

A Note to Our Donors:

As 2015 draws to a close, my nine years of service on the Grand Itasca Foundation Board will also come to an end, but my desire to be involved with the Foundation will always continue. As a member of this community, I am proud of the efforts this Foundation makes to provide support for the needs at Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital.

Grand Itasca is operating on smaller financial margins all the time and their leadership is tasked with prioritizing key, core needs for direct patient care. The Foundation is able to fund the softer side of the amenities and services that we all expect from our medical care. We fund teddy bears and coloring books for kids; we have purchased blanket warmers so patients are a little more comfortable before and after a procedure; and we purchased new thermometers in the Emergency Department so there is now one in each room. Our donors allow us to give grants to departments for projects and programs that enhance patient care and improve staff efficiencies.

At Grand Itasca, we live up to our mission of Patient-Centered Excellence. It's nice knowing that when you come to Grand Itasca, you are welcomed by a caring staff and a state-of-the-art facility that will take good care of you and your loved ones.

Looking ahead to 2016, Joe Cargill will take over as Board Chair at Grand Itasca Foundation. I am confident in his ability to continue our efforts to invest in patient care at Grand Itasca. Our Foundation is your opportunity to support health care for our entire community. There are many ways for you to participate in giving to Grand Itasca Foundation.

Only through your generosity can we continue to enhance the experience for all patients at Grand Itasca. Consider a gift today and help us continue our great work for the community.



Dale Adams, Board Chair
Grand Itasca Foundation

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We Need Your Continued Support!

You can choose to make a cash donation with the enclosed envelope or contribute through other charitable gestures such as gifts of stock, endowment funds or planned giving.

Your gift is greatly appreciated and tax deductible!

Burggraf's Ace Hardware's Round Up Benefits Caring Fore Kids

In addition to their annual fundraiser in June of each year, which raised over \$41,000 in 2015, Burggraf's Ace Hardware is now fundraising year-round for the Caring Fore Kids Fund at Grand Itasca Foundation. New technology was installed in their stores that allows customers to round up their purchase to the next dollar with the difference being donated to the Caring Fore Kids Fund. 100% of these proceeds support pediatric care at Grand Itasca!



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Burggraf's Ace Hardware Caring Fore Kids Charity Classic on Thursday, June 2nd, 2016 at Pokegama Golf Course!

A Treat for Mammogram Patients

The Mammography Department received a grant to purchase Dove® chocolates year-round for their patients to enjoy a sweet treat as a reward for taking care of themselves for coming in for their mammogram.



New Thermometers in the Emergency Department



Grand Itasca Foundation purchased ten new patient thermometers, one for each room in the Emergency Department. This new technology increases accurate measurements for the patient and improves staff efficiencies.

Health Care Scholarships - \$17,500 Awarded in 2015

Grand Itasca Foundation Health Care Scholarships are awarded to high school graduating seniors in the Grand Itasca service area who are pursuing an education in a health science field.

2015 recipients: Skyeler Elhard, Levi How, Micayla Lessard, Hanna Tillman, Morgan Tinquist and Tessa Wiens.

The Dr. & Mrs. Robert Kelly Scholarship is awarded to non-traditional students who have returned to school to pursue a degree in a health science field.

2015 recipients: Arie DeGrio and Sandy Lenarz, RN, pictured at right with Mike Youso, CEO and Kelly Kirwin, Foundation Director.

