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The 2009 GOAL Award recipients and documentary



Sen. Mike Johanns visits Madonna



Kansas City native returns home after motorcycle accident

Twenty-eight-year-old Christian Stokes thought he was pretty lucky while serving as an Army sergeant in Iraq. Though he had several close calls, he was never hit by enemy fire or injured during his two years of duty. He returned home to Kansas City in January 2009 and, despite the worried admonition of his mother, bought a motorcycle to enjoy the freedom and camaraderie of riding with his friends.

On April 8, 2009, Christian was riding on I-635 North when he noticed his rear tire was unstable. In seconds, Christian's motorcycle slid out from under him, and he jetted from the seat at 70 mph. Fortunately, Christian was wearing an armored riding jacket and full face helmet, or he may not have survived the accident.

Christian's mother, Cora, immediately flew from South Carolina to be by his side during the two weeks he lay in a coma with bleeding in his brain, broken ribs, bruised lungs and pins keeping his shattered left arm in place. When Christian came to Madonna on April



Christian says goodbye to one of his occupational therapists, Erin Reier, before discharging from Madonna on July 17.

24, he slept in a net bed to protect him while he worked through the predictable early stages of agitation and confusion, often associated with brain injury.

"I know the Lord has a plan for my baby," said Cora. "I pray for his recovery and for the others here at Madonna, too."

Christian's girlfriend Natasha and their 4-year-old daughter Destiny helped keep

his spirits up during the three months he rehabilitated in Madonna's brain injury program.

His soldier's determination and excellent physical condition helped Christian make incredible progress in rehabilitation. Christian jokingly called his physical therapist, Scott Fandrich, the "repo man" for taking away his wheelchair. But Christian was ready for it all – taking steps with assistance, then on his own – moving like a football player in training, shuffling quickly to the left and right.

"I know it sounds strange, but I am so happy to have been through this, so I can tell others my story," shared Christian. "This is an amazing place, and I've met some people who have changed my life. Now, I'm ready to go home and be with my family."

On July 17, Christian discharged from Madonna and returned to home duty in Kansas City, where he is enjoying time with his daughter and planning his next mission – to finish his bachelor's degree and possibly work toward becoming a physical therapist.

Madonna staff contribute to forum's success

Thank you to all of the wonderful Madonna staff members who pulled together to make Sen. Nelson's public forum a smooth, successful event. Madonna's culture of hospitality and reputation for excellence were displayed for 1,000 guests and numerous media people. Major kudos to Molly Nance and her staff, and Dan Steinbach and his staff, for organizing the logistics, from setup to crowd control to media. The maintenance department and the physical therapy and occupational therapy staff emptied the gym and set-up chairs in record time. Therapists and schedulers altered schedules to meet patient needs.

Thank you to all the staff who parked at the Community Playhouse to leave parking space for visitors and media trucks. Special recognition goes to the maintenance staff for traffic control. The administrative team did a marvelous job of hosting and seating the crowd in a friendly manner that invited the civil and respectful atmosphere that prevailed. And, everything was back in place and ready for a tour for Sen. Johanns Friday morning.

Sen. Nelson was grateful for Madonna's hosting of the event and praised the organization and the spirit in which it was conducted.

Several weeks ago, Rep. Fortenberry chose Madonna ProActive to host his congressional field hearing on health care. It was also a flawless event due to the coordination by Katy Martin and support of ProActive staff.

I was so proud of our Madonna staff, our beautiful facility and the fact that three of our congressional delegation chose Madonna as the venue for their health care public discussions. It is a tribute to our reputation for excellence and to our carefully developed relationships with these elected officials.

—Marsha Lommel
Madonna President and CEO



Sen. Ben Nelson addressed a crowd of more than 300 people in Madonna's therapy gym about health care reform issues.



An estimated 1,000 guests waited outside Madonna's front entrance for the public forum held on August 20.

Employees save with flexible spending

Looking for ways to save on your health care or day care expenses? Join the 278 participants at Madonna who utilize their PayFlex Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA). According to Wendy Charlton, benefits specialist, that number reflects a 24 percent increase in FSA enrollment from 2008.

The FSA plans allow employees to save money using pre-tax dollars for any unreimbursed health, dental, vision, prescription, hearing and over-the-counter medical expenses (health FSA) and unreimbursed day care expenses (dependent care FSA).

