



2025 Annual Meeting

September 22, 2025 – 12PM

Faith United Methodist Church

- 1. Call To Order**
- 2. Auxiliary Prayer**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2024 Annual Meeting**
- 5. Approval of Treasurer's Annual Report**
- 6. By-Law Updates**
- 7. Presentation of Officers**
 - a. 2025 Terms for Re-Election
 - i. Denise Hartford (term expires 2025)
 - ii. Mary Cero (terms expires 2025)
 - iii. Jacki Lerdal (term expires 2025)
- 8. Nominations**
 - a. President:
 - b. Vice President:
 - c. Treasurer:
 - d. Secretary:
- 9. Induction of Officers**
- 10. Adjournment of Meeting**

Annual Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was held at 12 noon on Monday, September 23, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Humboldt, Iowa.

Phyllis Warren, President of the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board called the 59th meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Auxiliary Prayer. She welcomed all members and guests present. The names of the auxiliary members who had passed away in the past year were read and a moment of silence was observed in their memory.

Phyllis introduced Michelle Sleiter, the Hospital CEO. Michelle is completing her 10th year with HCMH and wanted to share a few facts about the growth of the hospital during this time frame:

Gross Revenue:	18.4m to 39.6m
Net Revenue:	15m to 30.4m
Employees:	196 to 264
Wages:	6.4m to 12.7m
Patient Satisfaction scores:	84.0% to 89.3% with a top score of 91.4%

This is the 4th year in a row that HCMH has been named a Top Workplace in Iowa. This is based on an employee survey that the employees complete on an annual basis. Overall, 81% of our employees say they are extremely satisfied with their work.

The Mental Health and Wellness Center continues to be extremely busy and our new renovated space is nearing completion. We went from 2,000 square ft. to 3,200 square ft. We currently have 7 therapists and 1 PMHNP seeing patients. We were able to successfully recruit Dr. Ryan Lee from Humboldt who will start providing psychiatry services in October of 2025. We continue to partner with the schools and provide services to all Humboldt schools at their location as well as out of our clinic.

Michelle mentioned that last year the Emergency Room space was remodeled for the new ER. This is up and running and providing a much better workspace for our staff and patients as well as providing better security. After we completed that project, we moved into the old ER space and remodeled it for infusion services. We now have 6 rooms instead of 3 and provide services 12 hours a day.

Iowa Heart gave notice a few months ago to Fort Dodge regarding their inability to secure physicians to be able to continue to provide 24-hour support in the ER and Interventional

Cardiology spaces. This left Fort Dodge in a critical state surrounding the future of cardiology services in Fort Dodge. Fort Dodge was able to work with their UnityPoint partners and create a fully owned and operated cardiology department of their own, Trinity Heart Center. In partnership with them, Humboldt will be able to have a physician and NP twice a month seeing patients in our specialty clinic. Our services here were getting fewer and fewer with Iowa Heart so we look forward to the partnership with UnityPoint beginning in November. Trinity Heart Center will also be providing all of our professional reads of EKS, ECHOs and Holter monitors.

We continue to stay busy in our surgery and outpatient areas. Our surgeons include Dr. Adams, Dr. Li, Dr. Hartman, Dr. Wellendorf, Dr. Olsen, Dr. Croo, and Dr. Worle. Jacob Miller continues to provide pain services two days a week.

Outpatient also includes: Ortho (Ben Becker), Oncology and Hematology (Dr. Teflon), Endocrinology (Dr. Riva), Cardiology, Dermatology (Krishna Hanson), Audiology and Hearing Instruments (Starr Banwell), Gynecology and OB (Dr. Lieske) and Gastroenterology (Amy Faga).

We are continuing to do what we can to support the needs of our seniors within Independent Living, Assisted Living and Long-Term Care. All areas are full with waiting lists but we continue to work through the lists as beds become available. My recommendation is that you contact the area you are interested in if you have any questions or are looking to move in.

