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*"Caring for our older adults by partnering with rural communities"*

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## A new chapter begins: Welcome, Taylor Jorgensen!

We are pleased to welcome Taylor Jorgensen as our new Executive Director for Community of Care! She is the third Executive Director in the 23-year history of our organization, and we are excited about her vision, passion, and experience.

Community of Care is built on trust, compassion, collaboration, and a shared commitment to supporting our clients, volunteers and staff. **We believe that Taylor's leadership will help strengthen and expand this foundation, guiding us into our next chapter with purpose and energy.**

Taylor brings dedication to people-centered leadership and a deep appreciation for the relationships that power meaningful impact. **Her approach aligns with our belief that when individuals feel valued and supported, we all thrive.** Taylor will build on the strong groundwork of Myrna Hanson's past 15 years of leadership, while inspiring new ideas, innovation, and growth that will take our organization to the next level.

In the coming weeks there will be opportunities for everyone to connect with Taylor, share perspectives, and continue shaping a culture where every



**voice matters. Together, we will continue to nurture a community where care is not just a value, but a daily practice.**

Taylor lives in Hunter with her husband, Johnny, and their two children, Sutton & Stella. She holds an MBA with an emphasis in Healthcare Administration and has professional experience in human resources, marketing, and healthcare operations. As a native of rural Lisbon, Taylor is excited to bring her skills and passion for serving rural communities to her new role.

**Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Taylor, her official start date is June 15th, 2026.**

## 19TH ANNUAL TOTALLY TABLES ANOTHER INCREDIBLE EVENING!

St. Leo's Spirit of Life Center was the place to be on April 24th. Totally Tables was another wonderful success. "Thank you for being a friend" was a fun theme. We loved all the creative ways table sponsors interpreted the theme for the decorations. Tables ranging from elegant dinner parties to the coffee house from Friends to gardens of friends to garage sale to 4th of July celebration. Each one was special and added to the evening's excitement.

**Thanks to Steve Carvell for his wonderful pictures, you can find them on our website.**

Attendees bid on silent auction items, played the paddle game, bought a cork at the wine wall, visited with old friends and made new friends, bid on the live auction items and provided generous support during the Fund A Need auction. We have heard so many comments about how fun the evening was and how many new people joined us!

**We were so fortunate to have two of the "Golden Girls" join us for the evening. Click on the QR code below to watch the 2026 video—"Thank you for being a friend" featuring Blanche and Sophia.**

**The 19th annual Totally Tables plays a major part in our ability to provide our services free of charge. The funds raised provided 30% of our funding for the year!** Major table sponsors and Fund A Need match donors are listed on page 5. **A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended and partnered with us. We are humbled and grateful for your support. YOU are helping older adults throughout rural Cass County continue to say, "There's no place like HOME!"**



**Thank you for being a FRIEND to Community of Care! We are thankful for our clients, volunteers, board of directors and donors. All of YOU play a vital role in our mission and we are grateful for your PARTNERSHIP!**



### Above:

Max Steffes; auctioneer and Patrick Kirby; emcee; the final 4 of a paddle game; attendees selected their color for the paddle game; a few more "golden girls" joined us for the evening; bidders raise their hands to support the Fund A Need auction.

### Below:

Lauren Prante, "Sophia", Myrna Hanson & "Blanche".



## WINNING TABLES FROM THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOTALLY TABLES

**Right:** Waslien Cramer—best use of theme;  
Arthur United Methodist Church—people’s choice.

**Below:** West Funeral Home—most creative.  
*Photos courtesy of Steve Carvell Photography*



## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Myrna Hanson has worn many career hats. She was a music teacher, an Associate in Ministry doing Youth and Christian Ministry, a bell choir director, and a piano teacher.

