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THE BEST of Both Worlds

Your support brings Hybrid Operating Room to
HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital



Thanks to your support, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital has completed construction on a state-of-the-art hybrid operating room (Hybrid OR). With the new hybrid room, the imaging capabilities have expanded dramatically.

“It’s like bringing a radiology suite to an operating room where combined you get the best of both worlds,” added Dr. Steven Levin, Vascular and Cardiovascular Surgeon.

This piece of equipment acts as a one-stop shop in a sense, with all the necessary tools at the doctor’s fingertips. Imaging is improved with larger, finer, more crisp details to allow even more precise planning, execution and placement of devices and stents with greater accuracy.

The new Hybrid OR allows HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital to expand these types of procedures. Whether placing stents into the aorta in the chest or abdomen to treat aneurysms, placing valves in the heart without incisions, placing stents in the arteries in the legs or doing essentially any procedure that you would want to imagine in combination with the surgical procedure.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to advance the vascular department and potentially additional specialties and service lines here at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital which benefits our community,” said Stacey Powell, HSHS SHEC and SJCF Director of Surgical Services, when asked about the GE Hybrid, Discovery 740.

HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital continues to be at the cutting edge of medical technology thanks to YOUR continued support!





30th Annual Golf Classic Wraps Up

Your generous support makes for another successful outing

HSHS Sacred Heart Foundation held its 30th annual Golf Classic at the Eau Claire Country Club on July 26th with 120 golfers and dozens of volunteers. Proceeds from the event totaling \$56,000 will provide scholarship support and emergency assistance to hospital colleagues who have given unparalleled care during this COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's Classic marked the 30th year of an annual tradition – the Thrill of Victory Award. Each year, the award is given to a hospital patient who has made an outstanding recovery in his or her health. This year's recipients were Denny & Karen Zacho, who had COVID-19 and were treated with exceptional care.

The hospital's cardiac care services team was also honored with an award – the seventh-annual Heart of Excellence Award – for providing highly skilled care with respect and compassion.



Settling in at Sacred Heart

Andy Barth to shape next chapter for HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital



Andy Barth has been in his new role as HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital President and CEO since March 2021 and has hit the ground running. Andy is a native of Wisconsin, who has worked in health care organizations serving Wisconsin, Indiana and Colorado. In this role he will

work alongside other HSHS leadership to enhance and grow hospital services and employment opportunities, as well as expand upon current excellence in patient care.

He brought with him valuable experience with an extensive background in hospital and ambulatory management, physician alignment and strategy and operational excellence.

"I am truly grateful to be welcomed to such a united mission to serve across the Franciscan Order, HSHS and Sacred Heart," said Andy when asked about his new role. "I am honored for the opportunity to serve during these unprecedented times and help shape the next chapter in the history of Sacred Heart."

It is tradition that each HSHS President/CEO begin their duties with a blessing ceremony. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Andy's blessing was put on hold until June 2021. During that ceremony Andy was presented with the San Damiano cross by Bishop William Callahan of the Diocese of La Crosse. "My family and I are excited to get involved in the community and meet new people," added Barth.

Andy's vision is no different than YOURS as donors to HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital: to continue to provide state-of-the-art health care to our patients and continue to serve all people, especially the most vulnerable.

Leading with Catholic Values

Damond Boatwright has a mission as new HSHS President/CEO

In June 2021, Damond Boatwright was welcomed as the new Hospital Sisters Health System president and CEO, and wasted no time getting to know the region. Damond is a bright, talented and innovative leader with over 25 years of experience in the health care industry. His passion for working in Catholic health care is profoundly evident and we are so happy to have him lead HSHS moving forward.

On July 8th, he visited HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Hospitals and L.E. Phillips-Libertus Treatment Center. It was with genuine admiration that he thanked colleagues for their

dedication to the HSHS mission established so long ago by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis.

He spent time in hallways and conference rooms listening to colleagues share stories of the family atmosphere within the hospital walls. He was also very open to hearing about current challenges in the Chippewa Valley's health care industry. "I need to know what colleagues in Wisconsin are facing, because it's a very different health care landscape in Illinois where other HSHS hospitals are located," he said. "If I don't know the challenges, I can't guide



our HSHS team in addressing them." Damond said multiple times that the HSHS hospitals in western Wisconsin are providing a vital service to everyone who comes through our doors. "Our small, rural communities need care close to home and HSHS is filling that need with exceptional staff, advanced technology and outstanding individualized care."



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