

## **Chase County Hospital Foundation**

The Chase County Hospital Foundation was officially chartered as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in December of 2001. It is comprised of a 10 member board of directors, selected from residents of Chase County.

The main purpose of the Chase County Hospital Foundation is to be a source of financial support for Chase County Community Hospital. This support is acquired through private & corporate donations as well as public and private grants. Since its beginning, the Foundation has raised over \$100,000 in support for Chase County Community Hospital.

In 2008, a full time director was hired to manage the Foundation's operations.

### **Chase County Community Hospital-Chase County Hospital Foundation Historical Overview**

- Early 1920's – Twin sisters Elva and Eeva Yaw, complete nurses training at Methodist Hospital in Omaha and return to Chase County to practice nursing.
- One year after returning home the Yaw sisters purchase hospital beds and accessories to care for patients in their home.
- In 1925, Elva and Eeva purchase a house in Imperial and open the 10 Bed Home Hospital
- 1925-26 Dr. George Hoffmeister moves his emergency services into the "Home Hospital"
- 1929 – Due to personal changes by existing staff, the "Home Hospital" is rented out as a residence and the equipment sold.
- Soon after close of the "Home" hospital, Imperial business leaders begin raising funds for new hospital.
- 1931 – The Imperial Community Hospital opens.
- 1958 – More rooms are added to the Imperial Community Hospital
- 1975 – 1.6 million dollar bond issue passes to build new hospital
- 1976 – Ground breaking ceremony for new Chase County Community Hospital
- 1977 – Chase County Community Hospital dedicated on June 26
- 1992 – Addition for outpatient and physical therapy services added.
- 2001 – Chase County Hospital Foundation organized
- 2002 – New Chase County Community Clinic in Imperial built on to north side of hospital
- 2003 – Hospital opens clinic in Wauneta in March, 2003
- 2007 – Wauneta Clinic moves to new facility in May. New building constructed with funds from the Wauneta Foundation
- 2008 – Full time Executive Director hired for Chase County Hospital Foundation
- 2009 – Foundation establishes a permanent endowment program to sustain future healthcare services