

## Annual Report



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### Dear Friends,

**Thank you** for your many expressions of support to keep Mary Lanning Healthcare strong and independent! We appreciate your partnership and hope you enjoy reading these stories from 2015.

What an exciting year of celebrations in 2015, beginning January 21 with a Centennial Rededication Ceremony. The Foundation hosted a number of events, including a luncheon at the Hastings Museum for Mary Lanning School of Nursing alumni. They were among the first to tour the special exhibit, “Mary Lanning Healthcare: 100 Years of Inspired Care.”

Dr. Harry Salyards worked with the Foundation to research and write a hospital history. The Adams County Historical Society published his text. He presented nine presentations throughout the year using rarely seen Lanning family photos and images from the original hospital.

Highlights of the year included establishing the Klatt memorial (*please see the story on page 6*); presenting

“Succession Planning for Farm Families” with Dr. Ronald Hanson, the Neal E. Harlan Distinguished Professor of Agribusiness/University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and initiating a successful partnership with Thompson & Associates.

Especially exciting was the news that the Foundation purchased more equipment for our hospital than in any previous year (except during capital campaigns). These included:

- 55-inch touch screen—private donation
- Infant hearing screener—private donation
- Patient monitor/diagnostic imaging—private donations
- Bioness Integrated Therapy System (technology that designs rehab plans, measures and monitors progress)—private donation

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## Dear Friends

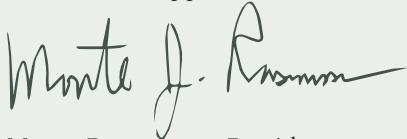
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memorial
- Two NuStep recumbent bikes—  
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- Rehab equipment to help patients  
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- 50-inch flat screen TV (Family  
Room, Third Floor)—memorial
- Resource library for families  
of patients diagnosed with  
neurological disorders—memorial
- Tilt-in-space wheelchair—  
golf tournament
- Interactive metronome—  
golf tournament
- Four vital sign monitors and stands  
for the Morrison Cancer Center—  
private donations

Mike Geis works with friends of Mary Lanning Healthcare, offering confidential and comprehensive estate planning services at no charge and with no obligation. If you would like to visit privately with Mike, please call Mary Plock at (402) 460-5603 to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for investing in the Foundation, helping to keep Mary Lanning Healthcare strong and independent into the next century.

With sincere appreciation,



Monte Rasmussen, President  
Board of Directors  
Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation

## Estate Expert Helps Mary Lanning Donors

### Mike Geis Makes Legacy Planning Easy

When Barb and Randy Ruhter met privately with Thompson & Associates professional Mike Geis to talk about their estate plan, they were impressed with Mike's understanding of the subject and his knowledge of the important, personal process.

"Mike is so good at presenting information in a conversational approach. We always felt comfortable asking questions," Barb said.

Randy said he especially liked the way Mike's planned giving expertise links well with their local financial advisor. The Ruhters even invited their grown daughters to join them for one of their first meetings with Mike. That discussion opened the door for related topics and a greater appreciation for their family relationships and values.

"This is about your life's efforts and how they will have an impact long after you've gone," Barb said.

"That's our legacy," added Randy.



▲ Co-founders of Ruhter Auction Realty  
Randy is a member of the MLH  
Foundation Board of Directors



**Thompson & Associates advisor Mike Geis works with the Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation, helping friends like Barb and Randy discover** how they can protect a larger share of their assets and meet their charitable goals—and save money on taxes. If you would like a free and confidential meeting with Mike, please contact Mary Plock at (402) 460-5603 to schedule an appointment.

# Grateful Family Leaves Tribute Gift to Home Away From Home

## Ahlin Family Points to Exceptional Care as Reason for Giving

The Sandy and Paul Ahlin family experienced a warm welcome at the Home Away From Home when Sandy's mother was a Mary Lanning Healthcare patient.

A Blue Hill area native, Sandy lives in Texas, but is well-acquainted with the Midwest hospitality house just across the street from Mary Lanning. Sandy and Paul's daughters traveled from Texas and Alaska and stayed at the home.

"The HAFH gave us a place to step away from mother's bedside for a family meal or to pray. It was a huge stress reliever," Sandy said. "The washer and dryer were a bonus we never expected, and the grandchildren went downstairs to watch TV and play games. Everyone had the time and space to decompress."

"Once hospice got involved, we felt like they were staying ahead of us all the way," she said. "They even provided a soft and beautiful prayer shawl. One of the

nurses at Mary Lanning told us about this place, but we never dreamed it would be so nice. And the name is perfect—Home Away From Home."

The Ahlin family established a memorial in memory of Sandy's mother, Lois F. Mohlman, who passed away Nov. 18, 2015. Their thoughtful generosity honors her memory and helps sustain the home for other patients and their families.



**Contact us** at (402) 460-5600 to learn how you can provide a gift for Mary Lanning Healthcare that honors a loved one.

▼ Sandy Ahlin at the Home Away From Home.



