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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



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HSHS St. Clare Foundation at 855 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls, WI 54155.

Accomplishing more together

A look back on what you made possible in 2020

Every day, people across Northeast Wisconsin trust our hospitals with their health care needs. As a generous donor to HSHS St. Clare 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. Clare Memorial Hospital because of your support. From upgrading life-saving surgical equipment to helping us prepare for the coronavirus pandemic, you made all of this and so much more possible in 2020.

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

PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES

You helped more than 36 pediatric **patients experiencing extreme dental pain find relief and comfort through pediatric dental surgery** at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital – a new critical service funded by donors like you.

ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES

Orthopedic patients benefited from new donor-supported equipment including a **Hana® table that enables our physicians to perform total hip replacements**. This table aids in faster patient recovery and less post-operation pain.

NURSE'S NOOK

Your gifts are ensuring underserved children in our community have the healthy resources they need to thrive. Thanks to your support of the Nurse's Nook, a program of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, **215 families across all Oconto County school districts received healthy meals to eat on the weekends**.

COLLEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

You helped colleagues pursue their health care dreams. **Multiple colleagues were given the opportunity to pursue advanced health care degrees** as a direct result of your support of scholarships and educational opportunities.

SURGICAL SERVICES

Your support put a **new surgical instrument washer in the hands of our surgery colleagues and physicians**. This equipment is an essential part of maintaining and ensuring all instrumentation used on patients are clean and free of contaminants prior to sterilization.

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.

DENTAL DRILL



HANA TABLE



INSTRUMENT WASHER





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 “TaaaDa” 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 to the hospital, vertigo set in. Diane recalled, “I was sensitive to everything – especially light and sound.” While her past falls resulted in minor concussions, this one was much more serious.

Diane was referred to a number of different medical providers including her primary care physician, sports medicine physicians and neurologists 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.

Most recently, Diane was in need of a routine CT scan. Thankfully, there was an opening at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls and Diane was able to schedule her appointment in a few days’ time.

“The technologist who cared for me at St. Clare Memorial Hospital was wonderful. She showed 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 St. Clare Memorial Hospital for helping her reclaim her life. “The progress I’ve made is very encouraging,” she said. “Your gifts to HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls, ensure advanced technology and care is available when you need it.



You Can Make a Child's Holiday Wishes Come True

Add Nurse's Nook to your Christmas list

The holiday season brings excitement, anticipation - and often significant expense for low-income families. When a family is struggling to pay rent and put food on the table, the holiday excitement quickly turns to burden.

To help those in need, please consider adding the students and families of Nurse's Nook, a program of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, to your Christmas shopping list. We kindly ask that all items be new with tags and/or original packaging.

Among the most requested Nurse's Nook items:

- Undergarments (sizes: 3T - adult XXL)
- Socks (sizes: toddler, kid, junior, adult)
- Shirts (sizes: kid, junior, adult)
- Pants - stretch/athletic/denim/draw-string style (sizes: kid, junior, adult)
- Winter Gloves - waterproof/resistant warm-weather style (sizes: 3T - adult large)
- Winter Coats - waterproof/resistant warm-weather style (sizes: 3T - junior)
- Family Gifts such as: Family game or movie basket, 'edible' basket (shelf-stable/non-refrigerated, like popcorn, canned items, crackers, summer sausage), household items (laundry basket, towels, paper goods, cleaning products, etc.).



Please contact the Foundation at 920-433-8167 or ewfriends@hshs.org to arrange for delivery. Not only will your gift make an immediate impact on the students and families in our community, but your generosity will help spread goodwill throughout the upcoming year!

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. Clare Foundation raises much-needed funds to support the care provided at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls.

Do you have a story to share?

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