



## Dates to Remember

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Drop off baked goods, 1pm-5pm

**Good Friday, April 2nd**

Bake Sale, 7am-12pm

**Wednesday, April 14th**

Virtual Advocacy Day (register online) 8:30am-11:30am

**Tuesday, May 11th**

Virtual Spring Tour Meeting hosted by Sacred Heart, Eau Claire 10am-12pm

**October 5th-7th**

Partners of WHA State Convention

Mariott West-Madison (In person if Pandemic under control)

## A Note From Ann...

### The Pandemic

As each day passes more and more people in our community are receiving their COVID vaccination. We should be so proud of how well the vaccination process has been handled here at CHC. Literally thousands of men and women are feeling relieved that they can see their grandchildren or feel safe going to a restaurant.

Our lives were changed one year ago, March 10, 2020. No volunteers. My office dark. Today we have hope that our lives may becoming normal, whatever normal is in 2021! Continue to wear your masks as directed by the CDC and Barron County Health Department. I'm still hoping that the First Phase of bringing back our volunteers will happen late spring/early summer. The staff are looking forward to your return and so am I!

## Spring District Meeting

The West Central District Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 11 from 10 am to noon. The state officers will be attending virtually. There will also be an election of officers and their installment. Betty Oddo will be the new District Chair. Our Partners Board members have been registered to virtually attend this meeting.

## Easter Bake Sale Scheduled

We have been given approval to hold our Annual Easter Bake Sale on Good Friday, April 2! Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Comfort Blanket Project. As of March 15th, 40 Comfort Blankets have been given to inpatients at Cumberland Healthcare in 2021.

Please plan to bring one of the following:

- 3 dozen decorated cookies
- 2 dozen decorated cupcakes
- 1 frosted layer cake/bundt cake
- 1 dozen cinnamon or caramel rolls
- 1 dozen dinner rolls
- 1 pie or miscellaneous Easter Treats



- All items should be plated and covered with saran wrap.
- Mark what your item is such as Banana Bread, Coconut Cream Bundt cake, etc.
- Bring your items Thursday afternoon from noon-4 pm by entering the hospital through the lower level (Rehab entrance). Continue through two doors. Follow hallway and Conference Room I is on the left.
- If impossible to bring them that afternoon, plan on bringing your items before 8 am on Friday
- The Bake Sale will be held in the lower-level conference room on Friday from 7:30-11am.
- Masks must be worn at all times when in the hospital

## Corner Boutique News

The gift shop is now open Monday-Thursday, 10 am-2 pm (with some exceptions). Only patients and staff can visit the shop.



Springtime colors in fashion and home décor are creating a refreshing atmosphere. New lines of tee shirts and sweatshirts with special graphics, “Be Kind”, “Happy Camper” and “Happy Hour” fill the clothing racks plus waffle weave tunics in warm blues and pinks.

Easter bunnies and a few lambs are also considering the shop their home. Staff and visitors are enjoying the opportunity to have a little “Retail Therapy”. Hopefully, soon the general public can enjoy shopping at the Corner Boutique. I will keep you informed of the Grand Re-Opening!

## Virtual Advocacy Day 2021



Reminder: Register for Virtual Advocacy Day. There is no fee to attend Advocacy Day, but preregistration required.

This year's event will be held virtually on April 14, 2021 from 8:30-11:30 am. While the day

may be a little different than past years, you will still expect to hear from a great line-up of speakers including opening keynote Frank Sesno.

Sesno is an internationally recognized journalist with more than 30 years of experience reporting from around the world. He has been a television anchor, White House correspondent and CNN Talk show host. To register, log on to [www.wha.org](http://www.wha.org). Click on the Advocacy icon then select register.

## Health Education News

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month, and the Brain Injury Association of America is holding an awareness campaign to increase the understanding of brain injury as a chronic condition, reduce the stigma associated with having a brain injury, and improve care and support for individuals with brain injury and their families.

Over five million people in the United States are living with a permanent brain-related injury. Roughly 2.8 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year.