Legislation was looking at pushing a 24/7 RN ratio requirement to all nursing homes but that was shut down last week. This is great news for us as we staff our nursing home with both LPNs and RNs. With this rule, we would have to remove the LPNs and find RNs to provide the nursing coverage which would be impossible.

I will also be meeting with Senator Guth and Representative Thompson in the near future to discuss the financial environment of our nursing home and how additional support is needed as we go forward. The state will be rebasing payments for Medicaid this year and we need to see that increase occur within our facility to help keep us operational.

We are seeing ups and downs with respiratory illnesses thus far in Humboldt. Nothing to concerning at this point but we expect to see more in the coming weeks. Our drive through flu clinics are scheduled for the middle of October. Please feel free to use those if that is convenient to you. We will not be providing any COVID vaccinations but Hy-Vee does have the vaccination.

We have spent time and money on ensuring our team is there for Humboldt County the minute 911 is called. We now have 1 paramedic on call 24/7 working both in the ambulance and the ER. This is a tremendous help to our ER and creates additional expertise out in the field.

If you are in the market for Medicare and/or wanting to look at a different plan, now is the time. Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15th through December 7th and you are able to switch plans during this time. Seniors can choose to select original Medicare coverage, managed by the federal government, or Medicare Advantage, managed by private insurance plans.

Medicare Advantage plans may seem appealing but review the details closely. Choosing between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans requires careful consideration of your health needs and finances. Medicare Advantage plans can carry hidden risks, especially for people with health conditions. They have limited provider networks and have a need for prior approvals or referrals for most services.

Humboldt County Memorial Hospital is doing well overall. We continue to explore opportunities to be what you want HCMH to be for you as you need care and services.

Michelle stated that she wanted to thank all the Auxiliary members for all their support over the years. In the past year, the Auxiliary has paid for roller shades for our front entry windows, purchased a splint pan for Jon our OT and provided treats to our staff during employee appreciation week. You also gave 5 scholarships to students pursuing health related careers and employees with continuing their healthcare education. We appreciate what you do and how you give back. We are lucky to have such an active group supporting the mission of the hospital.

Phyllis Warren then gave the table prayer and a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all.

The minutes from the last meeting were provided to the people in attendance. There being no additions or corrections, it was moved by Jackie Lerdal and seconded by Jane Coltvet to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2023 Annual Meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Phyllis Warren then asked the people in attendance to review the annual reports from the members of the board which were printed on the handouts at the table. The Treasurer's Report shows a total with checking, CD's and cash on hand of \$52,765.68, which does not include the hospital report. A motion was made by Marion Anderson and seconded by Margaret Tellier to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Jacki Lerdal then presented the update of the By-Laws, copies of which were on the tables. The changes presented are as follows:

Article II: Membership – Section 5 states “A \$50 memorial from the Auxiliary will be given to the family upon the death of a board member and a sympathy card for any auxiliary member” this wording will be removed and put in the Auxiliary Year Book.

Article VI: Standing Committees and Their Duties, Section 2: From General Membership 2. Yearbooks/Bylaws Committee, third sentence,. Any amended bylaws will be presented to the Hospital Board of Trustees for approval and signature. This will be deleted.

A motion was made by Mary Carlson and seconded by Marion Anderson to approve the By Law changes as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Phyllis Warren then introduced the new Auxiliary Board, along with the slate of officers. The Board consists of: Phyllis Warren, Allison Christensen, Peggy Rice, Jacki Lerdal, Meg Thompson, Kathy Eck, Mary Cero, Denise Hartford, Margaret Tellier, Jane Coltvvet and Monica Johnson.

The slate of officers is:

President: Allison Christensen

Vice President: Marion Anderson

Secretary: Peggy Rice

Treasurer: Jacki Lerdal

Brienne Berte installed the new officers.

Prizes were handed out and the President adjourned the meeting.