But, during her fifteen years as the Community of Care Executive Director, she has balanced multiple hats while in constant motion, and with grace. Her roles have included marketing and publicity; development and fundraising; and leadership and guidance of the staff and Board of Directors; **all while maintaining a culture of faith and service to the mission of the Community of Care.**

Myrna says that, while serving as Executive Director, she has loved living out her own values, which mirror the values of the Community of Care. Staff members Natalie Keller and Lauren Prante note that her **“caring personality shines in everything she does”** and that she **“has fostered a workplace culture built on support, respect, and encouragement.”** Former board chair Susan Stibbe describes Myrna as a **“thoughtful, generous, inspirational and hard-working leader who is respected and admired by the staff, the Board of**

**Directors, volunteers and the clients who have always been her number one priority.”**

The growth of the Community of Care during Myrna’s tenure is proof of her dedication and strong work ethic. Since 2011 when Myrna began as Executive Director, the number of clients served has doubled, and the staff has increased by two-thirds, including the Faith Community Nurse Program. The budget has increased by 182% and fundraising efforts have successfully grown to cover the growth.

Myrna says that her favorite part of serving as Executive Director has been **getting to know so many people in rural Cass County, including all the wonderful staff, clients, volunteers and board of director members with whom she has worked.** Her favorite memories are the many stories of how Community of Care has been able to impact the lives of our clients; seeing their smiles and the relief on their faces has meant Community of Care is making a difference. **She is especially proud of helping other people’s moms and dads stay safely in the homes they love.** She plans to spend more time playing her baby grand piano, volunteering, golfing and traveling when she retires on July 3rd.

## SUMMER SOCIALIZATION EVENTS

Summer is a great time to plan socialization events for our clients to gather. Dates and times are still being finalized. Watch your senior clubs and our Facebook page for details. Lauren Prante, our Care Coordinator, is planning these summer events:

- June - Picnic & Bingo in Leonard
- July - Bars & Bingo in Kindred
- Early August - Page Movie Outing
- End of Aug - Casselton Painting Class



### Join a Bone Builder Class New Members Welcome at ANYTIME!

- Arthur Methodist Church  
Monday & Thursday at 9:45 AM
- Casselton City Hall  
Tuesday & Thursday at 2 PM
- Davenport Old School  
Monday & Thursday at 9:30 AM
- Harwood Community Center  
Tuesday & Thursday at 1 PM
- Horace Senior Center  
Monday & Thursday at 10 AM
- Hunter Insurance Building  
Monday & Thursday at 10 AM
- Kindred City Hall  
Monday & Friday at 10:30 AM
- Tower City—Taking a break in the summer months  
Tuesday & Thursday at 9 AM when resume in the fall

## WHY SHOULD YOU CALL COMMUNITY OF CARE?

- You are an older adult living in rural Cass County, primarily those 65+
- You are an adult child and don't know where to turn for information or assistance
- You are an older adult living in northern Cass, Casselton or Kindred area and would like a visit from a Faith Community Nurse
- You need a ride to your medical appointment
- You want to review your Medicare Part D drug plan, or you are turning 65 and need to enroll
- You are a caregiver looking for information and support
- You would like assistance completing your Advance Care Plan

**All services are provided FREE OF CHARGE for older adults in rural Cass County!**



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# MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**October 18, 2025 through May 22, 2026**

*Thank you to everyone who donated in honor or memory of someone. All other donations from October 18, 2025 through October 17, 2026 will be included in the winter newsletter.*

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- Make a donation or give a gift **in memory of or in honor of someone**
- Make a donation to our **CROPS FOR CARE** program—tax benefits for local growers
- Donate a gift of **appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds**—talk to your financial advisor about tax benefits
- Make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution**—If you are 73 or older, donating directly to a charity meets your mini-mum distribution requirement & provides tax benefits
- Make Community of Care the **beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA or Life Insurance**—you can reduce or eliminate federal estate & income taxes for your family by donating directly to a charity.
- Make a donation to **Community of Care's Endowment Fund**—ND residents can receive credits towards your state income taxes.



**Contact your financial advisor to learn more about these donation options, which can provide tax benefits for you or your heirs.**

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The annual Car & Bike Cruise is on hiatus for 2026. With staff changes, our committee decided to take the year off. We are grateful for the support of the cruise the last 14 years. Watch in 2027 for a potential return of the cruise.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- CBA Sr. Day in Casselton—**Tuesday, Sept. 29th**
- Medicare Part D Open Enrollment—**Oct. 15th—Dec. 7th**
- 2027 Giving Hearts Day—**Thursday, Feb. 11th**
- 20th Annual Totally Tables—the TENTATIVE date is **Friday, April 16th** (we are waiting for confirmation from St. Leo's)

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