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Giving Hearts Day

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Thursday, Feb. 8

Hospital beds. Recliners for the activities room. Ambulance equipment. Those are just a few of the items you can help purchase for Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center by giving from the heart during Giving Hearts Day Feb. 8.

You can help JMHCC's wishes come true on Giving Hearts Day. On Thursday, Feb. 8, the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation (JMHF) will participate in Giving Hearts Day, a 24-hour online fundraising event. Giving opened Jan. 2, so donations can

be scheduled now.

With your generosity, the JMHF hopes to raise funds during Giving Hearts Day to purchase much-needed items to fill JMHCC's "Wishes for 2024." Those items include:

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- A stair chair for the New Leipzig/Elgin Ambulance Service. Cost: \$4,790. The stair chair is a device that helps get people out of a house with stairs much easier for the patient and the responders.

- A RAD-57 EMS package for monitoring patients. Cost: \$4,324. The RAD-57 is used for the detection of carbon monoxide (CO) to prevent CO poisoning in our firefighters by checking them before they go back into a burning building. The RAD-57 detects CO, so they can be treated quickly.

- Ten adjustable patient beds. Cost: \$1,541 per bed. Older styles of hospital beds have not been updated for quite some time. More user-friendly beds are needed.

- A bathing system. Cost: \$26,221. This will replace the current bathing system, which is showing small cracks and needs to be updated.

- Ten recliners. Cost: \$1,000 each. Recliners need to be replaced in the activities room and patient rooms.

- 40 waterproof recliner covers. Cost: \$26 each. These covers will protect all the recliners in the activities

room and hospital rooms from spills.

- Repair to medical equipment. Cost: \$6,700. The wall-mounted aspirator needs parts to function correctly and is not working at this time. A portable aspirator is currently being used.

“JMHCC is a strong health care presence in the region and needs to update and add equipment to continue to provide the quality health care our patients have come to expect and deserve,” said CEO Scott Brooks. “As a critical access hospital, we regularly provide life-saving care. We hope our supporters can help us fill this needs list during Giving Hearts Day.”

Donors are encouraged to give a gift to cover the cost of an entire item or to donate toward the purchase of an item. Any funds received above the goal will be used for other needed equipment in the hospital and for the ambulance.

To make a secure contribution to the JMHF Giving Hearts Day, simply go to the online site now through Feb. 8 at www.givingheartsday.org. Click on the “DONATE” button on the top right. Then search for “Jacobson Me-

morial Hospital Foundation.”

Or visit the JMHCC website at www.jacobsonhospital.org and click on the “Donate to Giving Hearts Day” button, which will take you directly to the Giving Hearts Day JMHF site to donate.

You may also donate by sending a check dated Feb. 8 to: JMHF, P.O. Box 367, Elgin, ND 58533.

Donors may schedule their online gifts for Giving Hearts Day by going online anytime before Feb. 8!

All donations are tax-deductible. You will receive a receipt via email following your online donation.

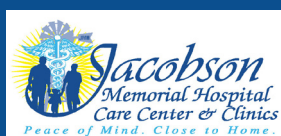
Donors are also encouraged to honor a loved one with a donation in their memory or to honor a parent or grandparent. Those who do not wish to participate in Giving Hearts Day, but who want to donate to this vital project, are welcome to send a check at any time to JMHF, with a note that the donation is for the “Wishes 2024” fundraising campaign.

If you have questions about donating, please contact CEO Scott Brooks at JMHCC at 584-2792. ■

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Welcome!

Welcome to Lifelines, a newsletter which is published by the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center and the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation, serving the region.

The mission of Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center:

Advance the health of the communities with respect and accountability, providing peace of mind close to home.

The vision of Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center:

Strive to be the community choice by providing excellent health care through continuous improvement.

The mission of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation:

Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation, in support of Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center, is to engage and foster health care philanthropy, and provide funds, support and programs to enhance continuous health care excellence for our region.

Giving Hearts Day

FEBRUARY
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Giving opened Jan. 2

Support Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center

Find Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation at

www.givingheartsdays.org

Donate to purchase an entire item or donate toward that item!



Wishes for 2024

♥ 1 Stair chair for ambulance...\$4,790

♥ 40 Waterproof recliner covers...\$26 each

♥ 1 Medical equipment repair...\$6,700

♥ 10 Adjustable patient beds...\$1,541 each

♥ 10 Recliners...\$1,000 each

♥ 1 Bathing system...\$26,221

♥ 1 RAD-57 EMS package for monitoring patient...\$4,324



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Questions? Contact JMHCC at 584-2792.




