





DEAR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Transformation defined NorthLakes in 2024 as we embraced our only constants: change and growth. We opened new clinics in Poplar, Solon Springs, and Augusta; added a new service: physical therapy for adults; and invested in major expansion projects in Oconto, Eau Claire, and Rice Lake.

Many of you know that a leadership transition was another significant change in 2024. While I could not be prouder of participating in the accomplishments of NorthLakes as CEO for the past sixteen years, I came to believe we need to chart a slightly different course to achieve the improvements in quality and patient experience we aspire to. We need a leader with the ability to be both a visionary (to see the end goal) and a navigator (to understand the way to get there). That's a rare combination. So, imagine my excitement to see such a leader emerge from amongst our ranks!

Ana Tochterman joined NorthLakes in 2018 as the director of integration. Her role was to restructure our work to achieve our goal of wrapping our services and staff around the people we serve to ensure we address all the aspects of a person's health and wellness. Based on her outstanding work and work ethic, she rose to senior director of operations and then to chief experience officer. By that last step, we knew she was the one! We had found our visionary navigator.

It's uncommon for a CEO to stick around after she's no longer the CEO. But Ana invited me to stay, and I was thrilled not to have to leave this organization that I love.

So, I have stepped into a new role with an external focus. We have built an excellent community development team who will work on building stronger community partnerships as well as improved visibility and reputation for NorthLakes. We will also dive more deeply into fundraising–continuing our commitment to raising money for other non-profits who help make our communities vibrant–but also building our newly created NorthLakes New Program Endowment, established in 2024 with large gifts from some of our amazing and generous donors.

What a distance we've come since 2008 with one little clinic and six staff members! What a journey it's been. I'm so grateful to our extraordinary leaders, staff, and board of directors. I also want to thank all of you for being part of this work and for the inspiration! And just watch, friends... there is SO much more to come!

Reba Rice, Chief Executive Officer 2008-2024

OUR PROMISE all Health and hope for

MISSION

To respond to the health care needs of our communities with an integrated array of quality services and actively remove barriers to wellness.

VISION

Healthy, prosperous, engaged communities where everyone thrives.

VALUES

quality We provide evidence-based, person-centered, lifelong care. community health We promote inclusive collaboration to improve the health of our communities. shared responsibility. We seek to identify and address problems with empathy and accountability. stewardship We invest our various resources for maximum impact and sustainability. trust We respect and advocate for each other with honesty and kindness. innovation We utilize creativity and data to drive decision-making. opportunity We believe everyone should have equal access to resources that promote a meaningful life.

Team united for

President, Amy Klebe, Townsend, WI Vice President, JoAnn Fleming, Ironwood, MI Treasurer, Mike Flaherty, Clear Lake, WI Secretary, Michael Stamp, Hayward, WI Chief Executive Officer, Ana Tochterman Chief Operations Officer, Jason Akl Chief Financial Officer, Brian Ahlgren Chief Community Officer, Reba Rice

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STRENGTH IN SUPPORT

Care across communities.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2024

American Cancer Society Quality Improvement for Cervical Cancer Screening

Basic Needs Giving Partnership Oconto Clinic Capital Improvements Planning

Charles E. Kubly Foundation Events, Outreach, and Fundraising

Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation Oconto Clinic Capital / Dental Equipment

Federal Communications Commission (USAC) Telecommunication Funds

Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation Turtle Lake General Operating Funds

Greater Green Bay Community Foundation Oconto and Lakewood Clinic Community Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Base support to serve under and uninsured populations Expanding Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Patient Center Medical Home (PCMH) Certification

K.C. Stock Foundation, Inc. Oconto Clinic Capital Improvements

Leon H. and Clymene M. Bond Foundation Oconto Clinic Capital Improvements

Mayo Clinic Health System: Hometown Health Grant Pediatric Therapy Lending Program

Miller Dwan-Van Gorden Outreach Fund Physical and Occupational Therapy Program-Equipment

Otto Bremer Trust Eau Claire General Operations **Provident Health Foundation** Marinette Dental Outreach and School Based Behavioral Health

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Telemedicine X-Ray Equipment

Roots & Wings Foundation General Operating Expenses

Superior Health Foundation Pediatric Therapy Lending Program

United Healthcare Community Plan Farm to Patient Program

Wisconsin Department of Administration Oconto Clinic Capital Improvements

Wisconsin Department of Human Services (DHS) Grants Supporting: Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Centers Pediatric Vaccine Initiatives Telepsychiatry Expansion Dental Outreach







A year of reaching more, serving

PERSONS SERVED

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REVENUE

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PAYER MIX

medicaid **53%** commercial **24%** medicare **13%** self-pay **10%** EXPENSES

direct patient care **75%** overhead **25% lolal expenses \$67M**

Everyone giving together for good.

Since the inception of both NorthLakes 100 Who Care chapters, the giving circles have collectively donated over \$148,500 to local 501(c)(3) organizations chosen by the members.

Each chapter consists of approximately 100 members who nominate organizations in three categories. The top three nominees from each category attend a gathering to present to the members. After their presentations, the

ORGANIZATION AWARDS FOR 2024

Ashland & Bayfield Counties

- Native Expressions Dance & Drum Troupe
- The Club
- Stone Soup Café

Sawyer County

- Greater Hayward House of Hope
- UW Extension Sawyer County 4-H
- Friends of the Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library

members vote to decide where the collective funds will be allocated.

We recognize and appreciate that every nonprofit in our region contributes to the community's overall health and the patients we serve. If you are interested in joining, contact Madelaine Rekemeyer at **mrekemeyer@nlccwi.org**.

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One future, for

In 2024, we were fortunate to receive initial gifts from donors to establish the NorthLakes New Program (NLNP) Endowment.

This fund supports expanding our existing patient programs and new evidence-based interventions focused on integrated care, including addressing the social drivers of health that impact our patients' well-being.

NorthLakes is in a strong financial position and has grown to a size where establishing an endowment is a perfect next step. We feel responsible for setting aside funds for programs that will help us tackle future challenges. NorthLakes takes pride in being adaptable and strategic, constantly seeking innovative solutions to address complex health-related issues. The NLNP Endowment will provide us with seed funding to explore evidence-based interventions through pilot projects. A robust and sustainable endowment is essential to eliminate barriers and address the non-clinical factors influencing health outcomes over the long term. Our goal is for this endowment to exceed \$1 million.

If you believe in our mission to respond to health care needs and eliminate barriers and wish to impact the lives of underserved populations, please consider donating to our NLNP Endowment. An envelope is included or you can donate online. Contact Madelaine Rekemeyer at **mrekemeyer@nlccwi.org** to learn more.



nlccwi.org/donate

Real stories. Real support.

At NorthLakes, we respond to the needs of the whole person–whether they face financial hardships or addiction recovery challenges. This testimonial illustrates the life-changing impact of our support services.

"Coming to NorthLakes and working with my community health worker has helped me immensely. My community health worker reached out to the apartment manager to assist me in getting out of a difficult living situation. Without this support, I would not have found a new place to live. In addition to housing assistance, I gained access to resources that helped with food insecurity, financial aid, and various programs and services I wasn't even aware of. The NorthLakes patient support program has been a tremendous asset in my life. I found myself in a situation where I was overwhelmed and unsure of what to do next. It was so challenging to make decisions. Now, I know who to call for help with food, social services, medical needs, or transportation—all without judgment."

To sustain this vital work of improving health through better living conditions, we welcome contributions of any size to our endowment fund. Your donation ensures this essential support continues for generations to come. Please consider donating online or using the enclosed envelope.



