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Block Party features helicopter tours, K-9 demonstrations

WADENA, Minn. – July 18, 2019 – More than 700 people attended the eighth annual Tri-County Health Care Block Party held on Tuesday, July 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. on the Wesley lawn in Wadena. This family event featured brats and hotdogs from The BBQ Smokehouse and entertainment for all ages. Inflatables, balloons, caricatures and face painting topped the list of free attractions.

Children and adults toured emergency vehicles including a Wadena fire truck, Tri-County Health Care ambulance, Wadena City Police car and Wadena County Sheriff's UTV. In addition, crew members from North Memorial Health Air Care landed a helicopter at the Tri-County helipad midway through the event and invited community members to ask questions and look inside.

Members of Tri-County's rehabilitation department hosted kids' games and free bike helmet fittings. Kids also participated in a bike rodeo with hands-on activities that taught and promoted bike safety. It was sponsored by the Wadena Lions Club, Wadena County Public Health and Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.

Deputy Troy Wangsness with the Wadena County Sheriff's Office and his K-9 partner Nitro gave a demonstration of obedience training and criminal apprehension. They were assisted by Sheriff Mike Carr and Sergeant Bryan Savaloja.

Each year, the Block Party serves as a way for Tri-County to say thank you for the privilege of providing care to area communities.

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system located in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, as well as five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics across Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail counties. Satellite clinic locations include Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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