According to Wendy, the plans have generated an overwhelmingly positive response from participants. "I am paying less than people who do not utilize the plan, as the money set aside is not taxed. That is roughly an extra 20 percent in my pocket," said registered nurse Keli Heydt when asked her opinion of the health FSA.

Michelle Stoltenberg, executive secretary, praises the convenience of PayFlex. "It's very easy to use when paying for prescription and physician visit co-payments, as well as out-of-pocket expenses on claims that our insurance plan has already paid," said Michelle. "Budgeting for these expenses was very helpful, and PayFlex simplifies the process," she added.

Madonna's partnership with PayFlex has streamlined the administration of both plans. As a result, Madonna now offers employees immediate access to health FSA funds through the use of their PayFlex debit card. If you choose not to, or are unable to use the PayFlex debit card for health expenses, you can still get next day turnaround for reimbursement by faxing, mailing or uploading your claim form and receipts to PayFlex.

For more information about PayFlex, contact Wendy at extension 6484 or wcharlton@madonna.org.

Real life Real solutions

Real Lives

- I was sparked to change because of my current health conditions.
- I was possibly facing surgery and was close to being prescribed blood pressure medication.
- I received a free month trial to participate at ProActive, and I thoroughly enjoyed incorporating physical activity into my lifestyle.



Sally Thompson
Patient Accounts Rep

Real Solutions

- My personal changes include walking during lunch break at work, attending swimming aerobics twice a week and strength training twice a week.
- I am an active participant in all Madonna wellness programming (Lifestyle Challenge, Holiday Jumpstart etc.).
- I thirst for more information in the field of health and wellness, and I read labels for nutrition information.
- I have made different food decisions, including striving to consume five fruits and vegetables daily, drinking more water, cutting back on my soda, introducing soy products and consuming more whole grains.

Real Results

- I am 77 pounds lighter and 11 inches smaller around my waist! I went down eight dress sizes and even lost a half size in my shoes!
- I have decreased my blood pressure, LDL, cholesterol and lowered my body mass index.
- I am more positive and have more self worth.
- "The wellness programs at Madonna help keep us accountable and help us find a balance in our quest to achieve a healthy lifestyle that works for us," said Sally.

Golfers unite for Adaptive Sports and Recreation

The Madonna Foundation, in partnership with Venue Restaurant and ArborLinks Golf Course, hosted the inaugural Venue/Madonna Golf Classic in Nebraska City on Aug. 22.

Ninety-two participants, including several adaptive golfers, teed off into ideal weather conditions – blue skies and no wind. The tournament wrapped up at 6 p.m., followed by a wine tasting, live jazz music and dinner catered by Venue. Proceeds from the event will benefit Madonna's Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program. A silent auction featuring donations, including golf packages at Dismal River and Sutton Bay, autographed baseballs and photos signed by Nebraska native and New York Yankee pitcher Joba Chamberlain and a football signed by the Cornhuskers former head football coach Tom Osborne and current coach Bo Pellini raised additional funds for the program.

"Thanks to the Venue/Madonna Classic, the Madonna Adaptive Sports and Recreation team can purchase equipment to expand opportunities for those we serve," said Ian Thompson, long-time member of the Adaptive Sports and Recreation committee. "Inpatient, outpatient and community participants in our programs will be able to use some of the latest equipment for open recreation time and community outings, and we can offer more scholarships to individuals looking to get into or continue a sport that they love," added Ian.

Madonna's Foundation would like to thank the following employees who offered assistance on the course or at the post tournament social: Marsha Lommel, Lina Stolevskaya, Telfer Halsey, Linda Storz, Jody Kiner, Marla Buresh, BJ Dennis, Andrea Peterson, Katy Martin, Linda Ohnoutka, Ian Thompson, Martha Weishahn, Jenny Swanson, Dana Petersen, Christine Bartels and Dorothy Rivett.



Darryl Rahn tees it up during the Venue/Madonna Golf Classic on August 22 at ArborLinks in Nebraska City. Proceeds from the tournament will help to expand Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital's Adaptive Sports and Recreation program.

Employee Focus: *Fun factoids about Kristi*



Kristi Felix
Infection Prevention Coordinator
MRH Employee for 14 years

- 1 My favorite quote is "It is not our abilities that show who we are, it is our choices."
- 2 I love Goodrich Mint Chip ice cream.
- 3 I like to spend my free time cooking.
- 4 I have two long haired Chihuahuas named Pete and Willie.
- 5 I sort M&M's by color before I eat them.

