



COAL COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOUNDATION

Beulah, ND 58523

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Season's Greetings to You!

While many issues in our society today could be debated, the need for quality health care is certainly important to all of us. We are fortunate to have excellent medical facilities in our area staffed with talented and caring providers. However, our nation, our state and our local facilities face significant shortages of workers. This is especially true in the nursing field.

The Coal Country Community Health Care Foundation (CCCHC) Board of Directors was recently re-established to address this shortage. We believe that one way to begin to address this issue is by identifying and training young people from our area to seek education and training in the medical field. We have termed this effort "Growing Our Own".

During 2023 we began this effort in two ways. Our first effort was to sponsor the formation or support of programs in our high schools. These programs are known as HOSA-Future Health Professionals or more simply referred to as 'future health care workers. These organizations are student led and focus on learning, leadership, service, and innovation related to medical services. HOSA programs are now in place in the Killdeer, Beulah, and Hazen high schools.

Our second effort was to award college scholarships to four students from the CCCHC service area. A scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to a senior student from each of the Killdeer, Beulah, Hazen, and Center high schools. The basis for the scholarship is academic performance and intent to pursue an education in the medical field.

We are planning to offer scholarships to graduating seniors again in 2024. We hope to increase the number of scholarships to six with each school having one recipient and awarding two additional scholarships at large. In addition, we plan to offer the scholarship recipients from 2023 the opportunity to apply for another \$500 scholarship.

Beyond this year, we will look to further expand scholarships and other training opportunities. Perhaps someday, we will be able to provide sponsorships for individuals going on to medical school.

If you agree that the "Grow Our Own" effort is worthwhile and needed, we encourage you to join us in making it successful by donating to the Coal Country Community Health Care Foundation. The Foundation is a 501 c (3).

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Contribution Form (Separate Sheet)

I/We wish to make a gift to the Coal Country Community Health Care Foundation in support of the

“Grow Our Own” effort as follows:

\$100     \$200     \$500     Other \_\_\_\_\_

To be in one lump sum (enclosed)

To be paid in equal amounts over this period: Start \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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