



Summer 2019 Newsletter

## MISSION

To support Altru Health System in improving health and enriching life.

### Upcoming Events

- » Grandparent's Day Sale – September 3-6, Gift Shop
- » Altru Alliance Linen Sale  
The sale will be in meeting Rooms A – D, lower level of Altru Hospital  
September 19: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
September 20: 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- » Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2019  
October 8: 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Ramada
- » Altru Alliance Book Sale at South Campus  
October 15: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
October 16: 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- » Altru Alliance Book Sale at Main Campus  
The sale will be on the concourse between Altru Hospital and Altru 1300 Columbia.  
October 17: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
October 18: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Quarterly Proceed Benefactors

- » July/August - Reach Out and Read
- » September - Spa & Comfort Care Supplies for Patients

### Sunshine Hospitality Home Celebrates One Year of Being Open

The Altru Alliance contributed \$50,000 to the Sunshine Hospitality Home, a place of comfort, compassion and convenience for patients and their families who must travel for healthcare needs. A night in the home typically costs about \$40, but financial assistance is provided to those who qualify. Prioritizing a healing place for visitors, 60% of the guests do not pay the full \$40 a night.



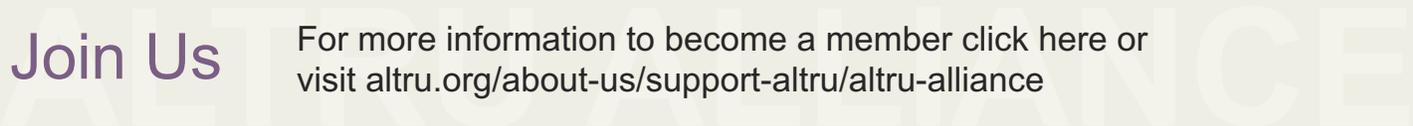
Since the opening on July 9th of 2018, the Sunshine Hospitality Home can happily report that they have already served 1,611 guests through May 31st. There has been a total of 3,079 nights stayed at the home through May 21st.

The exciting statistics don't stop there! The Sunshine Hospitality home has hosted guests from 56 counties in North Dakota and Minnesota, as well as 16 other states and 2 Canadian Provinces.

The Sunshine Hospitality Home has been a fantastic addition to our community. The Altru Alliance is proud to have invested in such an integral asset to Grand Forks. For more information on areas of need, call 701.732.7900, or email [sunshine@altru.org](mailto:sunshine@altru.org).

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## More Than Just a Gift Shop

Candy Vigen Galstad, a retired teacher who was bored at home, decided she was ready to give the gift of time. Candy started volunteering at the Altru Alliance gift shop over 25 years ago and has over 6400 hundred hours. She used to think of the gift shop as just a hospital gift shop. The Altru Alliance gift shop is so much more to her and many other volunteers and shoppers. “We see our role also as an area of hope, an area of healing, an oasis to escape for a while from whatever may be on their mind. We take this role quite seriously and embrace the opportunity to be a part of the healing process.” said Candy. She said a quote by Maya Angelou, I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. “That is the philosophy that a lot of us volunteers have! Sometimes the customers just need a friendly face to tell their story to.” said Candy.

During one of Candy's shifts at the Altru Alliance gift shop a lady came up to pay for a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Candy asked who the flowers were for. The lady said the flowers were for her daughter who was in renal failure. She was going to have surgery and if it wasn't successful she would end up passing away. “I came from around the counter and we just hugged each other. I too have a daughter and could feel her sadness that she needed a hug. We hear lots of stories in the gift shop, some happy and some not so happy.” said Candy.



*Candy Vigen Galstad,  
Gift Shop Volunteer*

It's been very rewarding volunteering in the giftshop for Candy. The goal of the volunteers is to send everyone out with a smile!



## Building the Future of Healthcare

The new facility will consist of 7 stories and 528,000 square-feet with expanded surgical and emergency services, the most up-to-date technology and a population approach to healthcare to meet patients' changing needs while securing the region's healthcare future for generations to come. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2022 and patient care will begin in the new hospital near the end of 2022. Located just to the north of the existing Altru Hospital, the new Altru Hospital is a component of a bold new era in care that positions Altru as a medical destination, providing an economic boost that attracts new business and families looking for a vibrant place to call home. The initial design phase is completed and site preparation, excavation and the deep foundation is being set.

For updates or submitting a comment, question or suggestion visit [altru.org/future](http://altru.org/future).

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