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i-STAT Analyzer purchased for MCHC Lab

Madelia, Minn. –The Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) recently purchased an i-STAT handheld portable blood analyzer to be used by Laboratory personnel. Funding was provided by a donation to the Madelia Community Hospital Foundation from Pam and Michael Masters, in memory of Yoshiko Masters, a former MCHC Laboratory employee.

“Yoshiko Masters served this community for many years as a lab professional,” said Carolyn Schultz, M.T., Lab Manager at MCHC. “She would be very interested in the advances in technology that have taken place since she worked in the lab. The instrument donated in her memory will serve this lab well for many years. We are grateful for the continued support from the Masters family.”

The i-STAT handheld is an advanced, easy-to-use, and portable blood analyzer that provides health care professionals with access to real-time, lab-quality results within minutes, rather than hours. Patient-side testing with the i-STAT System is as easy as inserting two or three drops of blood into a cartridge, inserting the cartridge into the handheld device, and then viewing test results in as little as two minutes for most cartridges. Test results are then uploaded to the electronic patient record when the i-STAT handheld is placed in a downloader.

Using the i-STAT handheld accelerates the patient care decision-making process because the testing is fast, easy and accurate. It provides health care professionals with the information they need to rapidly make treatment decisions, which may lead to enhanced quality of care and improved system efficiency. Process steps and handoffs are eliminated to help reduce the incidence of errors and promote patient safety. Clinical tests that are currently done with the i-STAT at MCHC include cardiac markers, blood gases, and creatinine.

The Madelia Community Hospital Foundation serves as the bridge between MCHC, its patients, area friends and supporters. The Foundation provides resources to MCHC departments and endeavors

that effectively promote and improve community health and wellness. The community's donations are greatly appreciated, and help to support the health and wellness of our patients.

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Pictured here is Yoshiko Masters in the MCHC Lab in 1957. Her family donated funds to help purchase a new portable i-STAT blood analyzer.



About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of physicians and medical professionals that are profoundly committed to providing health care of the highest standards to Madelia and surrounding communities. As a 25-bed critical access hospital, we offer all the primary health services including: medical/surgical care, swing bed, home care, radiology, emergency care, urgent care, direct access laboratory and physical therapy, and more. Our attached family medical clinic provides care for acute illnesses, minor injuries, chronic disease management, physicals and immunizations, and preventive care for patients of all ages. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care system, which has ensured our ability to deliver up-to-date medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.