

With no time to spare, local lawyer's life is saved at Ridgeview

It started out as an ordinary day for Pat Neaton, a lawyer in Chanhassen, as he sat in his law office preparing to argue a motion via video conference in Carver County District Court. But quickly the situation changed. Neaton was having difficulty with his handwriting and pain progressed from his hand to his elbow. When he started slurring his speech, he knew something was wrong.

Due to the close proximity of Two Twelve Medical Center, in Chaska, Pat was receiving care in less than 10 minutes.

"In no time, they had me hooked up to monitors and were doing several tests," said Neaton. "I was extremely impressed with the responsiveness of the Ridgeview team. It seemed like I was the only person they were concerned about."

This was by design. Ridgeview has been designated a stroke-ready hospital since 2014. This means if a patient comes to the Emergency Department with concerning symptoms, they are triaged immediately and virtually all resources are focused on that one patient. After a rapid assessment and initial tests, the Ridgeview team consults via telemedicine with a stroke neurologist at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. This is exactly what happened with Neaton.



Emergency Physician Sarah Dundee, M.D. stresses that time really matters when it comes to stroke patients. "Our goal is to limit the amount of brain death, which limits the number of deficits a patient could experience in the future," said Dr. Dundee. "In order to do that, we need patients to come to the Emergency Department early so we know what type of stroke they are having. If it is a blockage, then we can administer drugs that break up a clot and allows oxygen and nutrients to pass to that part of the brain." For the drugs to be effective, they must be administered by physicians within three hours of the onset of symptoms.

Thanks to his immediate care and treatment at Ridgeview, Neaton is back to his normal routines. He's cut back slightly on the hours he practices law. He uses his extra time enjoying his 10 grandkids and cutting and splitting wood on his 15 acres of land, one of his favorite activities.

Pat's also thankful for the team at Ridgeview. "I've always been extremely impressed with the staff, their competence, their diligence and knowing that they are there is a big relief to me," Neaton said.





Jon Crow

Ridgeview Foundation
Board Chair

Message from the Foundation Board Chair:

Hello, and welcome to the Winter 2022 *Foundation Focus*. My name is Jon Crow, and I am the new board chair of Ridgeview Foundation. My first order of business is to publicly thank the Foundation's immediate past chair, Katie Barnes, for her two remarkable years of service. The Foundation flourished in the midst of an international pandemic, and Katie led us through it all. We are fortunate that Katie remains on the board and will be an invaluable resource to me during my tenure.

It's an exciting time to be chair of Ridgeview Foundation. As the pandemic winds down (we hope), the Foundation will be launching a multiyear campaign. Titled "The Cause for the Community", it will fund Ridgeview's continuing efforts to treat and keep sicker patients close to home, with their families. For years, many high acuity patients have been "deferred" to larger metro health systems for treatment. This campaign will help provide the infrastructure to keep high-acuity patients in Waconia, close to home. The following are the preliminary goals of this monumental effort:

- Accreditation of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to Level III;
- Expanded Pediatric services in partnership with Children's Minnesota;
- Continued expansion of our Cardiology Services;
- Expansion of our Clinical Education Programs (professional development), utilizing simulation and high skills training to have the most skilled nurses at your bedside;
- Continued expansion and enhancement of our Telemedicine Program across our system;
- Expansion of our Neuro/Telemetry Services; and
- The potential for a major Orthopedics and Spine Program expansion.

While much of this clinical innovation and expansion is still in the final planning stages, it's exciting and encouraging that we will be better able to serve our community. I will be sharing more on each of the aforementioned campaign priorities in future issues of *Foundation Focus* and in the Foundation's monthly e-newsletter. Until then, thank you for all you do to ensure extraordinary health care in your community.

Ridgeview Foundation proudly welcomes two new members to its Board of Directors in 2021



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Ridgeview and Children's Minnesota enhanced Neonatal Care beginning Oct. 1

After celebrating its 10-year partnership with Children's Minnesota last fall, Ridgeview has since strengthened its level of neonatal care in Waconia.

According to Meridith Wulf, RN, manager, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, "We previously provided care for babies who are born at 32 weeks and older. Beginning Oct. 1, we expanded the care in our level II neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) with the ability to care for babies as young as 30 weeks."

Ridgeview's program is led by neonatologist Mark Bergeron, MD, MPH, Children's Minnesota, with a daily on-site presence of a Children's Minnesota neonatologist. Additionally, Ridgeview's neonatal team consists of its own specially-trained nursing staff and Children's Minnesota neonatal nurse practitioners, who provide 24/7 on-site support.

"Having a NICU as part of our Birthing Center brings a higher level of care to the community and consequently peace of mind to expectant parents. Most newborns won't need extra care, but if they do, the services are here," Wulf said. Babies who need an even higher level of care are directly transported to Children's Minnesota in Minneapolis.

"The expertise and skill set of our care team has always been extraordinary and is not significantly changing," Wulf added. "Babies receiving neonatal care at Ridgeview are typically



premature and/or who need different levels of respiratory and feeding support. Some newborns require only a 24-hour stay, while others receive advanced care for up to two months."

Since the NICU opened in 2010, the team has cared for nearly 1,800 infants.

Ridgeview Celebrates 1-Year Anniversary of the Norman and Ann Hoffman Emergency Center



It's hard to believe it's been one year since we completed the \$18.8 million renovation and expansion of the Norman and Ann Hoffman Emergency Center at our Waconia campus. This project added 10,000 square feet to the Emergency Department, a new observation unit, new trauma rooms, new technology and more to enhance patient privacy and services.

