EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FAQs

Lakes Regional Healthcare is Dickinson County's primary provider of emergency healthcare services. Each year, over 8,000 people receive care in the hospital's Emergency Department, and that number is growing each year. That's why we have big plans for the future of emergency care in northwest Iowa. Here, you will learn why a new Emergency Department is vital, what funds will cover for the project, how it will help the community, and when it is planned to take place.

WHY DOES OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) NEED A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NOW?

Our current ED was constructed in 1993 to accommodate 6,500 visits annually and is now beyond capacity. This is leading to long wait times, decreased patient satisfaction, stressed staff, and outdated facilities. This campaign funds a modern, expanded space designed for efficient, life-saving care for our growing community.

WHAT IS THE VISION FOR THE NEW ED?

Our vision of the new ED is a state-of-the-art facility with more trauma bays, better imaging access, improved technology, increased privacy, dedicated triage space, dedicated rooms for those with behavioral health needs, and improved patient flow to deliver faster, safer care when it matters most.

WHAT EXACTLY WILL THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Funds will be used for construction and renovation, new critical care equipment, advanced diagnostic tools, and technology to connect patients to care seamlessly.

HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT MY FAMILY/COMMUNITY?

A new ED means quicker treatment and better outcomes for heart attacks, strokes, and other health emergencies, as well as a more comfortable patient experience. It means the future of emergency care and the first step in a comprehensive, long-range plan to sustain quality healthcare in the Iowa Great Lakes for generations to come.

WHAT IS OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL AND TIMELINE?

Our goal is to raise at least $6 million by November 2026. The plan is to break ground in November 2026 and open in fall 2028, bringing immediate relief to patient care. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $20 million. Lakes Regional Healthcare is planning to use $7 million of their cash reserves for the project and finance $5 million in debt. The goal is to raise the remaining $8 million needed for the project.

The new Emergency Department is the first step in a comprehensive, long-range plan to sustain quality healthcare in the Iowa Great Lakes for generations to come. Future plans include improving the Physical Therapy, Laboratory, Imaging, and Outpatient Center departments.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

You can give online at **www.lakeshealth.org/future-emergency-dept**, mail a check, pledge over time (up to 5 years), donate stock, donate a gift of grain, or discuss major gifts with our foundation team.

ARE DONATIONS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes, contributions to Lakes Regional Healthcare foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

CAN I NAME A ROOM OR AREA?

Absolutely! We offer naming opportunities for significant gifts, allowing you to leave a lasting legacy in honor of loved ones.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH MORE QUESTIONS?

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