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*"Celebrating the past - creating the future."*

Quarterly Newsletter of the St. Alexius Foundation

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*Twins, Lucas and Isaac Jerome  
pose for the camera.*

For many of us, the first experience in a hospital is the birth of your child. For Rebecca and Arthur Jerome, this wasn't their first child, but their first birth experienced at St. Alexius Medical Center. They learned earlier in the year that their

fourth pregnancy would deliver twins. "We couldn't believe it," explained Arthur Jerome, "this would be an experience we weren't prepared for."

Through the entire process of labor and delivery, the Jerome's continued to be impressed by the wonderful service that was provided at St. Alexius. The nurses were very knowledgeable, courteous and provided the personal care they appreciated. Isaac William and Lucas Michael arrived on June 25, 2007.

They join siblings, AJ (8), Grace (5) and Charlie (3).

"After having such a great experience, we wanted to show our appreciation to everyone at St. Alexius Medical Center. Through the *Grateful Patients and Families* Program, we now have the opportunity to say thank

you," says Rebecca Jerome. "We chose the Children's Center at St. Alexius because it holds special meaning to us."

Many of us at St. Alexius Medical Center have been blessed to hear the stories of grateful patients and families, many of whom have been touched in some way or another by the compassionate care they received. Perhaps it was a simple thank you or a hand shake. Maybe it was a card of appreciation. Acts of appreciation come in many forms. It's certainly a rewarding feeling for our highly trained healthcare professionals to know they were there when patients and families needed them the most. Now, grateful patients and families have an opportunity to express their gratitude by considering a gift(s) to the St. Alexius Foundation.

Through the *Grateful Patients and Families* Program, you have the opportunity to acknowledge the care you received and pay tribute to that special person, department or unit. Your gifts will be utilized in the manner you wish and those that are honored are given the recognition they deserve.

If you are interested in contributing to the St. Alexius *Grateful Patients and Families* Program, please complete the enclosed mailing or contact Jaclyn Bugbee at (701)530-7394.

# Holiday Greetings

## Advancing the Future in Medicine through Philanthropy



Andrew L. Wilson  
President & CEO

As the holidays approach, you may be considering gifts to a charity or to family members. The St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation's approach to giving is quite simple: Our goal is to make gift giving a memorable, enriching experience for donors. This means supporting the most vital, life-giving aspect of our community: healthy people. It also means leading people toward improved health – above and beyond just treating an illness – and fulfilling our mission, *"Let all be received as Christ."*

Medicine is the heart of the medical center, but philanthropy is its soul. As a not-for-profit medical center, philanthropy touches every aspect of St. Alexius and in many ways, it has helped define us as the organization we are today.

Contributions are critical in helping us develop new facilities, technologies and services that better meet the region's healthcare needs. As we continue to touch many lives throughout the community, our impact is only as great as our resources. Join us in our efforts to reach the highest levels of excellence as a healthcare institution.

From all of us, thank you for choosing St. Alexius Medical Center. We look forward to continuing to provide you with the services you deserve.

Happy Holidays,

Andrew L. Wilson  
President & Chief Executive Officer

## Great Observations... A Great Success

On Friday, November 2, 2007, St. Alexius Medical Center and the St. Alexius Foundation hosted a special event, *Great Observations*, on the 18th (*Observation*) floor of the North Dakota State Capitol Building. Those in attendance met some of the newest physicians who recently joined the medical staff at St. Alexius. In addition, they observed the unveiling of the newest HealthGrades® award St. Alexius will receive in 2008, and viewed displays of medical milestones in Cardiology, Joint Replacement, Nursing and Clinical Excellence and Neuroscience.

Throughout the evening they enjoyed a variety of tasty hors d'oeuvres while they watched Bismarck-Mandan come alive, and listened to music provided by Doug Klein, Dustin Braaten and Adam Halverson.

Based on the very positive responses from those in attendance, this event most likely will become an annual signature event for St. Alexius to benefit our Foundation. If you would like to be included in next year's event, please contact Jaclyn Bugbee at the St. Alexius Foundation, phone 530-7394, or via email at [jbugbee@primecare.org](mailto:jbugbee@primecare.org).



Andrew L. Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer at St. Alexius gives his remarks.



Dr. Shiraz and Darlene Hyder visit with Jane Cleary and others at the event.



St. Alexius and the St. Alexius Foundation wish to thank all those who made this event a success!

## Two Students Receive Scholarships from the St. Alexius Foundation

Two students have benefited from Radiologic Technology scholarships in memory of Tony Niemann and Wilbert Heidt.

Tony Niemann, RT (R) (CV), was a 1966 graduate of the St. Alexius School of Radiology. During his nearly 35 years at St. Alexius, he was employed as a Radiologic Technologist, Chief Diagnostic Technologist and Heart Cath Lab Radiologic Technologist. In 2004, the Tony Niemann Memorial Scholarship was established. This year's recipient is Melinda Anderson from Malta, Montana.

