is helping to make the annual screening a little more pleasant. During the spa-like evening, women can enjoy massage, hand treatments, snacks – and, of course, a mammogram.

For upcoming dates and to sign up for the party, call **651-404-1004**.

Regina Foundation Projects

Two of the many projects that the Regina Foundation supported this past year include the purchase of four new tubs for the spa areas in Regina Senior Living. These replaced non-operational tubs and enhances efficiency and comfort for our residents. We also upgraded the call light system in the nursing home which improves the safety for our residents, communication between staff, allows special alerts, and provides data reports used for training and improving care.

