

Feedback From You Would Be

Music to My Ears

The challenges of re-tuning South Dakota health care can't be addressed by a one-man band. Is there any chance you'd be interested in helping beat the drum? I'm serious. If you have an ear for any of the health initiatives described in this magazine, we should talk.

I believe so strongly in practicing meaningful, relational medicine because this process establishes a solid doctor-patient connection. I'm more than happy to put in the time patients desire. I'm committed to listening and understanding not just their symptoms but their worries. I gladly expend time working with patients in a range of venues. But sometimes, at the end of the day, I wish I was performing in a full orchestra of likeminded South Dakota physicians.

What if we expanded our meaningful medicine dream team to include you? What if a base of dedicated community activists backed our drive for relational health care? That would really be something!

The stories in this issue describe initiatives that sound a recurring, demanding rhythm in my head. Maybe you're a doctor or a community leader with a heart for change, or a busy person who is willing to contribute monetarily while someone else agrees to sound the trumpet. I hope something you read here will resonate and encourage you to contact me.

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