



News Release

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**Columbus Community Hospital Invites Community Members to
Participate in Annual Butterfly Release**

For Immediate Release

(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – The Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) volunteers invite the public to share in the celebration of life at their 34th annual Extravaganza and 6th annual Butterfly Release on Saturday, June 29. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Frankfort Square.

Butterflies for the release can be purchased to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special event. At the event, a “Butterfly Wall” will be on display which will pay tribute to the people and events the butterflies were purchased to honor.

“The butterflies are raised on a farm in Florida,” said Angie Ramaekers, director of Volunteer & Guest Services at Columbus Community Hospital. “They are individually swaddled in small, triangular-shaped envelopes for shipment. The butterflies are shipped in a cool environment so they are sleepy. As the butterflies warm, they awaken.”

Anyone wishing to take part in the Butterfly Release can purchase butterflies by completing an order form. Butterflies are \$15 for the first purchase and \$10 for each additional butterfly. Both cash and check are accepted.

Volunteers are also selling raffle tickets for a beautiful, handmade butterfly quilt. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the CCH Gift Shop for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

“The CCH volunteers’ mission is to improve the health care experiences of our patients and guests,” Ramaekers said. “Your support of the CCH volunteers' fundraiser activities, directly helps our hospital through medical equipment and program advancements.”

Funds raised at the 34th annual Extravaganza will be used to purchase ICS impulse vestibulothrapy glasses for the hospital’s Rehabilitative Services department.

For more information on this event, visit www.columbushosp.org.

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