My main job is Infection Prevention Coordinator, but I also spend a few hours a week as the nurse consultant for the Woods House. I enjoy my job because I get to work with staff from all departments at Madonna.

2009 GOAL Award Recipients



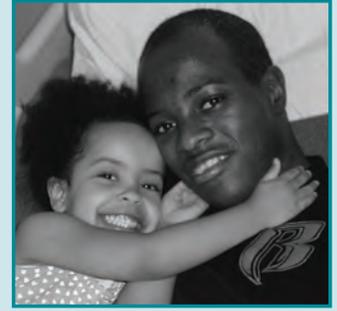
Alexis Verzal



Derek Ruth



Mandy Kays



Christian Stokes

2009 Madonna Chair's GOAL Awards

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since last year's Annual Chairman's GOAL Awards celebration. This event is rapidly approaching on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Cornhusker Marriott. The purposes of the GOAL Awards event are: **1.** to acknowledge the hard work demonstrated by our patients and their families as they strive to resume their life roles, and **2.** to promote our programs and services throughout the region. The event has evolved over time from internal recognition to an external promotion opportunity, focusing on assuring access to rehabilitation to all and fostering our relationships with referral sources and donors.

Previously, staff members recommended individuals for GOAL Awards consideration. This year is different. To further educate the general public about the benefits of rehabilitation, Madonna staff has worked with Tiffany and Brandon Verzal, parents of Madonna patient Alexis Verzal and owners of V2Content video production, to develop a documentary about the rehabilitation process.

To our knowledge, this documentary will be the first of its kind and follows four individuals in the brain injury program at Madonna as they fight to regain their independence. It is very powerful and required much commitment and courage from these patients and their families over the last year. These four individuals: Alexis Verzal, Derek Ruth, Mandy Kays and Christian Stokes, will each receive a GOAL Award. Although Madonna will be highlighted in the documentary, named "Pathways," it will not be the focus. The

emphasis is on the patients and their rehabilitation journey.

Before "Pathways" is presented publicly at the GOAL Awards event, all Madonna staff members have the opportunity to preview it at an advanced screening on Sept. 25, all staff will be invited to preview the first 30 minutes of the documentary as part of our Rehab Week celebration. In addition, the completed documentary will be shown in the Sheridans at the same time as the GOAL Awards luncheon on Oct. 13.

Changing the venue to the Cornhusker Marriott provides for more seating, so there may be more seats available for staff. Following the same policy as last year, if you would like to attend the GOAL Awards event at the Cornhusker, please call Stephanie Plummer at ext. 6813. If seats are available, they will be distributed to employees on a lottery basis. Employee ticket prices are \$35 each.

Madonna is very pleased to offer an additional viewing on Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Ross Media Arts Center on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Tickets to this event are only \$5 and include an appetizer reception before the film is shown in the main theater. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Finally, Madonna will be hosting two public open houses in November to allow community members to see our renovated facility and learn about the public phase of our capital campaign. "Pathways" again will be shown in the Sheridans at those events. Employees, families and friends are welcome to these free presentations.

The hope is that employees share the enthusiasm for this personal and insightful look into the emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of rehabilitation. It will be a moving tribute to the determination of all our patients, the relationships that develop with caring staff and the results that are made possible through exceptional medical rehabilitation.

You can view the "Pathways" trailer on the Madonna Web site:
www.Madonna.org.

Pathways

Special events for employees and friends of Madonna include:

September 25
"Pathways" Documentary Sneak Preview
Sheridans
Noon-12:30 p.m.

October 13 (same day as GOAL Awards)
"Pathways" Documentary
Sheridans
Noon-1 p.m.

October 15
"Pathways" Documentary
Ross Media Arts Center
\$5 admission
Doors open at 5 p.m.
Show begins at 6:30 p.m.
Appetizers and refreshments

November TBA
Hospital open house and viewing of the
"Pathways" Documentary

Outstanding support

For the past two years, Subacute votes monthly to recognize a department that provides outstanding assistance or support to their unit. The selected department is invited to a cake and ice cream reception celebrating the collaborative efforts provided to staff and patients. Departments that have been recognized previously include Maintenance, Linen Services, Housekeeping, Food Services, Admissions and many others. Subacute staff voted to recognize Nursing Administration for the month of August.