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Introducing
**Family Nurse Practitioner
 Trevor Stavig**

Primary care provider for all ages, with special interest in children's health, allergy and immunology, gastroenterology and addiction medicine
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"I really like seeing people feel better about themselves, whether it be for a routine physical or if you're coming in because you're sick. I want them to leave feeling better and knowing they received the best care I can possibly provide."



Introducing
**Physician Assistant
 Morris Duffy**

Elgin Community Clinic and ER provider
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Meet JMHCC's newest providers

Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JMHCC) welcomes five providers, with two new providers offering care in the Elgin Community Clinic and a contingency providing emergency room coverage. They join current providers Dr. Elizabeth Sundberg and Maria Aune who are primarily in Elgin, Rhonda Schmidt at the Glen Ullin Family Medical Clinic and Jolene Engelhart at the Richardton Clinic.

"We have been able to put together a strong team of providers who are dedicated to their profession and who will be great patient advocates," said JMHCC CEO Scott Brooks. "We are certain patients will find each of them has a passion for rural health care."

Family Nurse Practitioner Trevor Stavig and Physician Assistant Morris Duffy will be seeing patients in the Elgin Community Clinic, while Physician Assistant Kelsey Luce and Family Nurse Practitioner Deb Middleton will be seeing emergency room patients, with Physician Assistant Tim Quinn periodically seeing ER patients.

Trevor Stavig

Family Nurse Practitioner Trevor Stavig is bringing his experience to the Elgin Community Clinic as a provider.

Originally from Bismarck, Stavig obtained a nursing degree, then a doctorate degree to become a family nurse practitioner from the North Dakota State University College of Nursing in Bismarck in 2019.

Stavig knew he wanted a medical career stemming from his experiences with his younger brother, who has cerebral palsy.

"We made many, many, many trips to Minneapolis to a children's hospital there. And those nurses, what I saw them do, is something I really took to heart. They were like your best friend essentially. And that furthered me along when I was younger," Stavig said.

Family members who were nurses also guided him initially to that career.

"I had a lot of family who are actually nurses, and they led me into the nursing world where you could be very people centric. I worked primarily about four years in the intensive care unit as a nurse. I wanted to do more with that. I wanted to be the person you would go to if you had questions and who you could rely on as your provider. And I wanted to do more with my nursing degree and be the nurse practitioner and actually make those decisions with people. And so that brought me to be in the medical field," he said.

He has worked in the gastroenterology and allergy and immunology departments and most previously worked in addiction medicine in the Bismarck area.

He will be a primary care provider at the Elgin Community Clinic Monday through Thursday.

"I wanted to try to help out in the small medicine world and small-town life," he said. "It's really nice here. They have a lot of great assets and I like the fact that there's more than one clinic."

He looks forward to meeting patients in Elgin and getting to know each generation.

"I have always been a person who gets to know people and talks with them about their life. Now in this field, I will



Introducing Physician Assistant Kelsey Luce

ER provider
ER
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be seeing a lot of these people over and over and maybe their children and maybe their grandparents. And my goal is to be personable and get to know the whole person," he said.

"I really like seeing people feel better about themselves, whether it be for a routine physical or if you're coming in because you're sick. I want them to leave feeling better about who they are and knowing they received the best care I can possibly provide," he said.

He particularly likes working with those with allergies and in children's health care.

"I did a majority of my allergy work with asthma and I absolutely love that and I do enjoy working with kids," he said.

He and his wife, Alexis, has two children, who are 5 and 2.5 years old. The family likes traveling, hiking and sightseeing.

Morris Duffy

Physician Assistant Morris Duffy will be covering both the JMHCC emergency room and will be seeing patients at the Elgin Community Clinic.

A native of Hillsboro, he has both emergency room and primary care experience in Dickinson and Bismarck. He earned his degree as a physician assistant in 2014, after serving as a firefighter, paramedic and flight medic.

"I remember as a kid I was part of the volunteer ambulance service and a couple of the calls that I went on right away planted the seed," he said.

He worked in Overland Park, Kan., as a firefighter, then served with the Bismarck Fire Department for three years before transitioning to his medical career.

He looks forward to returning to ER and clinic work at



Introducing Family Nurse Practitioner Deb Middleton

ER provider
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"I like to make a difference in people's lives. I'm passionate about rural health care and feel it is important for rural North Dakota to have access to quality health care in a timely manner."

JMHCC, so he can have more time to spend with family and hobbies such as backcountry backpacking, flying and traveling.

"In the ER and the clinic, my biggest attributes are that I'm a personable, grounded individual and I am very approachable. Patients will find that I am a good listener," he said.

