



Valley County
Health System
Foundation

Celebrating 20 Years

By Becky Ries

After 20 years of serving Valley County Health System, the Foundation is showing no signs of slowing down their support.

The first meeting of the Hospital Foundation was held on September 19, 1990. At that meeting, Don Reznicek was elected as the Chairman of the Board, Alice Rogers as Vice-Chairman, Barb Weems as President and Bill Welch as Secretary/Treasurer. Those serving on the original board also included: James A. Bodyfield, Alfred Burson, Dr. William A. Gogan, Thomas O Martin, M.D., R. Dale Melia, Robert Moyer, Fr. James D. O'Kane, Chris Sheldon, Lyle L. Sintek and Robert D. Stowell.

The Foundation's purpose has remained the same since its inception, which is to seek, receive, and administer donations and gifts for the sole benefit of Valley County Health System.

The success of the foundation is entirely attributed to the residents,

businesses and all those who have graciously donated throughout the past twenty years. "We have the most loyal supporters, who realize the importance of supporting our health care system," reports Becky Ries, Foundation Administrator. "I am continually amazed at how very giving this community is and we (the Foundation) feel blessed to have such generous donors."

Over the years many milestones have taken place and a few of those include:

- 19 years of an annual "Ball/Gala". The first Hospital Ball was in March of 1991 at the Ord Elk's Club. The first ball raised \$3,200 and in recent years has raised \$20-25,000 at the Annual Gala.
- 12 years of an annual Golf Tournament.
- Dale Stine Memorial Fund established in 1993. This is used for physician recruitment and the Stine Loan program for medical students. The Stine loan offers interest free loans to students if they return home to practice.

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The Donations of Life Insurance

Our Mission

The Valley County Health System Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization. Our mission is to seek, receive and administer donations and gifts for the sole benefit of Valley County Health System. Our number one priority is enhancing and sustaining high-quality healthcare in Central Nebraska.

Your help.

Your donations of time, cash and gifts help us fulfill our mission. Tax-deductible donations are used to make sure medical services are available technology is current and programs are in place to improve and maintain the health of area residents.

Making a difference.

Together, we can create healthy communities. Together, we can provide healthcare for you, your family and friends, your future.

Want to help?

Make a difference with your donation today. You can help ensure that quality healthcare and medical services are available now and in the future. Contact Becky Ries, Foundation Administrator, at 308.728.3011. Visit us online at ValleyCountyHealthSystem.org.

To make a gift of any kind to Valley County Health System Foundation is truly an act of generosity. To make a long-term gift, which is one derived from the work of a lifetime, is to make a commitment beyond measure.

Gifts of Life Insurance – A Way to Invest in your Hometown.

You may find that a Gift of Life Insurance is an easy and convenient way to make a gift of support to the Foundation. Since the death benefit may exceed any amount you can afford to donate during your lifetime, naming a charity as a beneficiary is the most effective and affordable way to make a generous charitable donation. You simply pay your monthly premiums and, upon your death, the full face value amount of your policy is contributed to that organization as a charitable gift.

Why Give Life Insurance?

- * Life insurance can be a “quiet” gift, as it is not a matter of public record.
- * Proceeds from a life insurance policy are paid promptly and do not become part of the probate process.
- * You can be assured that the gift of life insurance is certain and that your desire to support the organization of your choice is met.

So how do you make a Gift of Life Insurance?

#1 An Existing Policy

Do you currently have a policy that you purchased several years ago but the need for the coverage no longer exists? Instead of cashing that policy in for the cash value, you could consider contributing the policy for the benefit of the Foundation. By changing the ownership & beneficiary of the policy to the Foundation, you will receive a charitable income tax deduction. Also, if you were to make future annual gifts of the policy's premium, you will receive an additional charitable income tax deduction each year.

#2 By Beneficiary Designation

Perhaps your need for the life insurance coverage continues. Instead of making a gift of the policy, you could choose to designate the Foundation as a contingent beneficiary of the policy. Then the Foundation would receive the proceeds only if your other beneficiaries died before you.

You could also name the Foundation as the beneficiary of the portion of the policy's proceeds that are no longer needed.

The Donations of Life Insurance

#3 A New Policy

When you purchase a new policy and name the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary, the gift you make of the premiums become fully income tax deductible. Therefore, for pennies on the dollar you guarantee that the Foundation will receive a meaningful gift in the future.

