



Saints Alive!

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On behalf of HSHS St. Vincent and HSHS St. Mary's Hospitals, we thank you for your continued support.

In times like this, it's comforting to know that we are all in this together.

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Special note for you

As a close friend and supporter of the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation, we want you to know that we're thinking of you during the COVID-19 pandemic. These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you're in good spirits and good health.

As organizations on the frontline, HSHS St. Vincent and HSHS St. Mary's Hospitals are responding daily to this pandemic. We are planning for the worst, while hoping for the best. From the first case that was reported in Washington State to today, we have been taking necessary steps to address this crisis in our communities.

Additionally, donors like you are already helping us respond to this crisis. Gifts to our COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund are purchasing essential supplies and personal protection equipment (PPE) like masks, gowns and gloves.

Did you know? With your help, you have now joined us on the frontline.

Through the Eyes of a Frontline Caregiver

Jen's story

Jen has been with our HSHS hospitals as a radiologic technologist for the past 18 years.

Jen is among the thousands of HSHS caregivers whose daily life has been uprooted by COVID-19. As a radiologic technologist, it is her job to scan chest x-rays for patients suspected of the virus.

She is also a hard-working wife and devoted mom to: Madeline (6-years-old) and Everett (3-years-old).

Jen recently shared with us her experiences as a frontline caregiver.

• "Every day before leaving work, I change out of my scrubs and into a regular set of clothes," says Jen.

• What should be a relaxing drive home, is instead filled with worry and fear. Jen no longer walks freely into the comfort of her home to greet her family.

• "I get home and am greeted by my husband and kids but before I can even hug them, I shower and change into a new set of clothes. I stress over getting sick or worse, getting my family sick," says Jen.

• **Fear of bringing the virus home and infecting loved ones, shortage of protective supplies and change in work schedules are all concerns our caregivers face. Yet, these fears don't stop people like Jen from showing up day after day, to provide high-quality Franciscan health care for our patients.**

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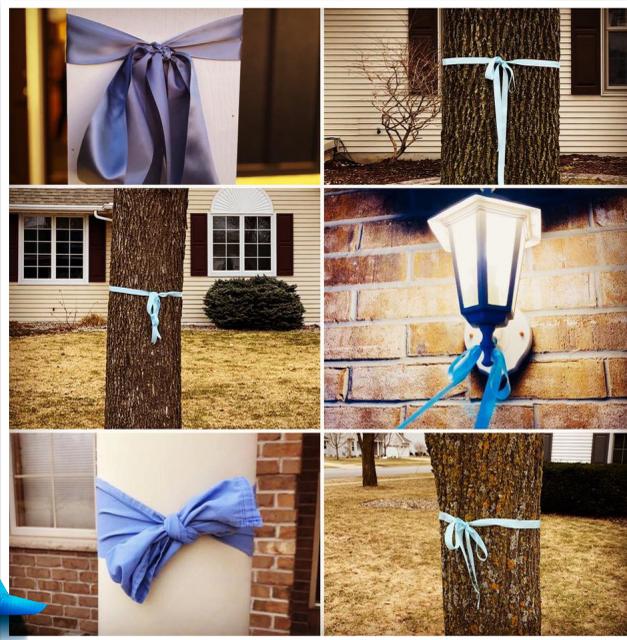
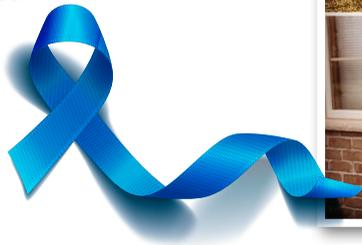
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What made you smile today?

While there's a lot of uncertainty, we know that we need to adapt fast to our changing reality. Let us pause and reflect on the good that is happening around us.

Recently, our hospitals put a call out on the social media website, Facebook. The announcement asked community members to show their support for all health care workers by displaying a blue ribbon of support. The responses were unbelievable – and some are shown here.

Baby blue is a staple scrub color, and a great way you can show support for those working tirelessly to protect our communities.



Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who have donated during the COVID-19 crisis. You continue to illustrate the power of kindness.



New crisis response fund established for HSHS caregivers

Opportunity to show your support

Everyone's lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that everyone has had to make sacrifices. Please know that we continue to hold you and your family in prayer daily.