Kelsey Luce

As a physician assistant (PA) working in emergency medicine, Kelsey Luce shares her shifts at JMHCC with her husband, Sean, who is a paramedic for the ambulance.

That was just one aspect that drew her to become a full-time PA at JMHCC, where her shifts are 48 hours of emergency room coverage Saturday evening through Monday evening. She also oversees management of the long-term care patients.

"My husband was working here for about a year before I got involved here," Kelsey said. "He said this facility is really great. The workers here are fantastic. It feels like family. Everyone goes out of their way. And I like the small-town, rural medicine."

A graduate of Lemmon High School, she obtained her bachelor of science degree in respiratory therapy from the University of Mary, then worked at hospitals in Hettinger and Dickinson in respiratory therapy.

"As a respiratory therapist, I liked the critical care aspect," she said, which prompted her to further her career.

She returned to school in 2016, graduating from the University of North Dakota as a physician assistant in 2018. She worked as a PA in an emergency room in Dickinson for the last five years before coming to JMHCC, where she felt

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drawn to practice rural medicine.

"I like the pace of this better," she said. "I get to work with my husband. He's the paramedic on call when I'm on shift, so it's a better home life balance. ... My favorite part of the job is staying in a small community and working with my husband."

And during an emergency, patients will appreciate her caring attitude.

"Everyone wants to feel like they matter. I try to keep them involved in their care planning, too. I would want someone to ask me my thoughts on my care. I try to treat people like you would want to be treated yourself," she said.

"I like to fix people," she shared. "Family practice is more a marathon. The ER is more of the sprint in medicine. You get to fix it right there. It's definitely a think on your feet, get this problem solved type of situation."

Having grown up in the Lemmon, S.D., area, she is familiar with many of the patients as well.

"It feels good to give back to all the people who helped form my childhood," she said.

Outside of work, Kelsey likes to quilt and cross-stitch, and spend time outdoors, including canoeing and camping.

Deb Middleton

Family Nurse Practitioner Deb Middleton is bringing her passion for rural medicine to JMHCC.

Middleton graduated from Wilton High School, then obtained a bachelor of science degree in nursing and a master's degree as a family nurse practitioner in 1995.

The majority of her work has been in rural health clinics and critical access hospitals. For the last 15 years, she has worked at critical access hospitals, including in the ER, becoming certified as an emergency nurse practitioner.

"I remember as a child knowing someone who was a nurse and she absolutely loved her job. She loved helping people and I thought, 'Wow, I think that's what I want to be.' I always wanted to be a nurse, then I wanted to be able to have more of an impact and so as soon as I was able with my family situation, I went on to become a nurse practitioner and have been very grateful for the opportunity since," she said.

At JMHCC, she will provide emergency room coverage on a rotating shift, returning to rural medicine, where she likes the challenge.

"Two days are never the same in the ER," she said.

"I really prefer rural health," she said. "I grew up in a

small rural community and like the feeling of community in small towns. It's a nice hospital. I am impressed with the staff and the priorities JMHCC has invested in to enable quality patient care."

She credits the exceptional paramedic program and nursing staff at JMHCC as another draw for her. She appreciates the hours will allow her to spend more time with her grandchildren, too.

Her patients will see her dedication to rural medicine.

"I think patients will find me easy to talk to. I try to really listen and take it from there" she said. "I like to make a difference in people's lives. I'm passionate about rural health care and feel it is important for rural North Dakota to have access to quality health care in a timely manner. I want to be here to help, so people can stay rural because it's a cool place to be."

Outside of work she enjoys traveling, reading and camping and fishing with her family.

Tim Quinn

Tim Quinn will be assisting JMHCC as a physician assistant periodically on weekends in the emergency room.

Being a medical provider is Quinn's second career, as he originally obtained a degree in accounting and business, then worked as the chief financial officer at the Mobridge, S.D., hospital for nine years, before returning to college to become a PA.

"The more I did medicine, became an EMT, the more I wanted to keep doing medicine," he said. He became a PA in 2001, and is now working as a full-time provider at the Faulkton, S.D., hospital and clinic.

At JMHCC, he will cover periodic weekend emergency room work.

"I've always liked medicine, but I've always liked helping people, and this is one way I can help people. As a PA, I feel I am able to help people in ways most other people cannot," he said. "I enjoy working in a small-town community hospital."

Born and raised on a dairy farm near Timber Lake, S.D., Quinn has eight children, including a daughter, Erin, who lives near Elgin.

Outside of work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time outdoors. ■



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