

Building Our Future

AN ESTATE AND CHARITABLE PLANNING GUIDE FOR MARY LANNING HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION



Rakesh Srivastava

New Board Member Brings Life, Business Experience

The Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation welcomes Rakesh Srivastava to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors, beginning January 2019.

Rakesh is the owner of Innovative Prosthetics & Orthotics, which recently announced plans to add a 3-D manufacturing unit in Hastings.

“When I was 10 years old, I lost my leg in an accident,” Rakesh says. “My parents traveled hundreds of miles for expensive prosthetics and subsequent adjustments.... Watching my parents created a burning desire in me to look for an opportunity to change the world of prosthetics and orthotics.”

After earning their degrees, Rakesh and his wife, Anchala, emigrated from India in 1997 and worked in the tri-city area for a few years before coming to Hastings in 2003. Anchala was hired as an occupational therapist at

Mary Lanning Healthcare and Rakesh reimagined his dream of improving access to quality prosthetics and orthotics at affordable prices.

In May 2006, he opened the first clinic, specializing in amputee rehabilitation, pediatric bracing and other services that attracted patients from small communities in rural Nebraska. His business has three full-time clinics in Hastings, Grand Island and Omaha. In 2018, the company added durable medical equipment services, including CPAPs, wheelchairs and mobility aids.

“The Foundation board is excited about our projects in 2019 and we welcome Rakesh to the board,” says President Jeff Kully.

See photos of all the Foundation board members on our website at www.mlhf.org, on the pull down menu under About Us.



MONDAY, JUNE 10

19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, at Lochland Golf Course

SATURDAY, AUG. 17

28th Annual Charity Gala, The Stars Come Out!

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

Estate Planning Seminar

20 Years of Hospitality at the

By Mary Plock

For 20 years, the Home Away From Home has welcomed guests so they could stay near loved ones hospitalized at Mary Lanning Healthcare.

Created to comfort patients and their families, the Home Away From Home was constructed through community generosity. The home has welcomed more than 18,000 guests from nearly every state and nine countries.

Mary Plock, chief development officer at the Foundation, thanks friends who have helped recarpet the common rooms and hallways (2015), repaint interior walls (2016) and replace the roof (2018).

“In the same tradition of community support that created this wonderful medical hospitality house, we invite you to help us sustain the home’s warm welcome for so many families who are relying on us.”

History

The Home Away From Home was inspired by Foundation board member Jane Foote. When her mother was hospitalized in another state, Jane was happy to find out there was a place for her to stay nearby.

When she returned to Hastings, she expressed her hope to other board members and Pamela Kearney, then president of the Foundation. After research and site visits to other houses, the board was ready to look into repurposing an older home across the street from Mary Lanning Healthcare.

“The more we worked with contractors and architects, the more they convinced us to consider a new building designed for this purpose,” said Jane.

Within six months, the Foundation presented a capital campaign to raise \$2.65 million for the new medical hospitality house. Public and private support from communities within the hospital’s service area contributed to the project. Hospital employees committed to \$50,000 and area businesses pledged support over three years.

Organizations and clubs of all interests and ages joined in to raise awareness and support.

Colleen Adam served on the 21-member Planning Committee. She remembers the creative ways the community pitched in to help

furnish the home with everything from gadgets and small appliances to books and movies.

“The housewarming showers were a fun way to help us create a warm and welcoming atmosphere,” Colleen said.

Dick Spady landscaped the grounds in tribute to his mother, Alberta Perkins-Spady, sister to Kool-Aid magnate Edwin Perkins. Dick designed the landscape to continue the warm welcome beyond the interior, blending trees, shrubs and perennials.

After the dedication ceremony, July 10, 1999, donors toured the home’s five rooms, five suites and living room, dining room and kitchen. An apartment on the main floor and a laundry room off the large main room in the lower level rounded out the space.

The home officially opened to family members of patients at Mary Lanning Healthcare that September.

In recent years, a room is reserved when possible for parents of babies in the NICU. Often patients receiving care at the Morrison Cancer Center will reserve a room that coincides with their treatment schedule.

Shower the Home

Please help us continue the home’s welcome. Watch your mail or find the Foundation’s website and Facebook page for information about how you can “Shower the Home.”

Families facing medical crisis need a safe shelter near their loved ones at Mary Lanning Healthcare. Please help us sustain the Home Away From Home for these families. They’re counting on you!



Home Away From Home



Clockwise from top left: Jane Foote and other members of the Planning Committee receive the First Lady's Award for leadership on this community project, spring 1999 • Foundation board members tour the Home Away From Home as interior spaces become defined • Home Away From Home under construction, fall 1998 • Living room, spring 2012 • Home Away From Home today



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Josey Evans: 2019 Vickie Hughes Lunstra Memorial Scholar

A native of Broken Bow, Josey Evans grew up hearing his uncle talk about his work as a nurse anesthetist in western Nebraska. Josey liked the idea of a career that allowed him to help people with healthcare in their hometown.

Josey credits his college advisor, Dr. Amy Morris, Hastings College professor of biology and chair of the department, for helping him create an academic plan to meet his career goal.

“She told me about the 3+1 accelerated nursing program and introduced me to Amy Landgren, the Creighton recruiter,” Josey says. “The two of them encouraged me to look into the program, and I’m glad they did.”

After 12 months of intense academic and clinical course work, Josey will graduate in December 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts in Health Systems from Hastings College and a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Creighton University’s College of



Nursing. The 3+1 nursing program is a partnership among Hastings College, Creighton University College of Nursing and Mary Lanning Healthcare.

Josey plans to work in a large hospital setting for a couple of years to gain experience before he returns to establish a career “somewhere in the [sand]hills” of Nebraska.

Sharon Hayek is chair of the selection committee for the Lunstra

Memorial Scholarship
Honors Beloved Nurse



Vickie Hughes Lunstra
Wilmington, Delaware
Graduation 1969

Scholarship. She recognizes Josey’s excellent academic record and his ambition to accomplish so much in just 3½ years.

“Excellent nurses are and will continue to be in great demand, especially those with outstanding academic and clinical training performance, like Josey. We were so pleased to learn he wants to practice in rural Nebraska.”



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