(L to R) Shirley Hadley, Jan Vriska, Jenny Ruhter, Linda Stones, Kristin Luethke, Rebecca Seeber, Jeff Kubik and Paul Dongilli. (Not pictured, Jennifer Howard)

madonna2545

Madonna's Foundation has launched madonna2545, a special group for people in their 20s, 30s and 40s. The group will offer fresh ideas and uncover new ways of communication about the facility. Rather than a fundraising organization, madonna2545 will set its own agenda in support of the hospital with activities to raise awareness of, and involvement with, Madonna among young community leaders.

To target this niche population, the Foundation held focus groups of community leaders who shared their perceptions of Madonna, their experiences volunteering and ideas on what would make a meaningful volunteer experience. Discussions centered on use of time and members' strengths, convenient meeting schedules, creative ideas for future events and ways to participate.

For more information about madonna2545, please contact Katie Graf at kgraf@madonna.org, 483-9410 or ext. 6410.



(L to R) Michael Gray and Sister Helen Vigil

Mail room recognized by local council

Lincoln's Postal Service Customer Council (LPCC) recently selected Madonna's mail room as the Business of the Quarter for their organization.

Madonna utilizes the United States Postal Service in processing nearly 200,000 pieces of outgoing mail per year, which includes use of a bulk mail permit on various mailings. The mail room handles more than 20,000 pounds of incoming mail per year.

Madonna's mail room is part of the Information Technology Systems department. Linda Hippen is the Telecommunications Manager who supervises the nine mail room, copy center and telecom operations employees.

The mail room consists of two employees, Sister Helen Vigil and Michael Gray, who job share. Sister Helen works two days per week and Michael picks up the other three days.

Linda and Sister Helen have attended LPCC functions for more than 20 years. Linda is proud of the mail room staff who have handled the growth of Madonna and the increase in mail over the years. She noted the telecomm operators occasionally help by sorting incoming mail, in between answering 25,000 calls per month. Linda attributes the success of the mail room operation to great employees working together as a team.

Project Serve Lincoln: Fall Cleanup for the Elderly Oct. 10-11

Project Service is a city-wide effort to unite churches through service work in the Lincoln area. Crews will assist the elderly in readying homes for fall by:

- Raking leaves
- Cleaning up flower and vegetable gardens
- Changing out screens for storm inserts on doors or windows

Volunteers from Project Serve will work at homes on Saturday, Oct. 10 (9:30 a.m.- Noon) or Sunday, Oct. 11 (2:30-5 p.m.).

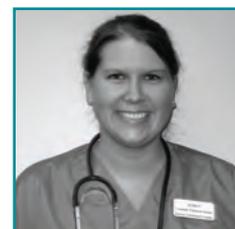
To reserve a time slot, contact Rebecca Wills at ext. 8622 or 326-2017. Please supply the following:

- Name, address and phone number of person needing cleanup assistance
- The date preferred for cleanup (Oct. 10 or 11)
- What jobs need to be performed
- Tools or supplies that will be provided
- What tools or supplies volunteers should provide

A member of Project Serve will contact you before the scheduled appointment to confirm the details.

Nursing safety champion

Jenny Ruhter was omitted from the list of nursing safety champions in the last issue of *the Independent*. We apologize for the error.



Jenny Ruhter, LPN
SAR

Command

Examining the Clifton Strengths Finder™ theme

Command leads you to take charge. Unlike some people, you feel no discomfort with imposing your views on others. On the contrary, once your opinion is formed, you need to share it with others. Once your goal is set, you feel restless until you have aligned others with you. You are not frightened by confrontation; rather, you know that confrontation is the first step toward resolution. Whereas others may avoid facing up to life's unpleasantness, you feel compelled to present the facts or the truth, no matter how unpleasant it may be. You need things to be clear between people and challenge them to be clear-eyed and honest. You push them to take risks. You may even intimidate them. And while some may resent this, labeling you opinionated, they often willingly hand you the reins. People are drawn toward those who take a stance and ask them to move in a certain direction. Therefore, people will be drawn to you. You have presence. You have Command.

A Madonna employee describes how Command works in her life

Submitted by Michelle Niederhaus, transportation manager

Having the command theme, or "presence" as my top strength can be very beneficial in managing the Transportation department. I direct staff within a department that is consistently asked to make decisions, changes and exceptions throughout the day. When faced with new obstacles, I enjoy gathering information, organizing it, processing it and moving quickly in a direction that is productive. While there needs to be a certain balance in all decision making, ultimately the decision must be made. A leader is a role that I enjoy.

