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#### ■ SUNNYSIDE HEALTH CARE CENTER

### "Ms. Christmas" spreads joy at SHCC

eet Paula Maki—or Ms. Christmas, as she prefers to be called.

Ms. Christmas has made it her mission to make others happy.

And for the last several years, she has embraced the spirit of giving and delivered gifts to Sunnyside Health Care Center residents. Ms.

Christmas typically starts dropping off donations in the summer, and she continues delivering items until we have individual gifts for each and every resident at SHCC.

What happens next? The Life Engagement department matches gifts with specific residents for a truly personalized experience. Staff then wrap the packages and wait patiently for the Gift Giveaway Holiday Party.

The 2019 holiday party was an event to remember. On December 18, Ms. Christmas went the extra mile and distributed the gifts herself. Sunnyside residents were very happy to have her there, all while enjoying special sweets and holiday music by Greg Tiburzi.

A resounding thank-you to Ms. Christmas from the entire Sunnyside family! CMH



Sunnyside resident Joe Burbul (L) sits beside Paula Maki (R), otherwise known as "Ms. Christmas," with his special gift.

#### **■ RESPIRATORY THERAPY**

## Pulmonary rehab: the antidote to our respiratory problems

MH has launched a program for patients with COPD and other respiratory ailments.

Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation program includes patient assessment and goal-setting, self-management education, ex-

ercise training, psychosocial support, and measuring outcomes.

Pulmonary Rehab is known for providing improvements in symptoms, exercise capacity, and health-related quality of life. A physician referral is needed to enroll.

For information or to register, contact: Azur Coleman at 218-878-7076 or acoleman@cmhmn.org.





#### CMH awarded breastfeeding and stroke readiness distictions

#### CMH HAS RECEIVED:

- A 5-Star Breastfeeding award through the Minnesota Breastfeeding-Friendly Maternity Center Designation Program. (Our family physician Dr. Melissa Robey is also Carlton County's only Internationally Board-Certified Lactation Consultant!)
- An Acute Stroke Ready Hospital designation by the Minnesota Department of Health. This designation means CMH has met all nine designation criteria. By achieving this distinction, our hospital can support better outcomes for stroke care.

We'd like to thank our community once again for entrusting us with their healthcare.

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# Raiter Clinic has merged with Community Memorial Hospital

#### A word from CMH CEO/Administrator Rick Breuer

ealthcare is going through a time of unprecedented change. We show up every day caring for the people we serve, all while keeping an eye on the future. It is kind of like flying a balloon—where part of your energy is spent predicting the future to forge a path forward.

We are constantly looking at how we can better serve our community, and we know our relationships with physicians and other providers are a key ingredient to our success. With that, I am happy to announce that Raiter Clinic has joined and become a part of CMH.

Primary care is a key component of lifelong good health, and we will ensure every individual who trusts us with their healthcare can be treated in a timely fashion by our expanded team of family medicine physicians. The clinic will now be known as CMH Raiter Family Clinic.

Raiter Clinic has a legacy of taking care of people. We have been two local healthcare organizations, working cooperatively over the years to care for those around us. We expect to take some time in 2020 to adjust to our new environment and will then be going through a rigorous

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# What should patients know about CMH Raiter Family Clinic?

All of our family physicians will work in the Raiter building by early spring.

For the time being, patients should use existing phone numbers to make appointments: 218-878-7626 for CMH Family Clinic; 218-879-1271 for Raiter Clinic.

Raiter is located directly across the street from CMH at 417 Skyline Boulevard. There is a large, free parking lot adjacent to the clinic.

#### ■ RAITER FAMILY CLINIC, continued

planning process to pinpoint where we need to change, grow, and invest to better meet the needs of those we serve.



RAITER FAMILY CLINIC is located directly across the street from CMH at 417 Skyline Boulevard. There is free, convenient parking adjacent to the building.

We expect new offerings ahead that will benefit all those around us—communities, businesses, agencies, and most importantly, each individual. Thank you to each of you who choose us for your healthcare; it is an honor to serve you. CMH

# CMH welcomes family medicine physician Dr. Natalie Krier

A

warm welcome to Dr. Natalie Krier, who joins CMH after completing a family residency training program in rural Colorado.



Our new family physician says she especially liked the idea of practicing medicine in Cloquet because the area has extensive resources, but also a nice community feel.

Dr. Krier grew up in South Dakota and graduated from the

University of North Dakota Medical School. She and her husband have a six-month-old son.