We suggest that if you'd like more information about the possible tax advantages, and other benefits of naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your policy, that you contact your local insurance agent.

A Gift of Land

Did You Know that Gifts of Real Estate.....

- ~ Can Benefit Your Foundation
- ~ Are a Gift with Triple Tax Benefits!
- ~ Are a Gift that Makes Economic Sense!

Have you ever considered a charitable gift and thought about making that gift one of real estate? There are several special incentives that encourage this type of gift and they may include:

- The satisfaction of making a gift
- By-pass of capital gains taxes
- Current income tax deduction
- Lower insurance and maintenance costs
- Reduced management worries
- Reduced estate taxes and property taxes

So now you may ask, "What are some ways to gift real estate?"

Outright Gifts

A person can take an income tax deduction for 100% of the fair market value of real estate held for more than one year. In addition, the capital gains taxes due if the property had been sold are by-passed when the real estate is gifted. The outright gift of the property reduces your taxable estate.

The amount of income tax deduction that can be used in any one year is limited to 30% of adjusted gross income. Any excess deduction can be carried forward for up to five additional years. For example, if your adjusted gross income



Kids can't keep their secrets,

why should you?

Many of our donors have included Valley County Health System Foundation in their will or estate plans but haven't had the opportunity to tell us. If your plan includes a bequest to the Foundation, please let us in on your secret. Your commitment to the Foundation is an enduring gift and is vital to our future success in supporting VCHS.



Share your Secret

- I have included the Foundation in my will or estate plan.

To acknowledge your gift, we would like to list you in next year's Annual Report as a Legacy Donor.

- I wish to be listed as a Legacy Donor in the 2011 Annual Report.
- I wish to remain anonymous in the 2011 Annual Report.

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A Gift of Land

for the year is \$100,000, up to \$30,000 of an outright gift of real estate given to benefit your favorite charity is deducted this year. Any amount over \$30,000 may be carried forward for up to five additional years.

Gifts by Will

The most frequent way to make a gift of real estate is through your will. Your estate will receive a 100% charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the property with no limit on the amount.

Gift of Property While Retaining Income

A win-win situation when you no longer want to own real estate, desire lifetime income and want to make a gift to benefit your favorite charity is to set up a Charitable Remainder Trust. The ownership of the real estate is transferred to the trust. The trust then sells the real estate and reinvests the proceeds to provide an income. By setting up a trust you can:

- Gain the satisfaction of making a gift today that will benefit your favorite charity
- Increase your income for life
- Remove financial and personal burdens of property management
- Receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction
- By-pass capital gain taxes
- Reduce estate and settlement costs
- Provide tax-free growth of assets inside the trust

Gifts of real estate can be extremely beneficial and satisfying, but requires careful planning.

Harm made a gift of land from the family ranch along Lewis and Clark Lake during his lifetime to fund projects through the Bloomfield Community Foundation Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Because he donated the land, he did not have to pay capital gains tax on its appreciated value, and he received a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the donated land.

"This method of gifting works best with appreciated property," said his attorney, Steve Archbold of Bloomfield. "By using the tax laws to his advantage, Robert was able to make a tremendous gift to the community and, at the same time, help himself through a substantial income-tax deduction."

"My principal motivation for this gift was to honor my father and my uncle, Paul A. Tulleys," Harm said prior to his death. "I am the last Harm of my generation. I decided it was up to me to do this."

The Harm family moved to the gifted land along the Missouri River in 1933. It was the Depression, and "my father was broke and there was nothing in town for him, so somehow he made a down payment on a portion of what is now the ranch and started over," Harm said.

Through Harms gift he wanted other Nebraska residents and former residents to consider charitable gifts to the charitable organizations they support. "If you want to make a gift, the way this was handled is a good way to do it. The sale of my ranch and the legal expertise of my lawyer, made it possible," he said.

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GIVING BACK TO NEBRASKA

A life-long interest in Nebraska's early history and county fair activities led a former Bloomfield-area resident, the late Robert Harm of Richardson, Texas, to make generous gifts to two Bloomfield projects. His donations continued a long history of giving by Harm's family to the Knox County community.

Front Page Caption: 1994 Capital Campaign Committee.

