

A Little Dose of Sunshine

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We hope you enjoy this edition of our Sunshine Memorial Foundation newsletter - A Little Dose of Sunshine. In an effort to keep in touch with our volunteers, event participants, donors and supporters, we bring you this publication and hope to continue to connect on a routine basis.

Enjoy and we welcome your input and suggestions for future publications.

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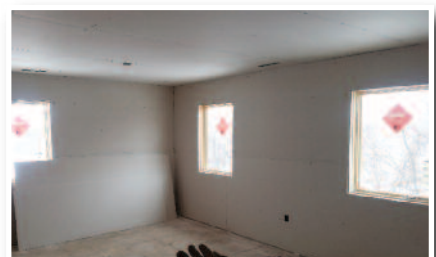
Progress Continues

Construction of the Sunshine Hospitality Home keeps chugging along! We are beyond blessed that such amazing outfits are working on the building.

All three stories are up, the building paper is on, the roof has shingles, the windows are in, and brickwork has begun. Temporary heat is on, electrical & mechanical systems are being installed, and some of the floors even have insulation and drywall. We're sure in the time it has taken to print and mail this newsletter, a lot more has happened! For weekly updates, follow Sunshine Memorial Foundation on Facebook and Twitter.

None of this would be possible without the hard work from Community Contractors, and their subcontractors. Last newsletter we mentioned a few of our contractors and here is a list of a few more now that we've progressed inside: A&B Improvements, CMS Masonry, Cullen Insulation, Custom Aire, Dakota Fire Protection, Level 5 Drywall, Lumber Mart/Marvin Windows, Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co., RBB Electric, Toshiba, and Wolf Steel. Many have donated all or a portion of their services. ICON Architectural Group and Susan Nord Designs have continued to work hard with us to make the outside and inside the best it can be.

Since the construction process is moving along as planned, we have turned our focus on fundraising for furniture, fixtures, and equipment that will go inside the home. We have about \$350,000 left to go!



FCCU Supports Sunshine

When First Community Credit Union (FCCU), formerly Citizens Community Credit Union, signed on to be a partner in the Sunshine Hospitality Home, they knew this was an important cause that could affect everyone in their membership area. With a footprint stretching from Bismarck to East Grand Forks, MN and the Canadian border to South Dakota, First Community Credit Union members can be found in nearly all of the counties that this new hospitality home will serve.

"We truly believe that the Sunshine Hospitality Home serves a vital need for our whole region," said Noel Schanilec, First Community Credit Union marketing specialist. "You never know when a family member or close friend will become ill and require a hospital stay away from home. By being able to provide a soft bed, business tools, and other comforts of home, we hope to make the lives of the patients' family and friends a little easier during those trying times."

The team at First Community Credit Union is committed to serving its members. FCCU employees can be seen volunteering in the community and going above and beyond for their members on a regular basis. To coordinate with this idea, FCCU chose to sponsor the business center located in the Sunshine Hospitality Home. Much like a computer lab, the First Community Credit Union Business Center space has computers, telephones, webcams and internet access. This is a place where families can connect with those unable to be there by updating their Caring Bridge/Facebook/Twitter page, calling or emailing loved ones, or visiting with them face to face with the webcam. It will also allow a family to stay together if they are able to work remotely.

"We know that life, including work, doesn't stop and you may have more paperwork to do than ever when a loved one is in the hospital. That's why we felt the business center



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filled a critical need for those staying at the hospitality home," said Schanilec. "Our goal is to help ease the stress of the guests in the home in any way we can."

During its 78-year history, First Community Credit Union has grown to be North Dakota's largest credit union. With the Citizens Community Credit Union merger in January of 2018, FCCU added 10 locations, making the total number of branches 26 throughout 21 communities. FCCU was recently named Community Credit Union of the year by Credit Union National Association. It's a national award they won for serving their members and communities. To stay up to date on how you can get involved in their efforts, visit www.myfccu.com.



Sunny Person Spotlight

PHYLLIS TWETON: This is where we take a moment to feature a "sunny" person. Our volunteers work so hard daily, weekly, monthly, and are extremely appreciated by everyone! This time, we want to recognize Phyllis Tweton.

Phyllis began volunteering at Sunshine a few years ago when board chair, Alice Hoffert, reached out to her. Since then, Phyllis has been one of our regulars when we need help with a mailing. She often treats the group with delicious, homemade bars, easily making her one of everyone's favorites! Phyllis said she enjoys having something to do while in retirement.



Lake Region Area

The Sunshine Hospitality Home will benefit those that need to travel to Grand Forks for medical needs. Surrounding communities understand the need for a home like this and have banded together to fundraise.

The Lake Region Area Team is made up of all of the towns around Devils Lake.

They set a goal of \$150,000 to adopt a room in the Sunshine Hospitality Home. Currently they are almost 80% of the way there.

Some of the fun things they have done to raise money include a Chocolate, Champagne Punch, & Sunshine kick-off, Grill Out & Bake Sale at American Bank Center, and "Lights of Mercy" tree lighting where community members could purchase a light on the tree in memory of, in honor of, or prayers for a friend, relative, or loved one.

"Our hospital strives at providing the best healthcare possible to all of our patients in the Lake Region Community, however we understand that there are some services that we aren't able to provide our patients locally," said team member and CEO of CHI St. Alexius Health, Andy Lankowitz. "Supporting the Sunshine Hospitality Home was important to us because when we need to send our patients to Grand Forks for further care, this home could help ease some stresses or concerns for our patients and their families to allow them to focus on their loved one."



Jeans Day: Raising Funds Can Be Fun!

Over the years, so many of our surrounding community organizations have found ways to gather their employees together to make fundraising fun. Together they have raised over \$5,000 by collecting funds on days they choose to wear jeans to work. The employees can nominate a charity where their funds will go to. The Sunshine Memorial Foundation has been chosen by several organizations over the years and we are truly grateful to all of these organizations for gathering together to raise funds and having fun while doing so!

There are too many wonderful organizations to possibly list them all, so we would like to highlight just a few from the past year: Minnkota Power, Grand Forks County Social Services, Frandsen Bank & Trust, UND Staff Senate, Bremer Bank, Choice Financial, Citizens State Bank of Roseau, Lifecare Medical Center, Vaaler Insurance/HGIS, and Dakota Dental Associates.



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Sunshine Fest Recap

The 8th annual Sunshine Fest was January 27th at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Thank you to everyone who came!

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Most Participants – Corporate Team: Alerus

Most Participants – Community Team: Alpha Chi Omega

Most Funds Raised – Corporate Team: Frandsen Bank & Trust

Most Funds Raised – Community Team: Quota Club

More Sunshine Team Award: Alpha Chi Omega

More Sunshine Individual Award: Katy Johnson

Volunteer of the Year Award: Barbara Erickson

To see all of the pictures from this year's Sunshine Fest, search for the Sunshine Memorial Foundation on Flickr.

