

FRIENDS & Family

Miracles happen because of you

Finding Respect in the Darkness

You gave Don a place to turn in his lowest moments

Don is sharing the following story with you because he is extremely grateful for the care you made possible. However, due to the stigma around drug and alcohol addiction, he asked that identifying details be removed from this story.

Don felt like a failure when he went to the HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital Emergency Department (ED). He had used alcohol excessively for some time. He had even achieved sobriety several times before through rehab, but tonight he needed help.

Trembling as he walked into the ED, Don was experiencing alcohol withdrawal. For the first time ever, he thought he wasn't going to make it.

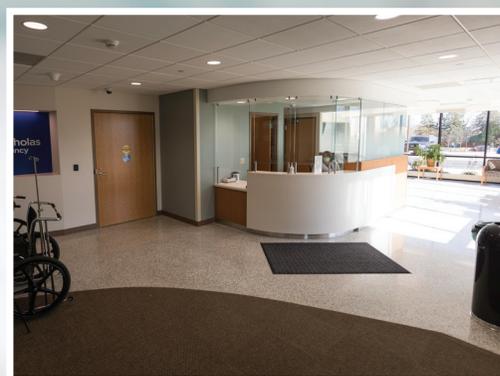
"When we arrived, everyone we encountered was genuinely caring, compassionate and respectful to my husband," said Christine, Don's wife. "He recognizes his disease and especially the control he doesn't have over it."

For Don and Christine, the care team at the hospital made a huge difference. "Everyone respected us and our concerns as we discussed treatment options and next steps," recalled Christine. Don echoed this sentiment and felt that everyone truly cared about him. "From the receptionist to the nurses, everyone was so kind and respectful," shared Don. It was that compassion that gave Don the courage to move forward.

When Don entered the ED, the last thing he needed was another person telling him what he was already thinking - that he screwed up, that he failed. The caregivers acted as if he was worthy of respect when he himself didn't think so.

Today, Don continues to fight this disease with his family by his side.

Thanks to the donations we receive from people like you, there are many impactful and life-changing stories like Don's - stories of people right here in our community whose lives have been saved by HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital.



Thank you

You made this newly designed Emergency Room space possible. Details can be found on page two.

Thankful for you.

In A Moment of Urgency

Your donations bring peace and comfort

Arriving to the emergency department of a hospital can be a stressful time for anyone. Thankfully, you have made the visit a little easier for patients at St. Nicholas Hospital. Because of your support, patients are now welcomed by a renovated emergency department entrance and waiting room space. The new entrance includes a covered drive-up and drop-off area allowing patients to start receiving care that much sooner. The entry way, now much easier to navigate, has plenty of space for multiple cars to pull up. Your gifts also brightened the waiting room where guests are welcomed by a family-friendly, comforting environment while they await word on loved ones receiving care.

St. Nicholas Eve Gala-on-the-Go

Thank you for making the first-ever, "Gala-on-the-Go" in support of St. Nicholas Hospital a tremendous success! Proceeds from this event, held early December, will promote excellence in care for all at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital.

Although missing our traditional St. Nicholas Eve Gala, guests still enjoyed supporting the hospital with the gala experience...from the comfort of their



home! It was a safe and fun alternative for everyone to enjoy.

Special thanks to all the event sponsors, volunteers, and culinary students at Lakeshore Technical College who made this extraordinary event possible. Hopefully we can all meet again in person in 2021!



Your support in 2020

Day in and day out, your gifts are hard at work. An elderly woman seeking rehabilitation after a fall, a mechanic in need of radiation treatments, or a little boy on his way to the emergency room - your support saved them all. This is the care we provide, whether we're going through a pandemic or not. Gifts like yours to the HSHS St. Nicholas Foundation directly and indirectly touch every patient we serve each year, which in 2020 consisted of:



48,817
Total Admissions



10,503
Emergency Visits

2020 Tax Acknowledgment Receipts

If you would like a summary of your 2020 giving, please email us at ewfriends@hshs.org or phone 920-433-8620.



YES! I want to help provide compassionate, comprehensive care to my neighbors, friends, and loved ones!

Here is my gift of \$ _____

To be used for: (Please select one) Where most needed Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I wish to remain anonymous.

You can also make a gift safely and securely online at giving.hshs.org/sns/Donate

Please make your check payable to the "HSHS St. Nicholas Foundation" and enclose it in the envelope provided. Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Thank you!

My CHECK is enclosed.

Please charge my CREDIT CARD

Visa MasterCard

Discover AmEx

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