Front row: Jean Moudry, Alice Rogers, Alfred Burson, Heloise Bresley, Dale Karre, Henry Flessner, Phyllis Clement
Back row: Jim Bodyfield, Don Reznicek, Rick Hamel, Ron Ross, Bob Stowell, Garry Miska, Barb Weems, Scott Smith

“RED HOT FUNDRAISING NIGHT” FOR HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



The night of Saturday, January 9th, was filled with generous people and lots of giggles, as the annual Valley County Health System Foundation Gala was held at the Ord Veteran's Club. We were pleased to announce that this year's Gala raised \$20,000 for the benefit of Valley County Health System and that \$5,000 was placed into the endowment fund.

This year's theme was "Denim & Diamonds", and Josh Zangger served as emcee for the evening. He was later joined by Ben Lansman ("Benshema") when the evening's entertainment began. Before the entertainment started, Steve Wolf of Wolf Auction and Real Estate auctioned off several live auction items to the large crowd of 250 plus.

This year's entertainment proved to be a hit, as the crowd watched the "Miss Red Hot Womanless Contest". The participants included Johnathan Tomjack, Rich McKenney, Neal Carson, Brent Bengston, Trent Proskocil, Roy Farrans, Jim Coover and Kerry Petska. This group of guys and the emcees went all out and had the crowd laughing non-stop. They started off by entering the ballroom to Chris Brown's "Forever". The contest included evening gown, talent, night wear and question competition. We were accompanied by three guest judges, Mike and Senator Kate Sullivan and Miss Nebraska, Belinda Wright. The night winners included, Rich McKenney (Miss Jackie Shakers) for Miss Congeniality, and Brent Bengston (Miss Libby Doe) was crowned winner.

Many nice items were offered on both the live and silent auctions and generous bids were received. The large raffle prize winners were Marilys Sears, Ord Medical Spa Package donated by Sarah Brinkman; Marie Mason, Benelli Nova Shotgun donated by Ag Pro Insurance/Steve Vech and Misko Sports; and, Jo Trofholz, \$500 Savings Bond from the Ericson State Bank.



The Foundation is very grateful to everyone who made this year's Gala a great success. We feel so blessed that this community is so giving and supportive and we truly appreciate each and every one of you, and look forward to another great Gala again in 2011.



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ANNUAL VCHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR JULY 2, 2010

The 12th Annual Valley County Health System Foundation Golf Tournament and Auction will be held at the Ord Golf Club and Ord Veteran's Club on Friday, July 2, 2010.

This annual event has helped raise thousands of dollars for the benefit of Valley County Health System. The event includes an enjoyable day on the course followed by appetizers, an auction and a raffle at the Veteran's Club in downtown Ord. The 2009 Golf Tournament involved the participation of 26 teams and netted a profit of \$23,000.

The tournament is a four-person scramble and begins with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. During the tournament, lunch will be served to the participants on the course.

The golf committee is once again considering holding a hole-in-one contest in conjunction with the tournament, so please watch for more details.



Following the tournament, players can cool down and relax in the air conditioned Veteran's Club and enjoy delicious appetizers.

The live auction and raffle will begin at approximately 4 p.m. and is open to the public. Please mark your calendars for July 2, 2010, and join us for this great fundraising tradition!

The generosity of the residents of this community and surrounding areas allow VCHS to provide quality healthcare, therefore, we are honored to invite you to participate in this event. Of the funds raised this year, \$5000 will again go to our endowment fund and the

remainder will be designated for the areas of greatest need at VCHS. However you choose to participate, please know that we appreciate your support. You can be assured your donation is going to a very worthy cause.

We can only accommodate the first 27 golf teams that register, so be sure to mail in your registration form and check as soon as possible to ensure your spot in the tournament.

For more information about the golf tournament and auction please contact Becky Ries at (308) 728-3011 or online - ValleyCountyHealthSystem.org



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- Donor Wall created by Harold Holoun entitled "Gifts of Sheltering Love" was unveiled in February of 1993 to display names of donors.
- Donations received over the years have come in different fashions, including: cash donations, in-kind donations, life insurance, stocks, real estate, naming of the Foundation in wills/estate plans, grants, etc.
- Funds transferred to the hospital over the years have exceeded \$785,000.00.
- A partnership with the Nebraska Community Foundation was formed in 2008 in order to establish an endowment fund and offer, as well as educate, donor's on different avenues of giving.

