Compeer Financial, a Farm Credit cooperative based in the Upper Midwest, announced a $1 million commitment to The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota, establishing a new research fund and laboratory focused on the critically important connections between the foods we eat and disease prevention and promotion of human health.

The Farm to Wellness Research Fund will support research at The Hormel Institute focused on agricultural commodities produced in the Upper Midwest and their role in preventing cancer and other diseases. While Compeer Financial is the founding contributor, the fund will be looking for more partners in the future.

“We are extremely thankful to Compeer Financial for this legacy gift continuing their faithful, generous support and vision supporting research that is so critical and underfunded. The first research project done with these funds will determine how soy foods and milk consumption in adolescent girls will cut later breast cancer risk by up to 50 percent.” - Leena Hilakivi-Clarke, PhD, Assistant Director of Faculty Affairs, The Hormel Institute

Read more here
Support

Grand Meadow Students Donate to Paint the Town Pink

The Grand Meadow Girls Athletics and Grand Meadow Student Council raised more than $3300 for Paint the Town Pink! In February, the two groups hosted fundraisers during Pink Out Night. Alyssa Peterson from Grand Meadow stopped by for a check presentation with The Hormel Institute's Brenna Gerhart. Thank you for supporting cancer research at The Hormel Institute!

Register for Karl's Tourney

The Karl R. Potach Foundation

Mark your calendar for the Karl Potach Memorial Golf Tournament! Karl's Tourney raises funds to support Wilm's tumor research at The Hormel Institute.

- **When:** Monday, August 21, 12:00pm Shotgun Start
- **Where:** Austin Country Club
- **What:** Golf tournament followed by dinner and silent and live auctions

[Learn more and register.](#)

Every dollar counts, because 100% of your donation goes directly to cancer and biomedical research. Today's RESEARCH, Tomorrow's CURES.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Visit The Hormel Institute at the Minnesota State Fair

Join The Hormel Institute at the Minnesota State Fair on Thursday, August 24! We will have booths for Goldy VS Cancer Day at the Drive 2 Discover Building and STEM Day at Dan Patch Park near the grandstand. We hope to see you there!

THRIVE Cancer Survivorship Class Series

This fall, The Hormel Institute will be broadcasting the Masonic Cancer Center's THRIVE Cancer Survivorship Series. Participants will watch the virtual program and participate in a hands-on activity while enjoying light refreshments and socializing with others.

- Tuesday, October 3, 6:00pm: Supplements & Nutrition
- Tuesday, October 17, 6:00pm: Trauma & Mental Health
- Tuesday, October 24, 6:00pm: Finding Joy in Nature

All sessions are free and those who attend in person will have the chance to win a door prize.

To register for the THRIVE Cancer Survivorship Series, click here. Can’t join in person? To register to attend virtually, click here.

North Star STEM Alliance Visits The Hormel Institute
The North Star STEM Alliance (NSSA) visited The Hormel Institute to learn about its cutting-edge research and internship opportunities. NSSA is an initiative funded by the National Science Foundation that is intended to double the number of African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander students receiving baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Stay Healthy with The Hormel Institute's Clinical Research and Outreach Nurse: National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. While immunization is one of the most successful public health interventions, rates of immunization plateaued in the decade prior to COVID-19. During the pandemic, a multitude of factors resulted in dramatic setbacks to vaccination rates all over the world. While the numbers are slowly increasing, there are still some areas where we are at lower rates of vaccination than pre-pandemic.

There are many great resources to help you learn more about vaccines and what is best for you:

- **This short video** simplifies how vaccines work and shows the history and future of vaccines.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a wealth of [resources](https://www.cdc.gov), including a [tool](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/) to recommend which vaccinations may be beneficial for you and your children.
- **This fact sheet** from the World Health Organization (WHO) gives more information on the status of vaccination around the globe.
- **This short article** from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) outlines the lengths that the FDA goes to make sure vaccines are safe and effective.

Remember, it is okay to have questions about vaccines. **For the best personal recommendations, talk to your healthcare provider.**

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**CLINICAL TRIALS**

Participants Needed for Clinical Trials

10,000 Families Study

The Hormel Institute is partnering with the University of Minnesota for the [10,000 Families Study](https://10kfs.umn.edu) (10KFS). 10KFS is a study of family health across Minnesota looking at how environment, genetics, and daily life affect health and illness over time.

Want to see if your family is eligible to join 10KFS? [Click here](https://10kfs.umn.edu). Questions? Email tenkfs@umn.edu.
Two Drink Study

The Hormel Institute is in need of participants for the Two Drink Study. The goal of this research is to determine if consuming one of the two study drinks will help enhance the detoxification of multiple environmental toxicants and cancer-causing agents. There is compensation for participants of up to $690 if all parts of the study are completed. To learn more, click here or scan the QR code to the right.