

Foundation for Annie Jeffrey
ANNUAL REPORT for our Fiscal year – July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

The *Foundation for Annie Jeffrey* is a non-profit corporation organized to provide funding for projects (such as new medical equipment or facility renovations) that promote health care in the communities served by Annie Jeffrey Health Center. The *Foundation* is governed by a seven-person volunteer board. The hospital foundation keeps track of funds which are donated and for what purpose they are donated; seeks grants and other outside funding; provides tax reports to the IRS; recognizes donors in newsletters and on our Wall of Commitment; helps publish quarterly newsletters; plans fund raising events; and participates in numerous hospital and clinic activities. Donations to the foundation qualify as tax-deductible charitable gifts.

Here is a recap of the past years events and activities:

In August with funds from the golf tournament, the *Foundation* purchased a new recovery room bed for Annie Jeffrey Health Center.

In September, the *Foundation for Annie Jeffrey* kicked off its annual campaign to raise money to purchase new endoscopy upper and lower scopes. At their May meeting, the *Foundation for Annie Jeffrey* Board of Directors voted to donate funds from their annual campaign to Annie Jeffrey Health Center to help purchase these scopes. New guidelines recommend that colorectal cancer screenings begin at age 45.

The Annie Jeffrey Volunteers celebrated their 25th anniversary in November during the COVID 19 pandemic. The *Foundation* was able to secure a grant for the Volunteers to help pay for rent, utilities and personal protective equipment so they could open the Thrift Shop back up after being closed for three months.

The annual *Foundation* Family Tree Celebration was held in December. Funds raised from this event were used to help fund new equipment. This event allows community members to purchase ornaments to hang on a Christmas tree at Annie Jeffrey Health Center to remember and honor loved ones.

The *Foundation* received a \$1,000 donation from the Annie Jeffrey Volunteers. The Annie Jeffrey Volunteers run the Thrift Shop in downtown Osceola and donate their proceeds to help the hospital pay for special items. They have donated \$118,560 over 25 years to the hospital. Annie Jeffrey Health Center honored the Annie Jeffrey Volunteers with a brunch and program in April.

In February during the pandemic, the *Foundation* held their annual Wine & Beer Fest fundraiser by having participants purchase a ticket and then go to The Rose Colored Glass in Stromsburg to pick up their wine and food to go. The silent auction was held virtually. The money raised helped with our annual campaign.

The *Foundation* continued working with UNMC on a Tele-Dermatology clinic at Annie Jeffrey in the future.

The *Foundation for Annie Jeffrey* awards scholarships to the following high schools: Shelby/Rising City High School, Cross Country High School, Osceola High School and High-Plains High School. The winners of this year's *Foundation for Annie Jeffrey* scholarships

are: Allie Neujahr, Taylor Carlson, Emily Theis, Erica Stratman, Talia Nienhueser and Brooke Bannister. These scholarships are in addition to the scholarships offered to Annie Jeffrey employees. Since 2012, the *Foundation for Annie Jeffrey* has awarded 42 scholarships to kids in Polk County with some of those students returning to work at Annie Jeffrey.

In June, golfers from vendors and local businesses participated in the thirteenth annual *Foundation for Annie Jeffrey* golf tournament at Ryan Hill Golf Course. Proceeds from this annual event will be used to purchase a new fetal monitoring system for Annie Jeffrey Health Center.

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