The opening of the Norman and Ann Hoffman Emergency Center couldn't have come at a better time, allowing us the space and technology to care for our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the first 21 months, we cared for more than **18,000 patients**.

We couldn't have done it without the support of donors, like you. Thank you for making a difference in our community.

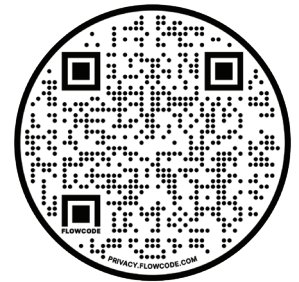
Thank you for your support of Ridgeview

Ridgeview, like other hospitals and health care systems across the country, faced steep declines in revenue due to the pandemic. That's why your philanthropy is a crucial component to ensuring Ridgeview can keep care close to home, when our community members need it the most.

Your support makes such an impact, and we are grateful for your participation.



Many thanks to the more than 500 community members, sponsors, volunteers and vendors who participated in the 36th Annual Golf & Taste Celebration on June 21. Together, we raised \$850,000 for our ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts.



[WATCH THE VIDEO HERE](#)

SWING FOR SIBLEY RIDGEVIEW ARLINGTON CAMPUS GOLF CELEBRATION

Our sincere gratitude to the community members, sponsors, volunteers and vendors who participated in the 1st Swing for Sibley golf event on Friday, July 23. Together, we raised \$15,000 for the Ridgeview Arlington Campus initiatives.



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RIDGEVIEW ARLINGTON CASH RAFFLE

There is still time to purchase your Ridgeview Arlington Cash Raffle Tickets. Five people will win \$1,000!

Thank you to our incredible 2021 Corporate Partners!



To get involved in Ridgeview's Corporate Partnership program, contact Liz Gerads, Corporate and Principal Gift Officer, at liz.gerads@ridgeviewmedical.org or 952-442-8061.

Successful Ridgeview Friends & Family Campaign

Our employees are amazing! During the 2021 Employee Campaign, hosted by the Ridgeview Friends & Family Committee, we encouraged our employees to participate in a 5k Run/Walk, test their luck at trivia and donate spare change during a Department Change Challenge.

Take a look at these numbers:

\$145,000

amount of money Ridgeview employees donated during our campaign.

248

number of PTO hours donated by our employees.



Ridgeview Friends & Family Committee Is Seeking Volunteers

Are you looking to do something that is fun and rewarding? Consider joining the Ridgeview Friends & Family Committee. The Friends & Family Committee exists to promote and recognize the support of Ridgeview Foundation. We have a fun group of volunteers who genuinely care about each other and appreciate the importance of belonging. They organize outreach opportunities that foster positive recognition of Ridgeview, enhances pride in the community and strengthen relationships within Ridgeview. Our goal as a committee is to show the important work Ridgeview does for our community, each and every day. There are a variety of ways for you to get involved, and all new committee members will receive YETI items and/or Foundation merchandise! Membership is open to Ridgeview employees and our service area community members. So grab a colleague or neighbor and learn how you can make an impact.

Contact Aspen Schmidt at the Foundation office for more information: aspen.schmidt@ridgeviewmedical.org or 952-442-6010.

Maximize the Impact of Donor-Advised Fund

You know donor-advised funds (DAFs) for their convenience and simplicity. But have you considered taking your donor-advised fund one step further to build a lasting legacy at Ridgeview Foundation?

Here are two simple options to ensure future support:

1. Name Ridgeview Foundation as a beneficiary of your fund.

You can do this at the time you create the fund, or if you already have one, contact your fund administrator to complete a change of beneficiary form. We can use the remaining funds to support our mission.

You have the option of naming Ridgeview Foundation the beneficiary of the entire account or a percentage of the fund.

2. Create a family legacy of giving.

Name your loved ones as your successor to continue recommending grants to charitable organizations, such as Ridgeview Foundation. This way, the funds can grow to support future family philanthropy. Families can build a tradition of giving and teach their children the values of philanthropy by involving them in the decisions about which grants to recommend.



An Example of How It Works

Joe and Laura want to give back to their hometown by putting their money where it will do the most good. They establish a \$25,000 donor-advised fund with a community foundation. The couple receives a federal income tax charitable deduction for the amount of the gift. After researching community needs with the foundation's staff, Joe and Laura recommend grants for Ridgeview Foundation (which they've supported for years) and a local charity. The foundation presents the charities with checks from the Patricia Fund, which Joe and Laura named in honor of Laura's mother. Joe and Laura name Ridgeview Foundation as the beneficiary to receive the account balance after their lifetimes.

Congratulations to our 2021 Health Care Scholarship Recipients



Ridgeview Foundation is pleased to announce the 2021 recipients of its annual health care scholarships. The Foundation awarded \$2,000 scholarships to the following high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a health-related degree or career:

Sarah Lenz

Belle Plaine

Cole Becker

Central (Norwood Young America)

Charlotte Block

Chanhassen

Jazlyn Vargas-Robles

Chaska

Simon Streachek

Delano

Austin Hiles

Gibbon-Faifax-Winthrop

Madison Marschel

Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted

Gavin Lund

Holy Family (Victoria)

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Elizabeth Anderson

Lester Prairie

Brooke Friske

Mayer Lutheran

Ella Albrecht

Minnetonka

Alyssa Schneider

Mound Westonka

Ellie Harens

Ridgeview Employee Child

Audrey Parrott

Sibley East

Felicia Luther

Southwest Christian (Chaska)

Megan Berney

Waconia

Aurora Anderstrom

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**Applications for our 2022 Health Care Scholarship
will be open on Jan. 1, 2022.**



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