# Our Donors

We gratefully acknowledge individuals and organizations for their generosity. Whether you are a corporate sponsor, a first-time event participant, a member of the Adopt the Home: Share the Welcome annual program or a faithful long-standing donor, please know that your gifts are truly valued and appreciated.

**Thank you for investing in the Foundation to keep Mary Lanning Healthcare strong and independent!**

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# In Loving Memory of Jeane and Harold Klatt

## Memorial Gift Enhances Patient Experience for All

Jeane and Harold Klatt were faithful friends of Mary Lanning Healthcare for more than 30 years, supporting capital campaigns to keep our independent hospital strong.

Their children, Terry (Susie) Klatt and Paula (Dave) Cure, asked how they could establish a memorial to enhance patient care, especially in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit (IRU). Both of their parents were patients there, and the family understood the challenges of recovery from strokes and surgical procedures. They also knew recent technology had greatly improved equipment, and asked Barb Ninabuck, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, what the department needed most.

The family decided to use memorial funds to help the hospital purchase the following equipment:

- Bioness Hand Rehab System
- Two NuStep recumbent bikes
- Experia equipment to help patients relearn to swallow
- 50-inch flat screen TV (Family Room, Third Floor)
- Bioness Integrated Therapy System (BITS)

This state-of-the-art equipment enables Mary Lanning's IRU to compete with any program in the state.



▲ Dave and Paula Cure (left) and Susie and Terry Klatt

“How wonderful to see thoughtful generosity continue from one generation to the next within the Klatt family. I cannot imagine a more loving tribute to their parents,” Ninabuck said. “On behalf of the department and the entire Mary Lanning team, many and sincere thank yous to the Klatts. Their memorial honors Jeane and Harold and adds significant resources for patients, providing hope for them and their families.”

**Want to learn more** about how you can make a big impact at Mary Lanning Healthcare with a memorial gift? Call us at (402) 460-5600.



Myron Schafer (right) works with a patient to demonstrate the new touchscreen clinical rehabilitation platform known as the **Bioness Integrated Therapy System (BITS)**. This state-of-the-art technology integrates with seven therapy programs, displayed on a 55-inch TV screen that is interactive. Patients and therapists touch the screen as part of their diagnosis and therapy programs. Available in only two Nebraska hospitals, the therapy program will apply to nearly every patient on the newly remodeled Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation floor.

# 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation hosted the 15th annual Charity Golf Tournament June 8 at Lochland Country Club. There were 144 registered players, 44 sponsors and great food and prizes.

Event proceeds of \$15,038 purchased a Tilt-in-Space Wheelchair (\$3,500) and an Interactive Metronome (\$7,850) for the newly remodeled Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation floor at Mary Lanning Healthcare.



▲ (From left) Brian Stock, John Farrell and Jay Landell represent presenting sponsor Wells Fargo.



▲ Mike and Marie Butler receive a 2015 Lanning Award from Jack Steiner, Foundation board president.

## The Stars Come Out!

More than 264 guests attended Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation's 24th annual The Stars Come Out gala celebration Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, at Lochland Country Club.

Doors opened at 6 p.m. for cocktail hour, followed by a five-star dinner, award ceremony and live and silent auctions. Mario Powell's ensemble, The MP Jazz Quartet, provided entertainment.

The Foundation's Board of Directors presented 2015 William H. and Alice T. Lanning Awards to Lafe Anderson and Marie K. and Michael G. Butler.

The Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation established the Lanning Award in 2010 to honor those whose support of and commitment to Mary Lanning's mission exemplifies Mary Lanning's vision.

We proudly recognize the 48 corporate sponsors for their support and for all who contributed. **Proceeds of \$50,517 were added to the Foundation's endowment fund.**

# Succession Planning for Farm Families

Dr. Ronald Hanson, UNL Professor of Agribusiness, presented, "Succession Planning for Farm Families," on Nov. 12, 2015, at Mary Lanning Healthcare to an audience of 60. Mike Allen, Mary Lanning Hospital Trust officer, and Adam Pavelka, attorney and AgriAffiliates manager, are members of the Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors. They worked to bring Dr. Hanson to the Hastings area for the seminar. Mike and Adam are Dr. Hanson's former students.

"Communicate and plan with family members to save precious assets and family relationships," Dr. Hanson said.

Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation and Sterling Connection co-hosted the event, and CPI was the presenting sponsor.

▼ Dr. Ronald Hanson presenting.



# New ALGO 5 Infant Hearing Screener

Jan and John Hill are good friends of Mary Lanning Healthcare who were happy to lend their support for a new infant hearing monitor.

“We are required by law to administer hearing tests for all newborns,” Shana Schultz, Director of the Family Care Center, said. “When our testing equipment quit working, we were in a bind. Jan and John were wonderful to step in to purchase exactly what we needed.”

Mary Lanning Healthcare reported 934 babies born in 2015, the second highest number in the hospital’s 100 years. The highest was the year following World War II.

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▼ Thank you to Jan and John Hill (center) with (from left) Mary Plock, Foundation; Shana Schultz, Director of MLH Family Care Center; Shawn Nordby, Mary Lanning CFO; and Eric Barber, Mary Lanning CEO; next to the new infant hearing screener.



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