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Alive!

Miracles happen because of you

A Message from our New, HSHS Wisconsin CEO, Andy Bagnall

Dear Friends,

I want to take a moment to address you directly, to share with you our hospital's journey with Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). But first, I want to extend my deepest appreciation for your support and friendship. This year, donors like you have lifted the spirits of our colleagues and our patients many times over. Whether you made masks by hand, sent a donation to the Crisis Response Fund or prayed for our health care workers, our hospitals were better for it.

As the COVID-19 cases appeared in our community this spring, our operations shifted dramatically. Necessary at the time was limiting visitors to the hospital, distributing vast amounts of PPE to health care workers, and canceling all elective procedures - all of which had a huge financial impact on our hospitals. This was done, of course, to keep our patients safe.

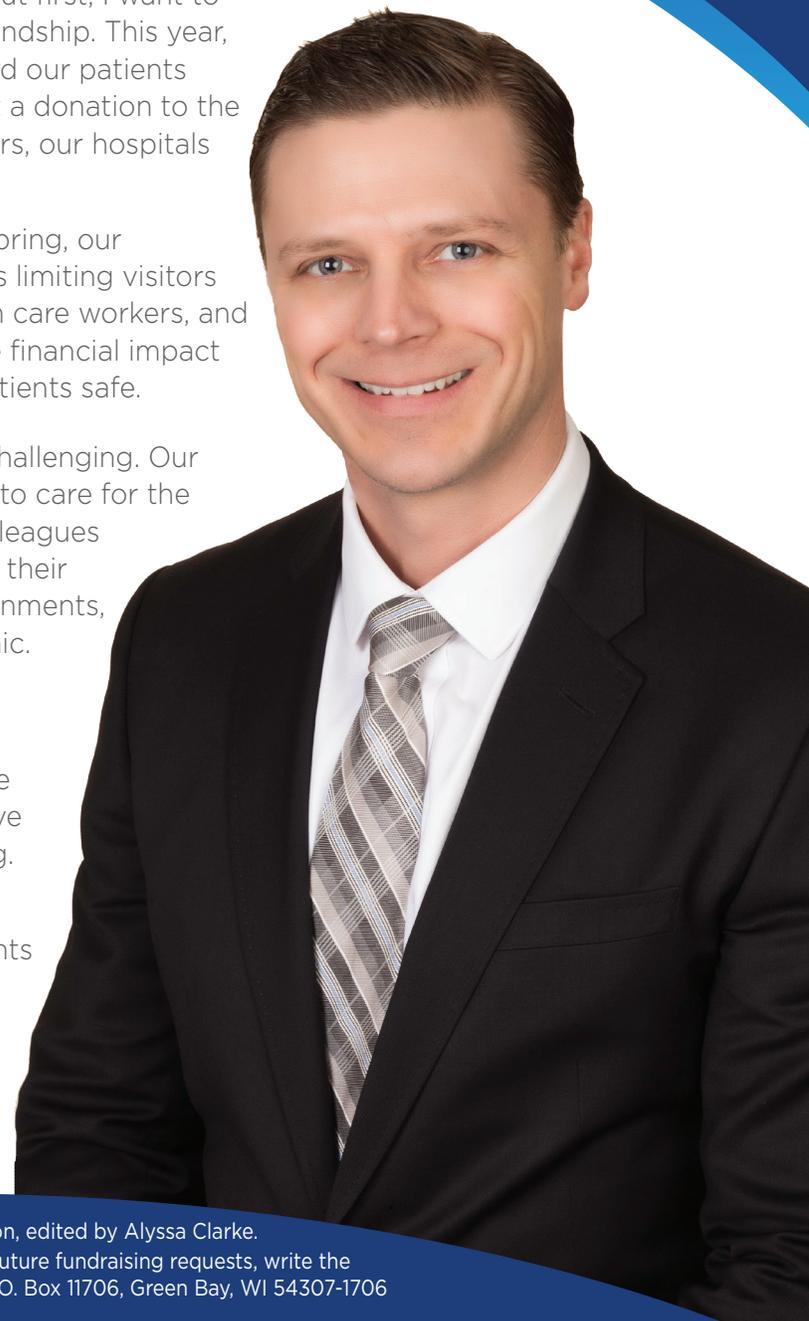
The effects of COVID-19 on our employees were equally challenging. Our colleagues made the decision to come to work every day to care for the sick and vulnerable - something they are called to do. Colleagues were faced with tough choices - some had to isolate from their families, others were met with long hours and tough assignments, and everyone experienced the uncertainty of this pandemic.

And while there were challenges, I cannot overstate how proud I am of our colleagues, our physicians and our community. What I witnessed was the goodness of people like you surrounding our health care professionals with love and support. Your care and generosity were truly inspiring.

As we build back and recover from the effects of this pandemic, we will stay focused on the needs of our patients and the families we serve. Please know, your gifts will continue to make this care possible.

You are an integral part of our future and I thank you once again for your support.

Warm regards,
Andy Bagnall



Accomplishing more together

A look back on what you made possible in 2020

Every day, people across Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan trust our hospitals with their health care needs. As a generous donor to HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation, your gifts provide these patients and families with the health, hope and healing they need.

