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CentraCare Foundation's 2019 Holly Ball sets a record!

St. Cloud, Minn. – The CentraCare Foundation presented the 45th annual Holly Ball on Dec. 7 at the River's Edge Convention Center with more than 2,000 guests in attendance. The 45th *Voyage* event raised a record-breaking amount of nearly \$865,000, which included a Fund-A-Need segment that raised more than \$135,000 onsite!

In Holly Ball's dinner room, the live program included co-emcees Marc Sanderson and Larry Logeman, with special guest speaker Willow Sweeney Flaherty. It also featured the world premiere of the music video "Walk Together" with a live performance by local musician Michael Shynes and dancers from Ms. Melinda's Dance Studio. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrWgMpfNilw&t=14s>

Also, hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers contributed to making this event a success, including chairs Chanda Gebhardt, Melissa Rothstein, Jessica Soldner, Lily Tenvoorde and Kelly Wahlin, along with Vice Chair Jodi Erkens. Funds raised will benefit the CentraCare Hospice and Coborn Cancer Center Greatest Needs Funds.

Save the date for the 46th annual Holly Ball on Dec. 5, 2020!

About Holly Ball

CentraCare Foundation's Holly Ball has raised over \$10 million from the past 45 years for Cancer and Hospice Programming. These funds provide the little extras not covered by insurance but enrich the quality of life for our patients and their families.

About CentraCare Hospice

Hospice provides comfort and dignity and respects human life from beginning to end for patients who have a six month or less life expectancy and are accepting of comfort care. It helps support people in the final stages of their lives and offers an environment of hope that symptoms can be managed, fears diminished, questions answered and loneliness eased. Hospice enables patients and their families to approach death and dying with dignity and respect. St. Cloud Hospice cared for more than 400 patients and their families last year within a 45-mile radius of St. Cloud.

About Coborn Cancer Center

Coborn Cancer Center is a regional cancer center of the highest quality which provides comprehensive care close to home, and an extensive range of treatment options to support cancer patients and their families. Our skilled professionals deliver outstanding clinical outcomes, a superior patient experience and access to resources and services to care for mind, body and spirit throughout the cancer journey.

Coborn Cancer Center has earned program certification of Commendation and an Outstanding Achievement Award as a Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program from American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC). Coborn Cancer Center is the only cancer program in Minnesota to achieve this award designation for four consecutive surveys.

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Attached photos:

1. *CentraCare Foundation team*
2. *Holly Ball 2019 chairs (clockwise starting in back row): Vice Chair Jodi Erkens, Chanda Gebhardt, Lily Tenvorde, Jessica Soldner, Melissa Rothstein, and Kelly Wahlin.*