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Beatrice Community Hospital Foundation Awards \$7,138 in 2026 Mini-Healthcare Grants

Beatrice, NE – June 5, 2026 – The Beatrice Community Hospital Foundation is proud to announce the 2026 recipients of the Mini-Healthcare Grants, with a total of \$7,138 allocated to enhance patient care, comfort, and operational efficiency at Beatrice Community Hospital.

These impactful grants are made possible through contributions to the Centurian Forever Endowment Fund, which was established in 2016 to create a legacy of healthcare support for generations to come. Each year, Centurian Partners, donors who donate to the endowment, participate in the unique opportunity to help decide how the funds are distributed.

"The Centurian Partners program is a wonderful example of philanthropy at work within our hospital and clinics," said Shelby Watson, Senior Executive of the Beatrice Community Hospital Foundation. "Through the generosity of our Centurian Partners, we are able to support projects that may not otherwise receive funding but have a direct and meaningful impact on patient care, staff efficiency, and the overall healthcare experience. We are grateful to our donors for their continued commitment to strengthening local healthcare and helping us meet the evolving needs of our communities."

Centurian Partners reviewed this year's grant submissions and awarded funding to seven departmental projects that demonstrate a shared commitment to enhancing patient care, improving patient experiences, and supporting staff in delivering exceptional healthcare services.

The Labor and Delivery Department received \$600 to establish an Infant Bereavement Program, providing compassionate resources and support to families experiencing the loss of an infant. The Wymore Clinic was awarded \$1,125 to purchase nebulizer machines for

home use, helping ensure patients have access to needed respiratory treatments when cost or transportation barriers exist. The Behavioral Health Department received \$1,750 to continue support of a Mind-Body Wellness & Weight Management Initiative, a holistic program designed to support both mental and physical well-being. Case Management was awarded \$600 to purchase finger pulse oximeters for patient use at home, assisting in the monitoring and treatment of respiratory conditions. Finally, BCH Women's and Children's Clinic received \$1,813 to purchase a pediatric/infant scale, enhancing the accuracy of patient assessments and supporting high-quality care for the hospital's youngest patients.

In addition, a collaborative project between Acute Care and Labor and Delivery received \$1,000 to implement a Transfer Bag Program, providing families with essential personal care items when a loved one must be transferred unexpectedly to another healthcare facility. Acute Care was also awarded \$250 to establish an End-of-Life Comfort Program, ensuring patients and their loved ones receive compassionate support, comfort measures, and guidance during end-of-life care.

Since its inception, the Centurian Forever Endowment has empowered the BCH Foundation to address healthcare challenges, fund innovation, and sustain a tradition of excellence. The BCH Foundation remains committed to expanding healthcare access, improving patient outcomes, and supporting the wellbeing of our communities.

For more information about other grant opportunities or becoming a Centurian Partner, please visit www.thebchfoundation.org or contact the Foundation directly.



Centurian Partners award the 2026 Mini-Healthcare Grants to BCH departments. Pictured (from L-R) Bri Prall, Margaret Haith, Colleen Deines, Marilee Brinkmeyer, Angie Oblinger, Jill Allen, Lindsey Zimmerman, Nikki Oltman, Dorothy Zimmerman, Dr. Robert McLellan, Kathy Epp, and Nichole Allen.