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Quarterly Newsletter of the St. Alexis Foundation

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St. Alexis Medical Center Auxiliary Celebrates 60 Years of Philanthropic Support

It was on July 6, 1948, when four women pledged to make a difference in the health and welfare of the Bismarck-Mandan community. Mrs. C.B. Whittey, Mrs. W.B.

Pierce, Mrs. J.W. Tully and Mrs.

John McDonald were the first officers of the St. Alexis Ladies Auxiliary, an

organization dedicated to the support of the hospital's promotion of health in the community.

They and many more women shared their time, talents and treasure to support the hospital. The women pushed the candy and magazine cart through patient areas, assisted the nurses, made bandages, stocked supplies and held fundraisers. Throughout the

decades, these women's contributions have made significant impacts on the medical center. In November, the Auxiliary's contribution to the St. Alexis Foundation pushed their giving total since 1974 past \$1,000,000.

New additions, renovations and equipment within the medical center were funded partially by the Ladies Auxiliary. "Some of the recent items that the Auxiliary has helped fund are the new sound system in the Chapel, assistive individual hearing devices, defibrillators, a recreational woodworking table for rehabilitation and also a hygiene chair," says Robin Thorstenson, Director of Volunteer Services.

Today, the St. Alexis Medical Center Auxiliary, open to women and men, continues to be a leader in healthcare philanthropy in the Bismarck-Mandan community.

The Auxiliary's primary source of revenue is the volunteer operation of the medical center gift shop, open seven days per week. As a result, all proceeds from the gift shop are contributed towards projects enhancing patient welfare.

Auxiliary members also share their time and talents to create a healing environment within the medical center. From "welcoming" blankets for new babies, to tray favors for patients in the hospital over holidays, the Auxiliary members stay very busy within the medical center.

Throughout the year, the Auxiliary will host various events and display exhibits to celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Some of the events include:

- ◆ St. Alexis Medical Center Employee Tea and Open House
- ◆ Historical Photo Display within the St. Alexis Gift Shop
- ◆ Special Prayer Service in the St. Alexis Chapel
- ◆ 60th Anniversary Luncheon

Each member will also receive a special commemorative pin to signify this special occasion.

The Auxiliary meets every Tuesday to complete projects and each month to hold a business meeting. An educational component is part of each monthly business utilizing different departments throughout the hospital. "The education familiarizes the Auxiliary with current programs within the medical center, and with more familiarity they are able to recognize where the needs are," says Thorstenson.

For St. Alexis Medical Center, the St. Alexis Auxiliary continues to be an invaluable resource. Their dedication and commitment to providing a healing presence for patients and all those that visit the medical center is felt each day. If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Alexis Auxiliary or would like more information, please contact Jennie Bachmeier, Auxiliary President, at (701)255-2254.





St. Alexis Provides the Services You Deserve



Andrew L. Wilson
President & CEO

At St. Alexis Medical Center, we want to ensure our patients receive the highest level of care every day. We believe each experience is a personal experience that directly meets your needs. Those who are ill or injured entrust their lives, health and dignity to a group of physicians, nurses, technicians and others they may barely know. Families turn to hospitals at some of the most crucial moments of their lives—from the birth of a baby to the final illness of an aging parent.

Through the entire experience, we continue to provide the highest quality in healthcare services to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. In 2007, St. Alexis Medical Center provided over six million dollars in charity care and other community benefits to the Bismarck-Mandan and surrounding region.

The St. Alexis Medical Center Foundation is a vital link to fulfilling our commitment to provide exceptional service to our patients. By donating to the St. Alexis Foundation, you are helping us reach out with compassion and offer support to those patients who may not have health insurance and are unable to pay for their health care.

Because of the generosity of you and many others, St. Alexis Medical Center leads the region in providing quality care. Please consider the St. Alexis Medical Center Foundation with a charitable gift in 2008. Together, we will continue to make a difference!



Seven-year-old Gives Back to Medical Center

Spending time in a hospital as a young child is very difficult. Boredom is even worse. Seven year old Skylar Schreiner, of Bismarck, spent a few days at St. Alexis last spring and was disappointed with the array of toys and games the Children's Center had to offer. When she was discharged, she set forth on a mission to find some "good" toys for the other children that spend time in the Children's Center at St. Alexis. With her mother and grandmother's help, she baked cookies and treats to sell. In December, she was able to purchase many new games and toys to donate to the medical center for the children to play with.