Wilbert Heidt, RT (R), graduated from the first class of the St. Alexius School of Radiology in 1955. During his 30 years at St. Alexius, Wilbert worked as a Radiologic Technologist, Radiology Department Supervisor, and Computerized Tomography Technologist. In 2005, The Wilbert Heidt Memorial Scholarship was established. This year's recipient is Nicole Roller of Dickinson, North Dakota.

## **Don't Let December 31<sup>st</sup> Sneak Up On You**

The holidays probably triple your list of "things to do" during December, but here is another item you do not want to overlook: make your charitable gifts. If you give before the end of the year, you will receive a tax break on your income tax return.

**Timing is key.** Tax planning is a year-round process, and the year-end is your last opportunity to reduce current-year income taxes.

*Here are some smart year-end giving strategies:*

**Give appreciated assets.** Writing a check is simple, but when you give appreciated property to St. Alexius Medical Center that you have held more than one year, you can claim a deduction for its full fair market value and avoid any tax on the appreciation.

**Watch your gift date.** If you mail a check, the date of mailing is the date of the gift. For securities, the date of delivery determines both their valuation and the year of deduction. If you hand your gift directly to the St. Alexius Foundation, that day is the gift date. If mailed to St. Alexius, the date of mailing is the date of the gift.

**Take a capital loss yourself.** If you own securities worth less now than when you purchased them, sell them and contribute the proceeds. This way, you can take a capital loss on your return, which you can not do if you donate these securities directly to us.

**We Can Help.** As you can see, tax benefits can depend on what you give and when you give it. St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation can assist you and/or your advisors with the details of reporting a gift to help support the medical center's mission. Let all be received as Christ. If you are still in the planning stages, ask us for help in planning how your donation can be made in a tax-efficient manner.

We appreciate your support, so we will do all we can for you in return! Please call Jaclyn Bugbee at (701) 530-7394 for additional information.

## *In Memory...*

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## **Missouri Valley Quilters Guild Make a Gift to St. Alexius**

The Missouri Valley Quilters Guild provided hand sewn blankets and sleepers for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Alexius Medical Center. Over 80 people come together in Bismarck-Mandan to belong to the guild and provide this wonderful gift. Bonnie Cook, RN, and Karen Pedigo, RN, are members of the Missouri Valley Quilters Guild and part of the NICU staff. Through a grant for materials from the Bismarck Sertoma Club, the quilters provided St. Alexius with over 20 blanket and sleeper sets. "The families are always so appreciative of the gift," explains Bonnie Cook, RN, "they are so excited that the bundle of blankets were made just for their baby."



Karen Pedigo and Bonnie Cook of the Missouri Valley Quilters Guild and nurses at St. Alexius.

## Put Your IRA to Work and Support Healthcare

There's good news for individuals aged 70½ or older interested in giving to St. Alexius through an individual retirement account. Thanks to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, a simple, tax friendly option may offer you an opportunity for tax-free giving. Previously, the money taken from your IRA was taxable income. You took a charitable deduction for the gift, but only up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. Some donors paid more in income taxes than they would have if they hadn't made a gift at all. Now you can easily make a life-time gift using IRA funds to St. Alexius while you are living and witness the benefits of your generosity. However, you will not pay income tax and you cannot claim a charitable deduction.

*You may contribute funds in this manner if:*

- ▶ You are 70½ or older at the time of the gift
- ▶ Your gift does not exceed \$100,000
- ▶ You make the gift on or before December 31, 2007
- ▶ You transfer funds directly from an IRA to a charitable organization
- ▶ You transfer the gift outright to the Foundation

Contact your financial advisors and your IRA custodian if you are considering a gift. Contact Jaclyn Bugbee at the St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation at (701) 530-7394 for more information.

## St. Alexius Auxiliary Giving Tops ONE MILLION DOLLARS

In November, the St. Alexius Auxiliary contributed \$10,000 to the St. Alexius Foundation. This gift puts the cumulative total over \$1,000,000 since 1974.

The St. Alexius Auxiliary focuses on projects that enhance patient care. In recent years, the Auxiliary has funded the purchase of the chapel's new sound system, auditory enhancements in Boniface Auditorium, a hygiene chair for the Rehabilitation Unit, exercise equipment for the Psychiatry Center, and a woodworking table for Rehabilitation Therapy Services. The Auxiliary also operates the medical center's gift shop, which is open seven days per week.

Each year, the Auxiliary contributes to the St. Alexius Foundation. The amount is based upon requests for funding and profits from fundraising projects held each year throughout the medical center. The Auxiliary was established in 1948.



Andrew L. Wilson, President & Chief Executive Officer, Rosemary Sieracki, Rose Cermak, Rodger Wetzel, Foundation Director, Jennie Bachmeier, Auxiliary President, Joyce Sauer and Margie Ferderer.



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