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## *A Real Life-Saver*

**From Paramedics to the ER,  
Doug Hix credits Story Medical  
with saving his life.**

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### Nevada Native is Coming Home

A familiar face is returning to town to serve the community. In August, Nevada native Audra (Lloyd) Poterucha, D.O., will begin practicing at Story Medical Clinic - Nevada, joining us as a full-time member of our medical staff.

"The addition of Dr. Poterucha will allow us to grow and enhance the services we provide to the community," says Nate Thompson, Story Medical CEO. "We are excited to bring a provider back to town who has roots here. In an area like this, that type of connection is a big deal."

Dr. Poterucha is a graduate of Nevada High School and Iowa State University. She earned her medical degree from Des Moines University and recently completed a Family Medicine Residency at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines.

Early in her schooling, Dr. Poterucha job shadowed Dr. Art Check at Story Medical. The experience opened her eyes to the possibilities here.

"I didn't come into the shadowing thinking I would get hired here, but it felt right," she says. "For me that showed me I liked the environment and the small town feel of it."

She says she is excited to practice in a town she loves so much.

"I like to see people in different contexts outside of the clinic," Dr. Poterucha says. "I like to see them at church, at a high school game, or the grocery store. I want to be more than a provider, I want to be a part of the community."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Poterucha, please call the Nevada Clinic at 515-382-5413.



## 'Every link in the chain' leads to an Exceptional Outcome

April 4, 2018 started like any other day for Doug Hix. He and his wife, Teresa, planned to spend the day in Colo visiting her parents. Little did they know the trip, similar to others they had made hundreds of times before, would find Doug fighting for his life.

Shortly after arriving in Colo, Doug went into cardiac arrest.

"I just dropped over," Doug says. "My wife started CPR immediately and my mother-in-law, who is 94 years old, called 911."

The 911 call was routed to Story Medical and an ambulance was dispatched immediately. Within minutes, the paramedic team took over CPR from the Colo First Responders, stabilized Doug, and rushed him to Story Medical.

Upon arriving at Story Medical, the care team led by Dr. Art Check, delivered a shock to restart Doug's heart, stabilized him and prepared him for transfer via helicopter to UnityPoint Health - Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Story Medical has the only on-site

helipad in Story County, making the transfer to a more advanced level of care in Des Moines more efficient.

"While I don't remember much of anything, I've been told that I had to be shocked six more times on the flight to Des Moines," Doug says. "I have no doubt that the people at Story Medical saved me."

Doug was in the hospital in Des Moines for a month. He had a pacemaker with a defibrillator implanted to prevent a re-occurrence and started Cardiac Rehab at Story Medical as soon as he could.

"It was recommended I do cardiac rehab in Des Moines, but I told them I wanted to go to Story Medical," Doug says. "The doctors kept me from dying, but it was the cardiac rehab team at Story Medical that gave me my life back."

"I'm back to where I was before and I couldn't be happier with the outcome," he continues. "Without every link in the chain, I wouldn't be here."

To learn more about Story Medical Cardiac Rehab, visit [StoryMedical.org/CardiacRehab](http://StoryMedical.org/CardiacRehab)



# New Display Recognizes Our Generous Donors

The main entrance to Story Medical’s South Campus got a splash of color in recent weeks with the addition of a new donor recognition display. The display includes the Story Medical mission statement, vision, and a list of donors to the campaign that made the addition to the medical center possible.

The display also includes

old photos and new photos of the Medical Center.

Gifts to the campaign have come from nearly 250 individuals, families and companies, helping us raise more than \$1.7 million in support of the project.

We thank our generous supporters and encourage you to stop in and check out the new display!

**See the reverse for a listing of donors!**

“We are grateful to our donors who supported the expansion of Story Medical and our vision to provide healthcare services for generations to come.”  
*Donor Recognition Display*

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## Two Story Medical Physicians Recognized for Excellent Care

A pair of Story Medical Clinic providers have been named "Best of Story County" in an annual competition hosted by the Ames Tribune.

### DR. ARTHUR CHECK, DO, FAFP BEST FAMILY PHYSICIAN

Dr. Check has provided care to patients of Story Medical Clinic since 2002. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Check is also Medical Director of Story County Medical Center.

### DR. TIMOTHY LEEDS, MD BEST OB/GYN

Dr. Leeds joined Story Medical in 2018 and provides comprehensive gynecology care including everything from routine and preventive health and well-being services to more advanced procedures for women of all ages.

"This recognition is well deserved," says Nate Thompson, Story Medical CEO. "We hear regularly from patients about the compassionate care provided by both of these physicians. We are fortunate to have them here at Story Medical."

We thank all who voted for Drs. Check and Leeds and congratulate them on the honor!

**Story Medical Clinic is currently accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, please call us at (515) 382-5413.**



## New Ambulance Enhances Care for Patients, Safety for Providers

There is a new addition to the fleet of ambulances at Story Medical. In June, the medical center took delivery of the new vehicle, which will replace the older of the two current ambulances in use. Emergency Department Supervisor Susan Hofmeyer says the new ambulance offers a number of enhancements—for both the patient and the care team.

"This ambulance is better designed, especially in the area where we are providing care," Hofmeyer says. "The patient is much more accessible to our paramedics and EMTs. And as an added safety feature, our providers are able to strap into a

harness and still have full access to the patient on the go."

Other safety enhancements include a full LED lighting system, a hydraulic lift that can raise or lower the entire ambulance to accommodate loading or unloading a patient in different situations, and a "power load" system that allows patients to be loaded

automatically with the push of a button.

Story Medical has two ambulances in service and provides paramedic coverage 24/7 to communities including Nevada, Colo, Cambridge, Maxwell, McCallsburg, Zearing, and Collins, among others.

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—Susan Hofmeyer

To learn more about the Story Medical Emergency Department, visit [StoryMedical.org/Emergency](http://StoryMedical.org/Emergency)

# Great Gifts for the Kids



The generosity in our community extends beyond individual donors. We benefit greatly from the gifts of a number of local organizations.

The Care for Children Foundation recently gifted us a number of items - including educational toys, art supplies, ipads and tablets, blankets and more - to serve our pediatric patients.

The gifts were presented by the Freshman Leaders in Engineering (FLiE) Club from Iowa State University and received by a number of our staff members.

Thank you to the Care for Children Foundation and FLiE for their generosity!

To learn more about how your organization can make a gift to the Story Medical Foundation, call Loni Pringnitz at (515) 382-7711



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