We also realize that the pandemic has caused unusual financial stress for some of our colleagues who may be struggling to cover basic expenses. A Colleague Emergency Assistance Fund has been established by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Foundation to support health care workers basic needs.

The fund provides emergency financial assistance for HSHS colleagues who face unusual and severe financial strain during the pandemic. Through this program, colleagues who apply may receive a \$50 food and/or one \$25 gas card per application, per week during the pandemic.

To date, more than 240 colleagues have required aid.

If you are interested in making a gift to the Colleague Emergency Assistance Fund, select this box on the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for partnering with us to support our colleagues and to support our mission.

Join the Fight efforts continue

Exciting new design concepts revealed

If you recall last year, the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation announced the Join the Fight campaign to allow for significant upgrades to its HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital's facilities and services, located on the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital campus. Four units within the children's hospital are being transformed: emergency care, pediatric and pediatric intensive care, and Child Life.

Are you curious what's happening with our fundraising campaign? Well, let's give you a quick update.

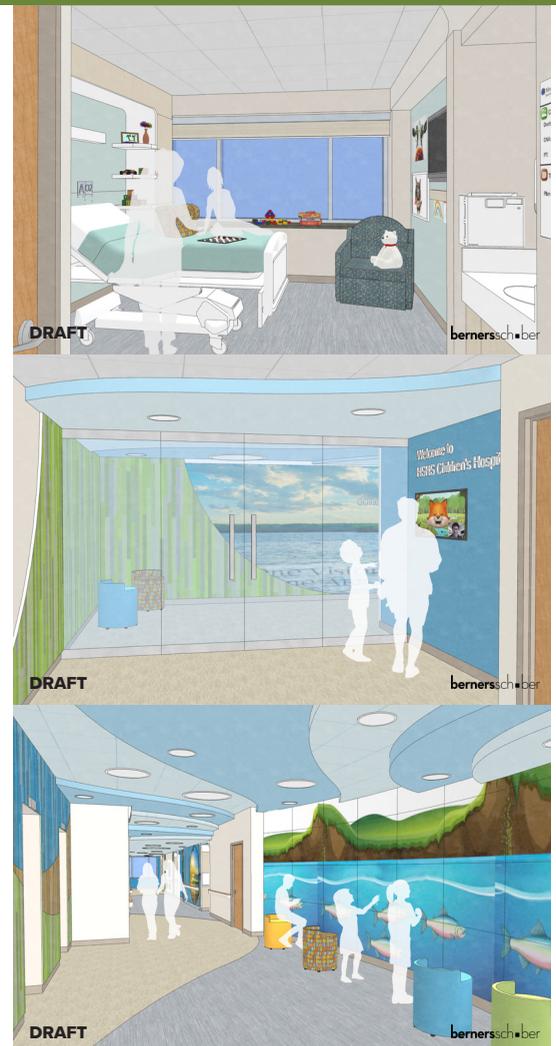
What's New?

Your donations have made a significant impact. Renovations on the Pediatric Emergency Care Center were completed in October 2019.

What's Next?

To date, nearly 2,725 people have made a gift to the Join the Fight campaign. Because of you, we are approaching our goal!

To remain at the forefront of COVID-19, construction on the pediatric and pediatric intensive care unit, and Child Life spaces has been paused, however planning and preparation continue to take place. Here's a sneak peek at the design concepts.



Join us in the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Patron Saint for HSHS

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
 where there is hatred,
 let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

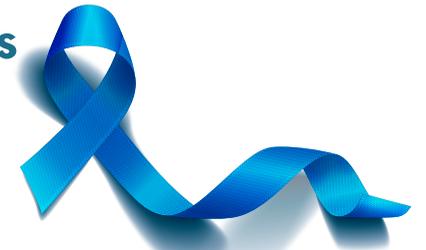
O Divine Master,
 grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love;
 for it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



*Thank you to all who
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You Can Help Us Ways to Support



During these uncertain times, we know there are many people who would like to help ensure caregivers like Jen are able to provide expert care to our patients. Here are ways you can support us:

1. Say a **prayer** for us.
2. Advocate for us by **sharing** our mission with a family member or friend.
3. If you are able, consider making a financial **gift** to our COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund or the Colleague Emergency Assistance Fund.

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