Structure and discipline would definitely not be used to describe the Transportation department as sometimes it is necessary to just "go with the flow." It is important to realize that things may not always be clear and I sometimes need to look outside the box for resolution.

I enjoy challenging and empowering staff to be independent and creative in managing multiple tasks at once. I feel fortunate to work with staff that represents a variety of strengths. The variety makes for an ever-changing and challenging atmosphere.

Teaming up with those who are strong in themes of discipline, harmony and consistency provide for a nice balance.

Hair stylist focuses on recovery after car-pedestrian accident

Catherine Wiedel misses her clients. The soft-spoken Lincoln hair stylist hasn't worked since she was injured in a car-pedestrian accident in early spring. Catherine, 66, was walking to the bank at 11 a.m. on April 23 when she was hit crossing 56th & O Streets in Lincoln. The accident left Catherine with cuts on her face, two broken femurs and fractures to her back, pelvis and skull.

Catherine spent three weeks at BryanLGH Medical Center West where surgery was performed on her legs. The fractures to both femurs would force Catherine to spend more than two months immobilized in knee braces.

On May 18, Catherine arrived at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital with mixed emotions. "My main goal was to recover from my injuries and go back to work," said Catherine. She realized her leg muscles had atrophied and some painful therapy loomed ahead. "You're reluctant to push yourself because you know pain is involved, but you have to work through it," said Catherine.

Madonna's Subacute team was impressed with Catherine's positivity. "Even when she was tired or hurting, Catherine would always be ready with a big smile," said Tim Bausch, physical therapist. Using only her arms, Catherine would lift her entire body while performing transfers from her bed to wheelchair independently. "Considering her multiple injuries, that was impressive," added Tim.



Catherine Wiedel practices descending the stairs during her therapy as Tim Bausch, physical therapist, encourages her.

On July 1, Catherine was able to shed the leg and back braces that had encased her body since the accident. She gradually worked on stretching out her tense limbs and focused on becoming mobile. In addition to the physical therapy, Catherine's days quickly filled with occupational and aqua therapy sessions. Her upper body got a workout from sessions on the Monark Upper Body Ergonometer hand bike and through lifting hand weights.

"I started to get quite a bit stronger," recalled Catherine. She won't forget the day she took her first steps with a walker. "I was so pleased I had made that much progress," said Catherine. "To come back from a mishap like I had, I needed to work hard," she added.

On Aug. 14, Catherine's recovery goal became a reality when she left Madonna. She said the accident drastically altered her life. "It made me realize that life changes; you just have to cope and look on the bright side," said Catherine.

The "bright side" of Catherine's life includes outpatient therapy and returning to work part-time. It's been more than four months since she set foot in Lucille Duerr's Hairstyling Salon – where she has made so many friends styling hair and wigs the past 46 years. Catherine's clientele will soon be filling her appointment calendar, welcoming the stylist back to the buzz of the salon.

"Kicking it up a notch"

All eyes are trained on John Nelson, cafeteria assistant, creating an ice cream sundae while donning his official chef's uniform. The treats are part of a specialty culinary series for St. Jane de Chantal residents. Jennifer Ehmke, food and nutrition services director, sought to liven up their dining experience. "I added a 'fun factor' to make it more social," stated Jennifer. "It's a unique way of presenting food and John's personality is perfect for the chef's role," Jennifer added.



John Nelson, cafeteria assistant, donned his chef attire to serve ice cream sundaes to residents of St. Jane de Chantal.

CALENDAR

- Sept 8** **Rehabilitation Approach to Burn Cares**
Holly Schifsky and Jessica Cullison
 3-4 p.m.
 Agee
 Call 6550, 6476 or 6406
 to register
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- Sept 10** **Blood and Medical Assist**
 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Call 6550, 6476 or 6406
 to register
- Sept 14** **NEO**
LTC Mental Health Series:
 Recognition and Treatment of
 Depression in LTC
 3-4 p.m.
 Sheridans
 Call 6550, 6476 or 6406
 to register
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- Sept 15** **Great people, great results**
Jeff Doucette
 2-3 p.m.
 Sheridans
 Call 6550, 6476 or 6406
 to register
- MES-Jeff Doucette**
 “Management by walking around
 can be hazardous to your health”
 and “Listen up- making
 communication work for you”
 4-6 p.m.
 Sheridans
 Call 6550, 6476 or 6406
 to register
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- Sept 17** **CPR Certification**
 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 5-9 p.m.
 Agee
 Call 6550, 6476 or 6406
 to register

Chapel Services

Catholic Mass is offered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The Worship Service is Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Hymn/Music Program is Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

- Sept 6** St. Michael's
- Sept 13** Katheran Strangl
- Sept 20** Southwood Men's Choir
- Sept 27** Dustin Bower

Do you belong to a group or congregation that hasn't performed at Madonna? We welcome new talent. Contact Steve Werner at ext. 6831 or swerner@madonna.org.

