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Shaping the Future of Health Care

DONOR FUNDED CNA SCHOOL EDUCATING TOMORROW'S CARETAKERS TODAY

Thanks to donors like **YOU**, the HSHS St. Mary's CNA School provides opportunities for tomorrow's health care workers!

HSHS St. Mary's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) School is helping to prepare students for employment as nursing assistants. The CNA School is designed for those looking to advance their career as a member of the health care team working in direct patient care.

The school has a unique approach wherein the learning and training environments are based in our local hospitals, where the

students, upon graduation, immediately transition to working as a nursing assistant.

The program offers students the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to provide direct care under the supervision of a licensed nurse. Students participate in classroom sessions, hands-on labs and clinical experiences to develop the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide the safe, compassionate patient care that HSHS is known for.

"Becoming a CNA is a great steppingstone for anyone interested in nursing," said

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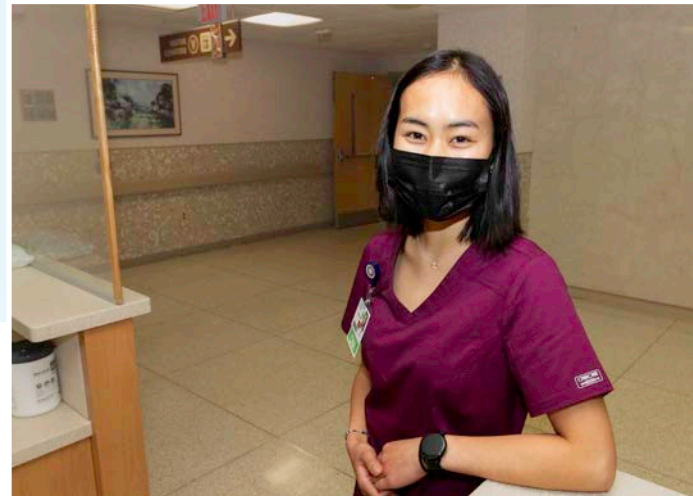
Emily Halla, DNP, MS, BSN, RN, HSHS St. Mary's CNA School Primary Instructor. "Working as a CNA is a great starting point to learn health care basics, terminology and processes."

The program follows all federal and state regulations for nurse-aide training programs. It is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as an official nurse-aide training program. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Wisconsin Nursing Assistant Competency Exam and work at a HSHS Wisconsin hospital as CNAs with the opportunity to grow.

A program graduate shared the following when asked about their experience, "The CNA School was absolutely terrific. It was so nice to be able to get more of the one-on-one

learning, ask any questions I may have and learn with great teachers. They truly care about you in this class and make sure you are prepared to take on the job of a CNA."

The HSHS St. Mary's CNA School has a 92% pass rate and a **100%** pass rate on the state exam. The program has helped to expand the pool of nursing assistants during a time of health care worker shortages. Thank you for supporting the future of health care right here in **YOUR** community.



Doua Cee Vang, CNA, is a recent graduate of the HSHS St. Mary's CNA School who now works in the medical unit at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital. ▶

Weight of the World Lifted

CHARITY CARE PROGRAM HELPING OUR MOST VULNERABLE PATIENTS

Our health care ministry at HSHS calls upon us to foster healing, serve with compassion and promote wellness for all persons, with special attention to our brothers and sisters who are underserved and most vulnerable.

During the month of September, HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation assisted nearly 110 patients covering 268 medical bills through donations made possible by donors like YOU! Through the Charity Care program, nearly \$40,000 in medical bills were paid for our most vulnerable patients. These patients have been making payments in good faith and have gone through the HSHS Financial Assistance process.

