



**AS 2025 COMES TO A CLOSE, WE ARE REFLECTING ON A REMARKABLE MILESTONE:
70 YEARS OF CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

From our beginnings as a small community hospital meeting the most basic needs of our community, Riverwood has grown into a trusted regional healthcare provider, serving the communities of Aitkin, McGregor, Garrison and beyond. Today, we serve more than 18,000 patients. We’ve expanded our facilities, added specialty services many rural communities don’t have, and invested in advanced technology—all while keeping care close to home.

Looking back reminds us of all we have accomplished together. But it also highlights the challenges facing rural healthcare today. Across the nation, many small hospitals have merged or closed, leaving patients to travel long distances for care.

RIVERWOOD STANDS APART

We’re proud to remain an independent healthcare system - that independence means the decisions that shape healthcare are made locally, for the good of our community - and not by a distant corporate office. It allows us to adapt quickly, meet challenges head-on, and keep the strong, personal connections that define rural healthcare.

With independence comes both privilege and responsibility. Rising healthcare costs, a nationwide workforce shortage, and the ongoing need for new technology and innovation demand our continued dedication - and the unwavering support of the community we serve.

THAT’S WHERE YOU COME IN

Your generosity helps ensure Riverwood will remain independent, financially strong, and deeply rooted in this community for generations to come. With your partnership, we can:

- Keep care close to home—so families don’t have to travel far for surgery, specialty care, or advanced primary care.
- Attract and retain skilled healthcare professionals.
- Invest in the technology and innovation that rural hospitals need to thrive.

WILL YOU MAKE A YEAR-END GIFT TODAY TO STRENGTHEN THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Your kindness and support help ensure that our patients, neighbors, and friends have access to exceptional healthcare close to home. Thank you for standing with us and making a difference for generations to come.

Tanya Pietz
Foundation Director

Paula Eklund-Fisher
Foundation Coordinator

Yes! **I WANT TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION AMOUNT:

☐ \$1000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 \$_____other

*You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your gift.
Please confirm your contact information.*

Name:

Phone:

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ **Check is enclosed**
Payable to Riverwood Foundation

☐ **Donate online**



Email: