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Sixth annual TCHC Block Party draws 1,200 people

WADENA, Minn. – July 19, 2017 – More than 1,200 people attended the sixth annual Tri-County Health Care Block Party held on Tuesday, July 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. on the Wesley lawn in Wadena.

This family event featured food and entertainment for all ages. Inflatable toys, balloons, caricatures and face painting topped the list of free attractions. Children and adults also enjoyed touring emergency vehicles including a Wadena fire truck, Tri-County Health Care ambulance, Wadena City Police car, Wadena County Sheriff's UTV and the Hubbard/Wadena County SWAT armored vehicle known as the Peacekeeper.

Members of Tri-County's rehabilitation department hosted free bike helmet fittings and gave away 250 helmets. Around 60 kids also participated in a bike rodeo with hands-on bike riding activities that taught and promoted bike safety. The bike rodeo was sponsored by the Wadena Lions Club, Wadena County Public Health and Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.

New this year, several Tri-County providers and President/CEO Joel Beiswenger volunteered to take the plunge in a dunk tank to raise money for Relay for Life. The dunk tank brought many laughs and splashes and raised more than \$600.

"Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and attend our annual block party. This year's community event proved to be a great success," Beiswenger said. "I also had a great time in the dunk tank. It was fun to interact with community members in a new way while supporting Relay for Life."

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 minimally invasive surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics and rehabilitation. Tri-County operates a 25-bed hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, as well as six satellite clinics and three physical therapy clinics across Todd, Wadena and Otter Tail counties. Satellite clinic locations include Henning, Bertha, Ottertail, Sebeka, Verndale and Baxter. Visit www.tchc.org.

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