Peggy J. Rice, Secretary

Humboldt County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
12 Month Report 9/1/2024 - 8/31/2025

ANNUAL REPORT

Starting Bal | **\$42,345.26**

Receipts

Genevieve's Place

	Amount
Cash & Checks Deposited 9-1-2024 thru 8-31-2025	\$24,514.36
CD matured	\$5,288.34
Transfers from Care Bags Savings	\$934.05

Total Receipts | **\$30,736.75** | **TOTAL DEP** | **\$30,736.75**

Expenses

	Amount
Stamps	\$49.92
Genevieve's Advertising	\$1,206.47
Scholarships	\$5,000.00
Employee appreciation	\$1,074.00
Audit	\$100.00
Annual Meeting	\$191.15
Sit to Stand for LTC	\$4,251.64
Window film for Genevieve's	\$200.00
Movie & snacks for Springvale & LTC	\$589.00
New coffee machine	\$3,989.00
Add to new CD	\$5,000.00
Care Bags	\$3,434.05

Total Expenses | **\$25,085.23** | **Total Checks** | **\$25,085.23**

Profit (loss)

Profit - (loss) | **\$5,651.52**

Checking Account Balance

Beginning checking balance as of 9-1-2024 | **\$42,345.26**

Profit (loss) this year | **\$5,651.52**

Checking Balance 8-31-2025 | **\$47,996.78**

Total On Hand 8-31-2025

Bank Iowa-Care Bags Savings Account	\$17,933.75
Bank Iowa-CD rate 4.51%, matures 10-15-25 (13 months)	\$10,222.71
Cash in Genevieve's Place	\$300.50
Total	\$28,456.96

TOTAL ON HAND | **\$76,453.74**

CARE BAGS SAVINGS

Initial deposit from Auxiliary	\$2,113.05
Donations	\$16,751.67
Interest	\$3.08
Transfers to checking	(\$934.05)
Total	\$17,933.75

Treasurer

Jacki Lerdal

Welcome to the 60th Annual Meeting of the HCMH Auxiliary!

We are thrilled to host this luncheon in support of our county hospital, which continues to work tirelessly to keep our community healthy and cared for.

First and foremost, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Auxiliary Board and to all our sponsoring members. Your ongoing support of the hospital, senior living facilities, patients, and the broader healthcare community makes everything we do possible. We simply couldn't do it without you.

On your tables, you'll find copies of the 2025 Annual Report. Please take a moment to look through it—it offers a detailed look at how your annual dues and lifetime memberships directly impact our efforts throughout the year.

Membership renewals can be completed at the front table today, online, or at Genevieve's Gift Shop. These memberships are the foundation of the Auxiliary, helping us provide vital equipment and scholarships to those pursuing careers in healthcare.

To learn more about our work, visit the Auxiliary's page on the HCMH website:

 <https://www.humboldthospital.org/hcmh-auxiliary>

Click on the "MORE+" menu and select "HCMH Auxiliary." There, you'll find information about how to become a sponsor or donor, apply for scholarships, view past annual meeting reports, read about Genevieve's Place, and learn about our newest initiative—the Cancer Care Bags. We encourage you to explore everything the site has to offer!

HCMH Auxiliary Board Members

Effective January 2025 – December 2025

(3 Year Terms) *listing below is when term ends - * means they are serving a second 3-year term*

Allison Christensen	President	2027*
Marian Anderson	Vice President	2027
Peggy Rice	Secretary	2026
Jacki Lerdal	Treasurer	2025
Mary Cero		2025
Denise Hartford		2025
Meg Thompson		2025*
Monica Johnson		2026
Margaret Tellier		2026*
Phyllis Warren		2026*
Jane Coltvet		2027*
Kathy Eck		2027*

Special Thanks

We want to give a huge thank you to **Kelmar Catering** the **HCMH kitchen** and the **Springvale Independent Living kitchen** for their continued support of Genevieve's Gift Shop. Every Tuesday, Kelly Nostrom from Kelmar Catering donates delicious bars and cookies—always a hit! And the protein balls from the hospital kitchen have become a staff favorite.