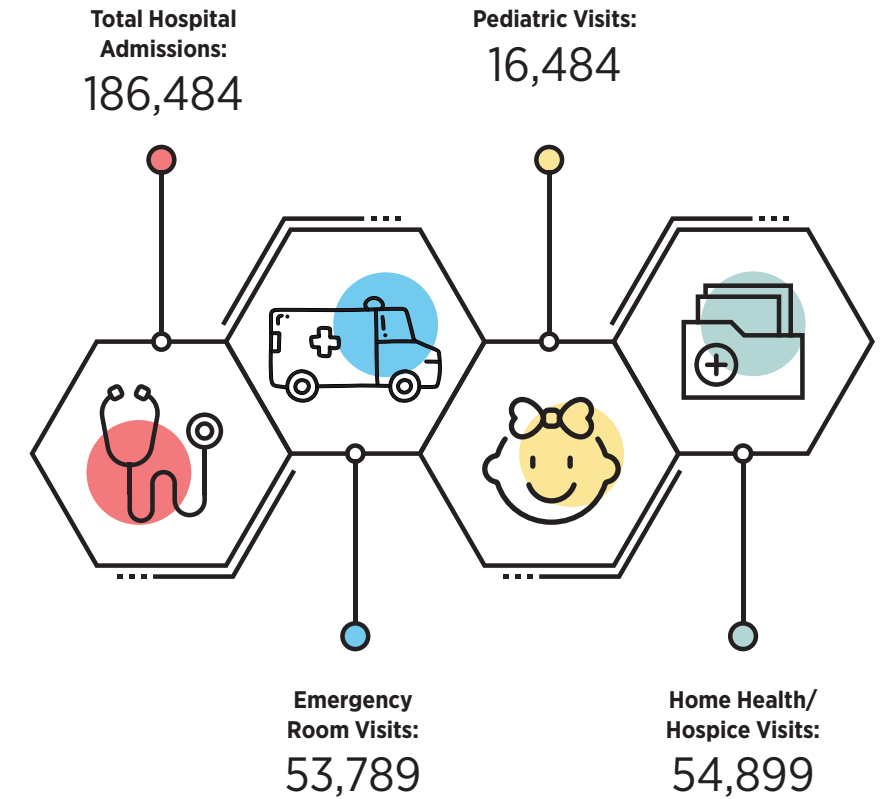
"To be able to provide nearly \$40,000 in debt relief for members of the Green Bay Community through this gift has been such a joy," says Meggie Cramer, Foundation Director. "The generosity of our donors to this program has been incredible. What an inspired way to live our Mission and show that at the end of the day, our Foundation programs reflect just how much this community cares about its friends and neighbors."

You are the Greatest Gift

YOUR SUPPORT IN 2022

Day in and day out, your gifts are hard at work, touching many service areas around the hospital. An elderly woman seeking rehabilitation after a terrible fall, a woman giving birth to her first child, or a little boy on his way to the emergency room - **YOUR** support impacts them all!

This is the care we provide each day. Gifts like yours to the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation directly and indirectly touch **ALL** patients we serve each year.



12 Months: 12 Gifts of Healing and Hope

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR TODAY

Providing renewed health and hope to patients at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital and HSHS St. Mary's Hospital is easier than ever. By becoming a monthly donor, you can continually comfort and heal patients in our care in **YOUR** community. As a monthly donor, you will contribute/receive:

- Make **automatic** monthly donations paid from your credit card, it is easy and convenient.
- It enables you to make a larger impact by spreading payments out, rather than one lump sum.
- Designate your gift to a specific need close to **YOUR** heart or to the area of greatest need.
- Receive an annual acknowledgement letter for tax purposes.
- Elect to change or suspend your donation at any time. You're in complete control. If you need to make changes, please let us know.

Beginning is easy!

1. Visit our secure, online donation form at <https://giving.hshs.org/svsm/donate>
2. Select a monthly gift amount or add your own.
3. Check "Make this a monthly gift".
4. Provide your contact info, payment method, and any optional details.
5. Click "Donate Now".

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact us at 920-433-8620 or WI-Foundations@hshs.org.

Dahlin Family Leaves a Legacy

Alyce Dahlin and her late husband, Bernie, have always had HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center close to their heart. "Bernie and I were married at St. Mary's Hospital," said Alyce Dahlin. Bernie was being treated for burns two weeks prior to their wedding so they decided to take their vows at the hospital.

The Dahlins are pillars of philanthropy in the Greater Green Bay community. Unfortunately, in the spring of 2020, Bernie passed away but that did not stop Alyce from carrying on their legacy and the love they shared for supporting the hospital.

During the initial stages of the pandemic, she was made aware of the nursing shortage that was occurring. "There was a shortage of nurses during the pandemic, and even now today, we still do not have enough," said Alyce. She called the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation and asked if there was anything she could do to help, and how. That is when she was told about the HSHS St. Mary's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) School.

For Alyce, the next step was a "no brainer", especially given the love she and Bernie shared for the hospital. She decided to contribute a leadership level gift in support of the CNA School. "I felt it would help someone consider going into the nursing profession, during a time of great need."

If you would like to support the HSHS St. Mary's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) School, contact the Foundation at (920) 884-5928.