Through the St. Alexis *Grateful Patient and Families* program, you too can give back and help us continue to provide excellent care to our patients, while providing a peaceful atmosphere for their friends and family. Skylar and many others understand that although a hospital stay may not be the most enjoyable, they can make a difference for the next patient. For more information on the St. Alexis *Grateful Patient and Families* program, please contact Jaclyn Bugbee at (701)530-7394.



A Memorial Opportunity – The St. Alexis Memorial Chapel Fund

The Chapel at St. Alexis plays an important role in the life of the medical center. It provides a place of prayer and solace for those seeking spiritual strength in times of need or celebration, as well as daily mass services. In keeping with the Benedictine values, the chapel stands as a testament to the care and compassion received by our patients, friends and family at St. Alexis Medical Center.

The St. Alexis Memorial Chapel Fund was established to carry forth the mission and offer a Christian presence, "Welcoming all as Christ." As a Catholic Healthcare facility, we strive to provide the healing presence needed as you seek medical care. By memorializing a loved one through a gift to the St. Alexis Memorial Chapel Fund, you will help preserve the chapel and continue to bring our patients spiritual nourishment into the future.

Consider memorializing a loved one through the St. Alexis Memorial Chapel Fund. Gifts of \$100 or more will also be acknowledged on a special memorial display located in the entrance hallway of the chapel. For more information, please contact the St. Alexis Medical Center Foundation at (701) 530-7394 or the Pastoral Care Department at (701)530-7661.

Your Donation Makes a Larger Impact Through Corporate Matching

One of the easiest ways to increase your gift to the St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation is through your employer's Matching Gift program. Thousands of companies, including corporations, foundations, not-for-profit organizations and associations, match their employees' charitable contributions; sometimes for as much as double the amount of the initial gift.

Companies have various methods for matching gift request submissions: online forms, automated phone systems or a paper form that you submit to the St. Alexius Foundation. Many companies will match personal gifts, such as cash, stocks, marketable securities and the value of your volunteer time. Companies may also match gifts from employee spouses, retirees and board members.

Here's how to take part:

1. Contact your employer's Human Resources office to determine if your company matches employee donations. If your company does not currently match employee donations, you might suggest they consider doing so.
2. Obtain a Matching Gift form and review the program guidelines to ensure that the St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation is eligible to receive matching gifts. Conditions and criteria for gift matching vary by employer.
3. Complete the donor section of the form and submit it, along with your contribution to the Foundation.

If you have questions or would like additional information on supporting the St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation, please contact Jaclyn Bugbee, Development Coordinator, at (701)530-7394 or via email at jbugbee@primecare.org.



CASH MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING

Learn how budgeting can help you track your money and gain control over your finances.

Presenter:

Kelly Schmidt, North Dakota State Treasurer

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

4:00 - 5:30 pm;

7:00 - 8:30 pm (repeat session)

**St. Alexius Medical Center
Cafeteria Meeting Rooms 1 and 2
(south visitor entrance)**

Cost: FREE

RSVP by Friday, May 16 by calling
(701)530-7700 or (800)843-9628

Refreshments will be provided.

In Memory...