The Foundation's current board of directors is made up of: Phyllis Edwards-Chairperson, Roger Lansman-Vice Chair, Danielle Proskocil-President,

Diane Bundy-Vice President, and Becky Ries-Secretary/Treasurer. Ries also serves as the current Administrator. Board members include: Matt Alexander, Megan Cargill, Anne Clausen, Kay Novotny, Steve Kusek, Marilys Sears, Bill Keyser, Charles Zangger, Adam Kunz, Terry Cone, Dori Olson, and Catina Psota.

To show their thanks for the community's support and to celebrate the 20th Anniversary, Ries notes that the Foundation will host an open house in the new hospital sometime in fall of 2010. Additionally, a commemorative cookbook will be available when the new hospital opens, and be available for sale as a fundraiser. Please watch for more details on both of these events.

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past 20 years.

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Yes, I would like to offer my support to the Valley County Health System Foundation.

\$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other _____

For the benefit of: Area of Greatest Need Other _____

This gift is In honor of In memory of _____

Please make checks payable to Valley County Health System Foundation.

I have included Valley County Health System in my will. I would like to know about the Endowment Fund.

I prefer to use my credit card: Mastercard Visa Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____ Signature _____ Date: _____

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail (optional): _____

Please notify (name and address): _____

Please address your donation to: Valley County Health System Foundation, PO Box 321, Ord, NE, 68862.

The Valley County Health System Foundation respects your privacy. The information you provide will be used to keep you informed and up to date on activities, special events and funding needs of the Foundation.

If at any time you wish to be removed from our mailing list, contact us at 308-728-3011 or e-mail foundation@ValleyCountyHospital.org.

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ROGER LANSMAN

Roger Lansman has lived in Ord for the past 32 years, having moved here after graduating from high school and college in Ohio. "I cannot imagine a better place to pursue a career in agriculture and raise a family," Lansman said. "My wife, Vickie, and I have a blended family with five children and two daughters-in-law," he continued.

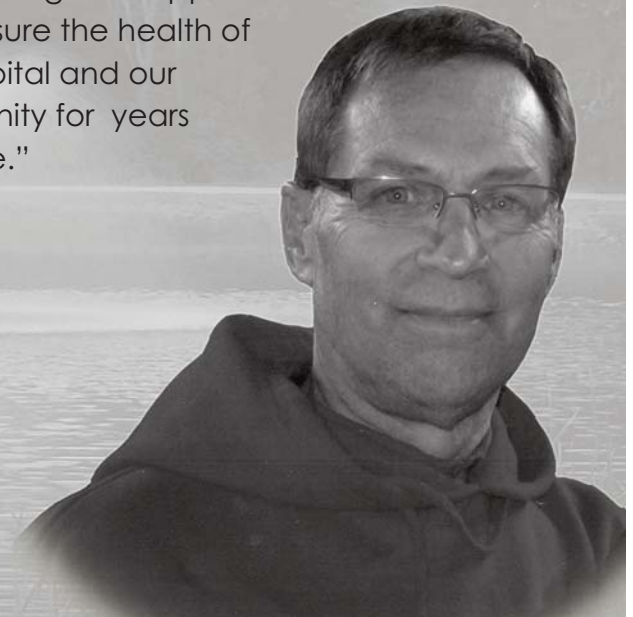
Lansman told of several experiences he and his family have had at Valley County Health System. These included a sleep study, stress tests and the birth of all his children. In March of 2009, he started rehab at VCHS after having shoulder surgery. Lansman stated, "The surgery and rehab were a success and I was fortunate

When asked why he has served on the VCHS Foundation Board for the past four years Lansman said, "I serve because I believe, from my own experience, that it is well worth the effort to keep a successful and competitive health facility in our community." He went on to finish by saying, "I would encourage everyone to continue to take advantage of all the services available at VCHS in order to promote your own health, and to please consider a gift of support to the Foundation to help ensure the health of our hospital and our community for years to come."

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- Roger Lansman

that I did not have to travel to Grand Island or Kearney for physical therapy."



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Becky Ries

You can and will make a difference when you choose to donate to the Valley County Health System Foundation. Your contribution will ensure that quality healthcare and medical services are available now and in the future.

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