To all our **Genevieve's Gift Shop volunteers**—thank you! Your time and dedication are invaluable. A special shout out to **Bri Berte** who has gone above and beyond, putting in countless hours—your hard work and amazing decorating skills are deeply appreciated. The gift shop is always in need of extra help, and there are lots of days Bri often steps in to keep the shop open. If you're able, please consider volunteering your time, we'd love to have you join us and lend a hand.

2024–2025 Highlights

- **Scholarships:**
 - Three \$1,000 scholarships awarded to high school seniors pursuing healthcare careers
 - Two \$1,000 continuing education scholarships awarded to healthcare community members furthering their healthcare education
- **Staff Appreciation:**
 - Kelmar Revel Bars on Valentine's Day
 - \$5 gift shop coupons on Employee Appreciation Day
- **Community Support & Equipment:**
 - Purchased a Sit-to-Stand for Long-Term Care
 - Sponsored a Humota movie night-out with snacks for Springvale and Long-Term Care residents
 - Installed a Caribou Coffee machine, with many lifetime coffee memberships sold—driving more visitors to Genevieve's!

If you haven't tried the new coffee yet, stop by Genevieve's Gift Shop and check out the beautiful fall décor that Bri has put together!

Fundraising Success

- Our \$6 Jewelry Sale in April was a great success
 - In March, hospital departments and staff created baskets for our auction fundraiser, bringing in generous contributions
 - Check the Treasurer's Report for complete financial details on the success of Genevieve's gift shop where proceeds benefit the Auxiliary.
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New Initiative: Cancer Care Bags

One of our most meaningful new projects is the **Cancer Care Bags**, spearheaded by **Karen Berte**. These thoughtfully curated care packages are designed to bring comfort and encouragement to those undergoing treatment for cancer and other serious conditions.

Thanks to the generosity of **100 Women Who Care**, we received an over \$16,000 community grant to help fund this initiative. The bags include items like cozy blankets, socks, puzzles, and other comfort items to support patients during their treatment journey.

We are always in need of donations—both items and funds. If you'd like to contribute or know someone in need, please call Public Health at the hospital (515-332-2492). On the website and on the table today is more information.

Thank you again for joining us and for all the ways you support the HCMH Auxiliary. Together, we make a lasting difference in the lives of patients, families, and healthcare workers across Humboldt County.

Warm regards,
Allison Christensen
HCMH Auxiliary President

Membership Report

The Humboldt Hospital Auxiliary Membership for 2025 is 138 members. We have 66 Life Members, and 72 Annual members. Our annual dues are \$20.00 for yearly (annual) membership, and \$200 for Lifetime Membership.

A constant goal of this Committee is increasing our membership. This year your Auxiliary Board worked very hard to recruit new members. We are proud of new members we have acquired. We DO still need your help. PLEASE help us grow in our support for our hospital and your Auxiliary. Your dues enable us to provide three \$1,000 scholarships for students who are pursuing careers in the medical field, and for advanced educational opportunities for our hospital staff. We also provide much needed equipment for the Hospital. You may join today in person or mail a check to the HCMH Auxiliary, 1000 15th Street North, Humboldt, IA 50548. We would also ask that you update your address, email and phone numbers when you renew. Thank you for your continued membership and support.

Margaret Tellier,
HCMH Auxiliary Membership Committee

In Memory of our Beloved Deceased Auxiliary Members:

Carol McBurney
Mavis Bowden
Shirley Moench
Marjorie Whipple
Opal Stanford
Marilyn Hinnens
Neva Helvick
Doris Kuehnst
MaryLou Warner
Linda Gunderson
Sharon Robinson
Wanda Benjamin
Vernice Hoops Wagner

Scholarship Report

The HCMH Auxiliary Scholarship Committee was able to present three \$1,000 scholarships to three members of the Humboldt High School graduating class of 2025. Each of these students completed the application process and is entering a health care related field.

