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A Different Approach to VNA's 3.d Fundraiser

The 2021 edition of VNA's 3.d fundraiser was a little different. Due to the uncertainty and health and safety concerns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to host our in-person 3.d Casino Night. Fortunately, sponsors and donors still stepped up to support VNA by sponsoring patient needs. Thanks to the many sponsors and donors that supported VNA through this difficult time, the 3.d fundraiser brought in...

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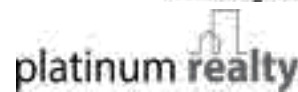
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VNA in the Community: Drive-Thru Flu Vaccination Clinic

For the second year in a row, VNA held a drive-thru senior flu shot clinic to help members of the community safely and conveniently get their flu vaccination. Over 100 individuals received their vaccine at the event on the morning of Saturday, September 25th. Enjoy a look back at the event through photos. Thank you to the staff and Board members who made this event possible.



Donor Spotlight: KHCHA Home Care Hero Award Winner

There was a story about Florine O'Rourke and the wonderful teddy bears she sews and donates to VNA in the spring edition of VNA's community newsletter. Now, she is back in this edition because her generous contributions have been recognized by the Kansas Home Care and Hospice Association (KHCHA) in the form of the Home Care and Hospice Hero Award. VNA nominated Florine for the award to recognize her kindness

and generosity. The teddy bears she donates to VNA are used in VNA's Healing Kits. These grief

kits are provided to children in the local community who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The kits are filled with activities to help children navigate their grief process and a teddy bear to hopefully bring them some comfort at a very difficult time in their life.

The award was presented to Florine on September 10th, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Tam. Two of Florine's granddaughters were



Pictured above: Jill Craft, VNA Community Outreach Specialist, and Florine O'Rourke.

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also able to attend the surprise presentation. Florine was completely surprised upon arrival and was almost moved to tears by the presentation of the award.



Pictured above: Florine and her family pose together with the KHCHA Hero Award and some of the bears she has sewn.

"It's very great. This is just overwhelming. If I can bring joy and comfort to people that makes me very happy," she says.

Making the teddy bears is the perfect way for Florine to combine sewing, something she has always loved to do, with helping others. "It's great to make them and know that maybe somebody is going to enjoy them," Florine says. Fortunately, Florine doesn't have any plans to stop sewing the comforting teddy bears anytime soon. "I'm going to keep sewing as long as I can see to do it," she



Pictured above: Two of the teddy bears Florine has sewn with the KHCHA Home Care and Hospice Hero Award.

says.

A video of the presentation of the award for the KHCHA annual conference can be viewed on VNA's YouTube channel or Facebook page (@kansasvna).

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