ALOYSIA BRAUN	Ms. Carrie Hanson
CATHERINE & ADOLPH HEINLE	Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson
	Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Dede
	Mr. and Mrs. Allan Heinle
	Mr. and Mrs. Dean Heinle
	Mr. Phil Holmes
	Ms. Pat Larmom
	Ms. Joyce Pfliger
	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Van Vactor
	Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Wood
CLAIRE MCKIM	Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKim
DOROTHY LARSON	Ms. Lenora Dittmer
DUANE RASCH	Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Birkholz
	Mr. and Mrs. Monty Fast
	Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rasch
	Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Schoffstall
	Mr. John Sinn
ED. MELLEN	Mr. and Mrs. Don Cross
	Mr. and Mrs. John Myers
	Mr. and Mrs. Cal Thorson
ELLSWORTH FITZGERALD	The Family of Ellsworth Fitzgerald
GLADYS HAUGEN	Ms. Joyce Pfliger
GLENN ANDERSON	Mr. Arvid Anderson
	Mr. Marvin Anderson
	Mr. Merle Anderson
	Ms. Edith Constans
	Mr. E. Dressler
	Ms. Dorothy Gustin
	Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huber
	Mr. and Mrs. Christian Jensen
	Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kling
	Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Loftsgard
	Ms. Sarah Scholl
	Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schwahn
	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wolf
HELEN KLINGER ZAPPACOSTA	Mr. Frank Zappacosta
JEANNE PARIS SOWINSKI	Ms. Lorraine Berger
JOSEPH & ROSE ZASTOUPIL	Sr. Renee' Zastoupil
JUNE THOMPSON	Mr. Ryan Thompson
LORETTA OLSON	Ms. Susan Olson
MADLINE BIRST	Mr. Kenneth Birst
MR. GURUSHANKARAIH AND	
MRS. LAKSHMIDEVAMMA	Dr. and Mrs. Sanathana Murthy
NEIL B. CARLSON	Friends and Family
	Ms. Winnifred Hedahl
	Mr. David Mann
	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rockne
	Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneibel
	Storhaug Ault CPAs
	Mr. Alan Van Vleet
	Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wold
NORMAN KIENZLE	Mr. and Mrs. Roger Roehl
PHILIP MCCARVEL	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Freed
	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vetter
	Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Weisz
RICHARD MUTH	Mr. and Mrs. Roger Roehl
ROBERT SCHNEIDER	Mr. and Mrs. William Franke
	Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mildenberger
	The Family of Robert Schneider
	Mr. Michael Seminary
	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spangler
TED WILL	Anne Carlsen Center for Children
WILFERD & EMELIA MYERS	Mr. Roger Myers
WILLIAM LORD	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lord

Central Market Partners With the We Care Program

In September, St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation partnered with Central Market to participate in the We Care Program. Through the We Care Program, 1% of all receipts stamped with the We Care logo and dropped off at St. Alexius provide funding to improve patient care throughout the Medical Center. St. Alexius has received over \$7,500 in receipts since September. Our goal for the first year is \$25,000 in receipts, so we are well on our way!



Congratulations to Mandy Schumaker Berger, our first drawing winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Central Market. **Remember to get your receipts stamped each time you shop at Central Market.** Drop off your receipts at the following locations throughout St. Alexius Medical Center.

- St. Alexius Cafeteria Entrance
- St. Alexius East Patient Entrance Visitor's Desk
- Great Plains Rehabilitation Services
- St. Alexius Medical Center Foundation

Include your name and phone number to be eligible for the quarterly drawing for a gift certificate to Central Market. Thank you to all who have saved their receipts to support funding through the St. Alexius Foundation. If you have any questions or would like more information about the We Care Program, please contact Jaclyn Bugbee at (701)530-7394 or via email at jbugbee@primecare.org.

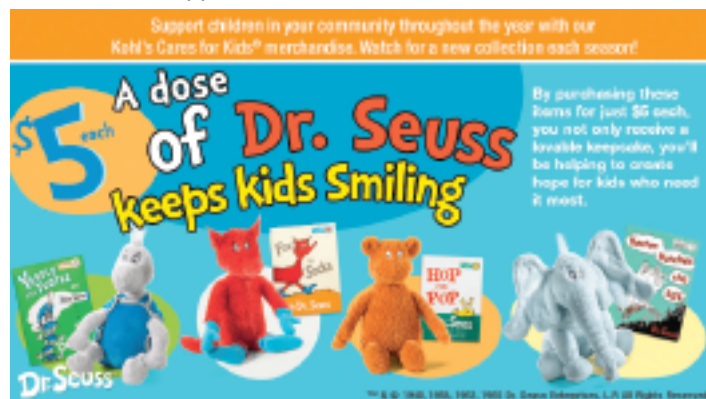
Support the St. Alexius Foundation by Shopping at Kohl's

Have you noticed the cute stuffed animals and books at the entrance of the Bismarck Kohl's store? Purchasing these products supports the Kohl's Cares for Kids® program. Currently, they are featuring Dr. Seuss books and stuffed animals.

Kohl's Cares for Kids® is not just a program, it's a promise of hope for a brighter, healthier future for kids in our communities. From injury prevention and immunization programs, Kohl's contributes funding toward keeping kids healthy.

Throughout the year, supporters of St. Alexius Medical Center can purchase special Kohl's Cares for Kids® merchandise. 100% of the net profits from the sale of Kohl's Cares for Kids® merchandise is donated to support health and educational opportunities for children at St. Alexius Medical Center.

By purchasing Kohl's Cares for Kids® merchandise, you are partnering with St. Alexius Medical Center to enhance health and education opportunities for children in our area.



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