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Happy New Year, [Salutation]!

As 2025 neared its end, the GRMC Foundation received some exciting news. You may already know what I'm referring to, but I just have to share the news here: **a \$1 million Community Project Funding grant award!** Approved by Congress and signed by the President in mid-November, this grant (which will be disbursed in 2026) is designated to the expansion and renovation of GRMC's obstetrics unit. Earlier in 2025, GRMC was one of only 15 projects selected within Iowa's Second Congressional District to receive this highly competitive USDA Rural Development Community Facilities funding, championed locally by Congresswoman Ashley Hinson (shown on the left with Cherish Hansen, obstetrics manager, and Laura Juel, vice president of nursing services, as she toured the obstetrics unit in 2024).



This investment directly supports GRMC's commitment to strengthen access to maternal health care in rural Iowa. With more than 60% of rural Iowa hospitals no longer offering obstetrics services, GRMC remains the only hospital with a labor and delivery unit across Poweshiek, Marshall, Iowa, Jasper, and Tama counties. We need look no further than the increase in births at GRMC to know how important this project is for our region: **298 births at the end of November 2025 compared to 249 births in the entire year of 2024 - an increase of almost 20%!**



When we began the *Delivering Our Future* capital campaign in 2023 to raise funds for the expansion and renovation of the obstetrics unit, our goal was \$2.5 million. As costs increased and plans were fine-tuned, the total expected cost rose to \$4.1 million. *Thanks to your support*, Phase I of the expansion of GRMC's obstetrics unit is completed. Begun in June 2025, Phase I consisted of building a new postpartum room (vital to keeping the unit operational during future phases of the project), a new entrance to the unit, and a new storage room for clean supplies.



What excites me even more than sharing news about a million-dollar grant or the progress of the project, is being able to share that GRMC now has sufficient cash, pledges, and awarded grants to complete this project. Thank you for being part of this journey and for continuing to invest in local healthcare. We couldn't do what we do without you! *Thank you for making a difference at GRMC.*



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PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT

SURGICAL ASSOCIATES

In 2025, GRMC acquired the building formerly known as the Surgical Associates building located at 122 4th Avenue and the parking lot across the street. This acquisition was part purchase and part donation. With help from the GRMC Foundation, GRMC was able to purchase the properties by paying off the remaining mortgage, which was approximately 48% of the properties' total value. The remaining value was donated by the former partners of Surgical Associates, LLP and the previous owners: **Drs. David Coster, Russell Bandstra, Aaron Smith, and Mathew Severidt.**

On November 14, 2025, the GRMC Foundation hosted an open house to honor the doctors for their incredible generosity. Drs. Coster, Smith, and Severidt were present, along with nearly 30 members of the GRMC staff and community, including several members of the GRMC and GRMC Foundation Boards of Directors. In addition to a plaque hung in recognition of their generosity, individual spaces were dedicated to the doctors: the medical library for Dr. Coster, a surgical procedure room for Dr. Severidt, and the urology suite for Drs. Bandstra and Smith.

As stated on the plaque: "The donation of this building and adjacent property is an act of extraordinary generosity, honoring the decades-long dedication of Drs. Coster, Bandstra, Smith, and Severidt, and stands as a lasting and visible legacy of their service to GRMC, the region, and beyond for years to come."

Thank you, Drs. Coster, Bandstra, Smith, and Severidt for your impactful generosity and service!



Pictured in front of the plaque are (L-R) Dr. David Coster, Dr. Aaron Smith, David-Paul Cavazos, GRMC president, and Dr. Mathew Severidt.

GRINNELL MOTORS PINK TAG

Thank you, Grinnell Motors, for selecting the GRMC Foundation as a beneficiary of your Pink Tag Sales Event in October 2025. Your support of oncology services at GRMC, your local healthcare provider, is inspiring.



Pictured at Grinnell Motors are Michael Machin, General Sales Manager; Donna Fischer, GRMC's Director of Development; and Ross Knobbe, owner of Grinnell Motors.

NEW GLUCOSE MONITORS

The GRMC Foundation is grateful for the continued support of the Poweshiek County Alliance (PCA) and the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation. In 2025, a PCA grant helped GRMC purchase several new glucose monitors for use throughout the hospital and our clinics.



These new monitors will deliver accurate results more quickly and with a significantly reduced need for additional blood draws.

Thank you for helping us improve our services to benefit our patients.

HOSPITAL NEWS



YOUR PLAN, YOUR LEGACY

You've made it through the holidays. Congratulations! So, what's on your checklist to get a good start on this new year? Here are two simple, yet important, items to consider adding to your list - if they're not already on it.

- ✓ Check beneficiaries on bank and investment accounts and life insurance policies
- ✓ Review medical and financial powers of attorney

This is a great time of year to take a few moments and review these important accounts and documents. This is especially important if you had any significant, life-changing events occur in the previous year. Events such as marriage, a death in the family, or a change in other important relationships may signify a need to update beneficiaries and powers of attorney.

For more information about estate planning, visit <https://plannedgiving.unitypoint.org/?pgloc=grinnell>

NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED AT GRMC

GRMC recently launched our Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC). GRMC's PFAC is the pilot program for the entire UnityPoint Health system. PFACs are designed to elevate the voices of patients, families, and caregivers as essential partners in care. They help hospitals to improve patient safety and care delivery, boost patient experience and outcomes, align

SURGERY TEAM EARNS TWO AWARDS

GRMC has been recognized by the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program for achieving outstanding surgical outcomes in 2024. Only 76 hospitals nationwide earned this distinction, and GRMC was named to the "All Cases" Meritorious list for excellent results across all patient types. This recognition reflects our surgery team's commitment to using high-quality data to improve patient safety, reduce complications and deliver the best possible outcomes. Congratulations to the entire surgical team!

Congratulations, also, to GRMC's bariatric surgery team for, once more, being awarded the Comprehensive Center accreditation from MBSAIP (the accrediting agency for bariatrics). Additionally, Drs.



with accrediting standards, and increase employee engagement.

We are grateful for the team members and individuals from the community who have committed to participating on our PFAC.



Bilderback and Tayash were again verified by the agency. Elements of our program highlighted by the survey team included comprehensive patient education, bariatric support group, and overall team collaboration. Special recognition goes to Angie Chidester, bariatric coordinator; Natalie Cline, quality manager, and Drs. Bilderback and Tayash for leading GRMC through this process.



NEW PROVIDER

Alyssa Wunderlich, ARNP, has recently joined our Manatt Walk-In Clinic. Alyssa received her degree from Motlow State Community College, followed by an advanced registered nurse practitioner degree (ARNP) from Chamberlain University.

"I chose to join UnityPoint Health - Grinnell because of its strong reputation and commitment to patient-centered care, teamwork and excellence in delivering high-quality, accessible services to the community," she shares.



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TO US AND TO
YOUR WORLD.**