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# **Aster Health Receives Baby Grand Piano Donation**

**WADENA, Minn. – June 23, 2025** – The gift of music is coming to the Aster Health/CentraCare - Coborn Cancer Center, thanks to a generous donation from Allan Lynk and Karen Johnson. This donation will offer a source of comfort and healing for patients undergoing cancer treatment when the new center opens on July 14.

“Music can help heal by calming the mind and lifting the spirit. The brain naturally responds to sound and rhythm, and music can bring comfort and peace during difficult times. We are grateful for this donation and all the generosity from our community for our new cancer center,” said Kim Beiswenger, who leads the Foundation. She has led efforts to raise nearly \$1 million toward the \$2 million goal to support cancer care programs.

Aster Health is looking for people who can play the piano at the cancer center. If you would like to help, please call Kim Beiswenger at 218-631-7499.

### **CUTLINES**

Group Piano: The Aster Health Foundation received a Baby Grand Piano as a donation. It was donated to enhance care through music therapy.

Left to Right:

Shelly Gompf, Chief Operating Officer/VP of HR

Kim Aagard, Chief Financial Officer

Joel Beiswenger, President & CEO of Aster Health

Allan Lynk, Donor

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Piano playing: Julie Meyer, MD, was the first to play the new piano. Aster Health is looking for community members like Dr. Meyer to play piano at the new cancer center. If you would like to help, call Kim Beiswenger at 218-631-7499.

### **ABOUT ASTERA HEALTH FOUNDATION**

The Aster Health Foundation is a private charity established in 1994 by the hospital to attract and administer charitable funds for the benefit of the communities and surrounding areas served by Aster Health. Tax deductible gifts support education, technology, patient care and equipment. Financial donations stay local and have a direct and lasting impact on your family, friends and neighbors.

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