Psst!

Dr. Paul Dongilli, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer

Q. Why has the “3-11 staff parking lot” been full lately? I work the 3-11 shift on Long Term Care, have parked in that lot since March and never had trouble finding a spot. For the past few weeks, there have been no open stalls when I arrive for work at 2:40 p.m. I have tried parking in the lot by the housing units, but that lot is also full. Recently I came to Madonna at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon and found the lot already filled. How can this be occurring when it is designated for 3-11 staff only?

A. I contacted Dan Steinbach, director of plant operations, to determine if there had been a change in process. Dan reported his staff had been assessing parking lot usage to see if all areas were being fully utilized. They found the 3-11 parking area had empty stalls at 4:30 p.m. As a result, several stalls were opened up to day staff parking. This helped address the heavy use of the 52nd Street lot and concerns from homeowners about Madonna staff parking on the street. Based on your observations, too many 3-11 spots have been lost. We will reserve additional stalls for 3-11 staff members. Thanks for voicing your concern.

Operating Officer Paul Dongilli wants to address your questions or concerns. Share your operational or employee concerns by emailing Paul at pdongilli@madonna.org, calling ext. 6242 or sending a note interoffice. Participants can remain anonymous. Questions will be featured in future issues of the Independent in his column.

Madonna staff earns CRRN certification

Six registered nurses of Madonna recently achieved the Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN) certification. Newly certified staff include: Sherri Luedke, Sue Morrissey, Joy Robinson, Martin Spohn, Mary Turner and Heather Wemhoff.

The CRRN represents a high degree of specialization in the field of rehabilitation nursing. It is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of health care professionals who assist individuals with disabilities and chronic illness in the restoration, maintenance and promotion of optimal health.

A landmark study has validated the importance of certification in rehabilitation nursing. This recent study found that as the percentage of registered nurses certified in rehabilitation nursing increased, the length of stay decreased. Specifically, for every six percent increase in CRRNs on the unit, the average length of stay decreased by one day. Madonna currently has 44 CRRNs on staff.

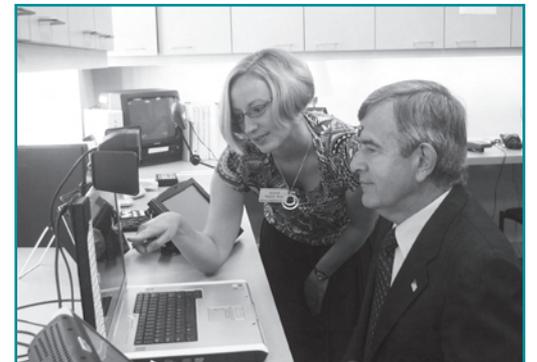


(L to R) Sue Morrissey, Joy Robinson, Heather Wemhoff, Martin Spohn, Sherri Luedke and Mary Turner.

“ There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them. ”

— Phyllis Battome

HALL TALK



U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns listens as Susan Fager, assistant director of the Communication Center, offers pointers on using a computer with the Accupoint Head Tracking System. The senator visited Madonna during a break in his senate duties to expand his knowledge of rehabilitation and how the proposed health care reform would affect the hospital. Along with a tour of the facility, Sen. Johanns learned about Madonna's extensive research projects from Dr. Judith Burnfield, director of the Institute for Rehabilitation Science and Engineering.

Join the Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Sept. 20, 2009

Antelope Park and Auld Rec Center at 1 p.m. (Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.)

Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's signature event for awareness and fundraising. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$260 million to help fight Alzheimer's and help those currently living with the disease.

Sign up online TODAY at www.alz.org/memorywalk

- Type 68506 for the zip code in the Search box
- Select Lincoln, NE for the city/state
- Select “Sign Up” option at top and complete the waiver
- Select “Join a Team”, type “St. Jane” in Team Search field
- Select “Join Team” and fill out form

Questions?

Contact Geri Hepp at ext. 6675.