- **Elsie Hubbell**, daughter of Janet and Luke Hubbell, will attend Mercy College of Health Sciences. Her career plans are to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.
- **Kaysie Nilles**, daughter of Wendy and Bob Nilles, will attend Iowa Central Community College. She will be entering the radiology program.
- **Margaret (Meg) Zweibohmer**, daughter of Jaime and Jake Zweibohmer, will be attending the University of Iowa. She will be studying Radiation Sciences.

Each of these young women have great goals. We wish them much success!

\$1,000 Continuing Education scholarships are available each year to students who are continuing their education in Health care related fields. Two Continuing Education Scholarships were able to be awarded in 2025 to applicants who met the guidelines printed on the application form. The application forms are available at the registration desk at the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital.

- Amber Bakken will be continuing her education at Western Governors University to become a Nurse Practitioner.
- Ramona Rowbotham will be continuing her education at Des Moines University to become a Physician's Assistant.

These young women are presently employed at HCMH. We wish them much success!

Phyllis Warren,
HCMH Auxiliary Scholarship Committee
Project Committee Report

- **February: Employee Recognition Treats**
- **March: \$5 Spring Jewelry Sale/Silent Auction**
- **August: Employee Recognition (\$5 coupon to Genevieve's)**
- **September: Annual Meeting**
- **December: Christmas Coffee**

Kathy Eck, Meg Thompson, Mary Cero, Denise Hartford
HCMH Auxiliary Project Committee

Genevieve's Café & Gift Shop Report

We've added a new coffee machine this year with Caribou Coffee beans, and this has made a huge impact on the gift shop's bottom line and the happiness of employees. I'm happy to report that we now have over 51 lifetime coffee club members which is a huge jump from where we started with only roughly 20 lifetime coffee club members.

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who donate their time to our beloved giftshop – because of these generous people we are able to brighten the day of patients, visitors and employees.

If you are interested in volunteering at Genevieve's please contact Bri Berte at 515-332-7626 or email, brienneb@humboldthospital.org.

To stay up to date with all things Genevieve's make sure to follow our Facebook Page (Genevieve's Place – Café & Boutique).

HCMH - Genevieve's Financial Report:

- September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025
 - o **Net Sales - \$72,408.38**
- September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024
 - o **Net Sales - \$60,959.92**

Thank you for supporting the gift shop and come shop at Genevieve's this holiday season!

Brienne Berte,
Hospital Representative (Genevieve's Buyer)

*Hope in every bag,
strength in every heart*



AUXILIARY CARE BAGS

The HCMH Auxiliary Care Bags project provides thoughtfully assembled care packages for individuals undergoing treatment for serious and life-threatening illnesses—such as cancer and other critical conditions.

Each bag is filled with comfort items to lift spirits and ease the treatment journey.

WHY IT MATTERS

A care bag may seem small, but it can offer a moment of warmth, relief, and encouragement to someone going through one of the hardest times in their life. **With your help, we can let them know they are seen, supported, and not alone.**

GET INVOLVED

We'd love your support! To arrange a donation drop-off or to contribute financially to the HCMH Auxiliary Care Bags, please contact:

✉ HCMHcarebags@gmail.com

☎ 515-332-2492

NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR A CARE BAG

If you know of someone currently under going treatment - call 515-332-2492 with the persons name, address and disease.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Chapstick
- Kleenex (travel packs)
- Soft Blankets/Quilts
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Cozy Socks
- Unscented Lotion
- Activity Books (crossword, sudoku, etc.)
- Books
- Hard Candy/Dry Mouth Lozenges
- Hats/Beanies
- Hand Sanitizer
- Monetary Donations (used to purchase items or giftcards)

Checks Payable:

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Humboldt, IA 50548