While COVID-19 has changed our world, amazing things are still happening at HSHS St. Vincent and HSHS St. Mary's Hospitals because of your wonderful support. From providing medication assistance for cancer patients to helping us prepare for the coronavirus, you made all of this and so much more possible in 2020.

Here's a quick look at the impact you made:

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

You were able to **help cancer patients more than 79 times** who struggled with the cost of medication. Because of you, these patients didn't need to choose between their life-saving medications and food or rent.

SARA STEDY

You're helping rehabilitation patients regain their independence. Thanks to your support of HSHS St. Vincent and HSHS St. Mary's Hospitals, **three Sara-Stedy's were purchased to aid patient's mobility** from a standing to a seated position.

SARA STEDY



MILK FOR LIFE



SEWN MASKS



MILK FOR LIFE DEPOT & DISPENSARY

You are providing newborns throughout our community with life-saving nourishment to thrive. **Thanks to donors like you, breast milk is readily available on-site to hospitalized infants and the public.**

COLLEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

You made it possible for colleagues to pursue their health care dreams. Because people like you support scholarships and education opportunities, 60 colleagues were given the opportunity to advance their health care degrees and obtain specialized certifications.

COVID-19

Your gifts have helped us prepare and respond to the evolving demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. **From generous donations to handwritten notes and deliveries of coffee, flowers, masks and more**—your generosity knows no bounds.

COMFORT KITS

You are consoling sexual assault survivors. In **a time of great trauma, survivors are given Comfort Kits**, complete with notes of support, new clothing, a journal, and/or toiletries.



No Clowning Around

After many falls, Diane reclaimed her life

Diane, 76, of Green Bay, was enjoying an active retirement including volunteering, knitting and spreading joy as “TaaaDaa” the clown. Then in March 2019, she was walking to her car in a local furniture store parking lot when a gust of wind knocked her down.

“This was the fifth time I fell within a short period of time – only this time, I hit my head hard on the concrete curb,” she said. Bystanders witnessed the fall and called for an ambulance.

Upon arrival at the hospital, vertigo set in. Diane recalled, “I was sensitive to everything – especially light and sound.” While her past falls resulted in minor concussions, they resulted in one was much, much more severe.

Diane was referred to a number of different multidisciplinary teams including her primary care, sports medicine and neurology in the months that followed.

Reminiscing about the care received, Diane explained, “You have all the resources I needed, right here within HSHS.”

From physical therapy to speech and language, Diane was on the road to recovery. Her care team helped her sharpen her balance and overcome the vertigo. She also found healing through the hospital’s concussion support group.



“The physical therapy team at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital was wonderful. They all showed me true compassion,” shared Diane.

Diane eased back into her many hobbies and is now on a mission to knit 70 prayer shawls before Veteran’s Day. But that’s not all, when the COVID precautions lift, Diane, dressed as new clown character, “Wrinklezz,” aspires to bring cheer to local assisted living facilities.

Diane credits the care team at HSHS for helping her reclaim her life. “The progress I’ve made is very encouraging,” she said.



Your gifts to HSHS St. Vincent Hospital and/or HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, ensure advanced technology and care is available when you need it.



WE DID IT! YOU DID IT! THANK YOU!

Update on Join the Fight campaign

In the midst of caution for the coronavirus, there is an equal amount of excitement brewing for HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital. As you may recall, the goal of our Join the Fight campaign was to create a “hospital within a hospital” with modernized spaces and designs created especially for children and the unique care they require. The areas to be transformed were in the emergency department and on the tenth floor.

Our campaign to raise \$10 million, although ambitious at the time, was the single largest campaign in the history of our hospitals. Today, we are thrilled to tell you that, together, we’ve reached our goal! Thank you!

A total of 2,783 donors, including friends, colleagues, corporations, foundations, and even kids themselves, poured in from every corner of Northeast Wisconsin and beyond. Of those supporters, more than 1,238 were brand new donors. Wow!

Construction continues to occur on tenth floor. The designs for the pediatric and pediatric intensive care unit are joyful, colorful and familiar. Highlights for this renovation include:

A **reconfigured tenth floor** that is devoted to children’s health.

Comfortable spaces so parents can remain with their kids - including a dedicated laundry room, breastfeeding room, and respite area.

Kid-friendly patient rooms equipped with color changing lights, private bathrooms, and seizure monitoring equipment!

A **lounge where teens can “escape”** from the rigors of treatment.

An **expanded Pediatric Intensive Care Unit** with increased capability to care for critically ill children.

Newly **added isolation rooms for kids** with highly contagious diseases like COVID-19.

HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital is Green Bay’s first and only children’s hospital. With every detail tailored to kids, HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital delivers exceptional health care to children while making them feel comfortable and supported, close to home.

Sharing your impact

Newsletter receives fresh, new look

We in philanthropy want you to know how important your generosity is to our patients, their families, and our caregivers. Saints Alive! is a quarterly publication designed to highlight the meaningful impact you make on our hospital, and how you make miracles happen every day.

Most recently, the Saints Alive! newsletter received a full makeover. While the overall content remains the same, the look incorporates a new design theme. We hope you like it!

The HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary’s Foundation raises much-needed funds to support the future care provided at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital and HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, both located in Green Bay.



Do you have a story to share?

Let us know at ewfriends@hshs.org and you could be featured in a future publication!