## Two brothers embrace speech therapy—together

onkey see, monkey do" is how Terese Power described the challenges her young boys faced while learning to talk.

Five-year-old Thomas, who struggled with chronic ear infections as an infant, often had difficulty hearing. This affected his speech development.

His younger brother, Joey, meanwhile, patterned his communication—or lack thereof—after Thomas. Together, the boys created their own language of sounds and gestures, with a handful of words included.

Terese says that while neither boy has been diagnosed with a speech disorder, her sons are undergoing speech therapy, both in school and at CMH.



Brothers Thomas and Joey Power enjoy their sessions with CMH speech therapists Deb Braun and Karen Hartung.

They have made significant progress since they started.

The mother-of-three has nothing but praise for CMH speech therapists Deb Braun and Karen Hartung. "They have met Joey and Thomas's needs and really worked to identify different methods of engaging the boys," she says.

This personalized approach has made the experience "fun" for Joey and Thomas. In fact, their speech therapy sessions are so enjoyable that the boys often want to stay long

after their appointments have come to an end.

Terese couldn't be more appreciative. She calls Deb and Karen "phenomenal women," and she is thrilled with the tips and tools they have provided so she can continue working with her sons at home. CMH

#### **Nurse Hotline now available**

CMH has launched a Nurse Hotline number for patients' convenience—and professional registered nurses are available 24/7 to answer your medical questions.

Please call 218-499-6799 at any time for quick responses and well-thought-out healthcare solutions.





TUESDAY, MAR 10, 2020 1–4pm

\$25 registration fee

Workshop held in CMH classrooms

Have you been diagnosed with prediabetes? You can make changes now to delay or even prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes. Taught by certified diabetes instructors, the workshop is open to all those who would like to learn more about pre-diabetes. Call 218-878-7661 to register.

Can't make the workshop on March 10? Join us on May 5 (3-6pm) instead.

#### **Living Well With Diabetes**

6 THURSDAYS, MAR 5-APR 9, 2020 ■ 1-3:30pm ■ CMH classrooms

Do you live with diabetes or pre-diabetes? This six-week class is for you. You'll make weekly action plans and find the support you need to spark real change. Family members, friends, and partners are welcome to participate. Meetings are on Thursdays starting March 5, 2020. Classes are free, with a suggested donation of \$5 per session. Registration is required.

Contact Mary Kay Marciniak at 218-878-7661 or mmarciniak@cmhmn. com to register, or go to yourjuniper.org.

#### **A Nesting Place**

MEETS FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH
10-11am ■ CMH Pine Meeting Room

A Nesting Place is a group for new moms with infants up to one year and anyone in their third trimester of pregnancy. Mothers are welcome no matter where they live or delivered their baby.

We provide a safe and supportive environment to discuss all postpartum issues: breastfeeding, baby blues, anxiety, depression, sleep, relationships, exercise, nutrition—you name it! Meetings are free, facilitated by a healthcare professional, and the content is dependent on the group's needs. Refreshments are provided and an infant scale is available to check weights. Contact Brenda Graden at 218-499-6792 for information.

#### Car seat safety clinics

#### MONTHLY, HELD AT AREA FIRE STATIONS

Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for



children between the ages of three and 14. CMH has joined with the Cloquet Area Fire Department to help educate the public on the correct usage of child car seats. No appointment is necessary and the clinics are free.

Bring your child(ren), car seats, and vehicle. Contact Sarah at 218-499-4258 with questions.

Upcoming clinics include: Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 4–6pm at the Cloquet Area Fire District Station #2; Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 11am–1pm at the Cloquet Area Fire District Station #1; Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 1–3pm at the Cloquet Area Fire District Station #2.

#### **Diabetes prevention at CMH**

26 SESSIONS OVER ONE YEAR STARTS APR 8, 2020 • 3-4pm • CMH

Join CMH's Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) and reduce your risk for developing diabetes. The year-long program is designed to help adults make lifestyle changes that will improve their overall health and reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Groups will meet with trained Lifestyle Coaches and classes focus on improving food choices, increasing physical activity, and managing stress.

Information Session held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 4pm at CMH. Contact Mary Kay Marciniak at 218-878-7661 or mmarciniak@cmhmn.com to register, or go to yourjuniper.org. Covered by most insurances, including Medicare.

## cloquethospital.com/cmh-happenings

Discover healthy and fun opportunities! Go to our "Happenings" link at the top of the CMH website and filter class offerings by month, by topic, or simply browse through our many offerings. All Happenings events are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.