

FRIENDS & Family

Continuing Exceptional Care Through Education

Your commitment shapes the future of health care



HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital strives to bring patients the best care possible in our community. Continuing to help educate our colleagues is a key part in maintaining our level of care. Each year HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital caregivers are presented with academic scholarships made

possible by donors like YOU!

The scholarship program is essential to helping the current generation of health care professionals at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital thrive. Having the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and ability to provide exceptional care to the patients at the hospital is important.

Katelynn Gunderson was a recent recipient of one of the scholarships, as she completed a Bachelor of Arts in business administration with an emphasis in health care administration from Lakeland University in May 2022. She always knew from a young age that she wanted to be in health care. "I skipped wanting to be a princess and dreamed about becoming an oncologist and helping people," explained Katelynn.

She currently serves HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital in the patient access department. Katelynn's job is crucial to patients entering the hospital as she is one of the first people patients see when they walk in. "I ensure registration is complete and accurate for patient treatment while collecting identification in the pre-registration

process. I also ensure patients are cared for in the most efficient and courteous manner in all departments. Those are just a few of my many roles within patient access," said Katelynn, when asked about her responsibilities.

Balancing school and work are a struggle for most looking to continue their education while providing expert care for patients at the hospital. Receiving a scholarship is a huge sense of relief. "Receiving this scholarship helped me immensely," stated Katelynn. "My family is unable to assist with my college finances, so I am very grateful for the scholarship that HSHS St. Nicholas provided and for the donors who choose to contribute to these funds."

She is so inspired by receiving this scholarship that she has plans to get her master's degree in health care administration and further her education by getting several certifications that will allow her to help patients on an even greater level. "Being educated in my profession benefits all our patients," said Katelynn. "It also gives me the resources necessary to perform by job at the highest level possible."

Again, the scholarship program allows HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital to **INVEST** in our own, to continue to ensure we provide the best care possible for the community. Because of your support, Katelynn and many other caregivers were able to further education and focus on providing expert care right here in **YOUR** community.

Saving Lives Through **Compassionate Care**

Your support allowed John to receive the care needed to save his life

As a standard pre-surgery precaution, John paused his blood thinning medication in preparation for a surgery procedure on his back. Unfortunately, a day before his surgery was scheduled to happen, he realized he was having a stroke and rushed to the Emergency Room at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital. When a patient is exhibiting signs and symptoms of a stroke, our caregivers know that every second counts. “I was treated like I was the only one in the hospital”, John shared. He was amazed at the service he was getting as his caregivers acted quickly, decisively and as a coordinated force to quickly address John’s crisis.

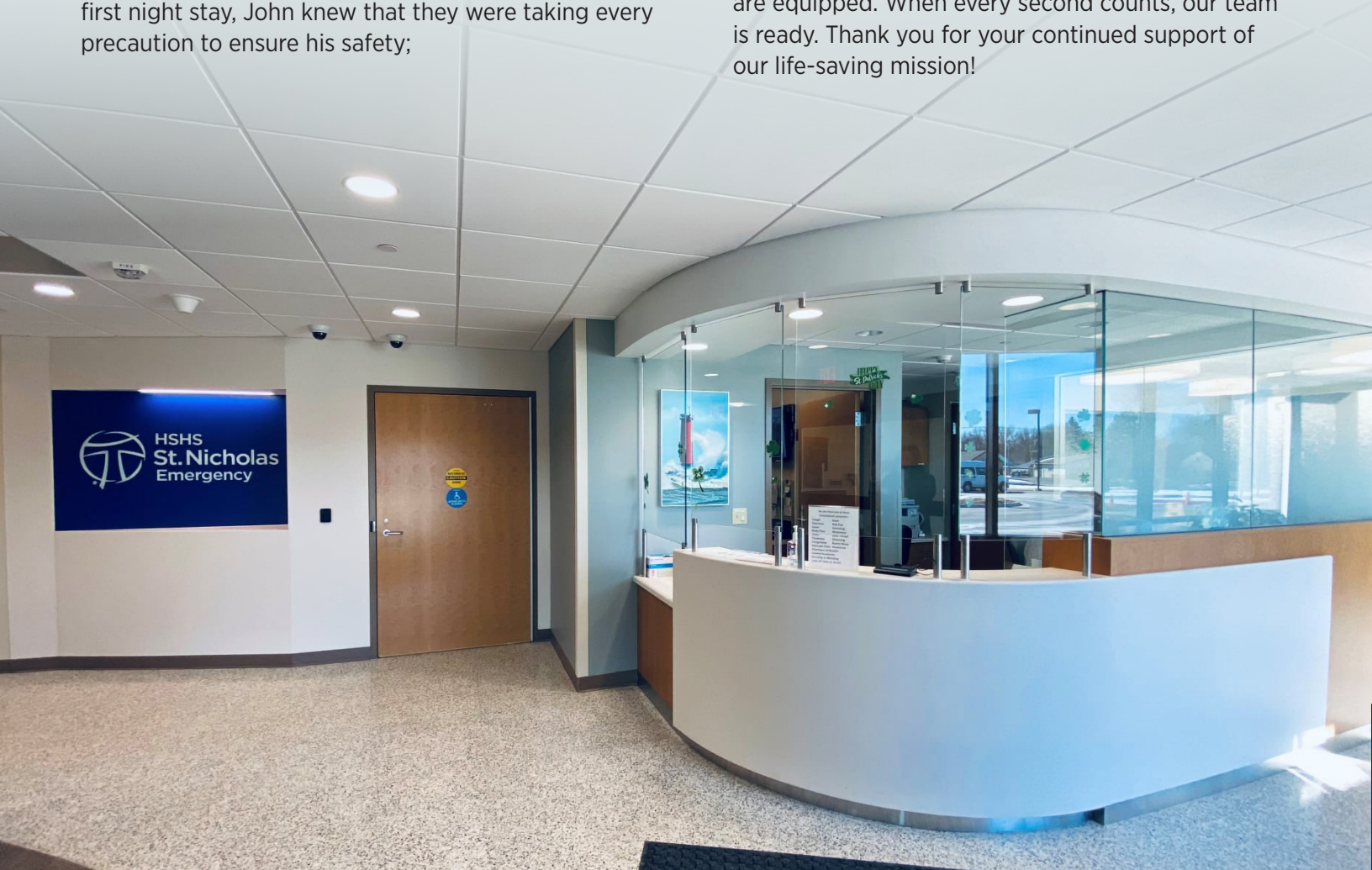
John received immediate care for his stroke. He was monitored closely during his stay for internal bleeding as the staff worked to adjust his blood thinning medication and get him back to full health. Despite having to be woken up every 30 minutes during his first night stay, John knew that they were taking every precaution to ensure his safety;

“Everyone was so professional and kind”. As John reflected on his experience, he shared, “I don’t know if that type of treatment and care is available everywhere, but I don’t think so. I was in awe of the service I was getting”.

John credits the staff at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital for saving his life.

“They allowed me to continue on with my life as I had enjoyed it. I appreciate everything they did for me”.

Through your support of HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital, our staff can benefit from continuing education in specialty emergency training, including staying up to date on all stroke response procedures. As changes in medicine advance by the day, our staff are equipped. When every second counts, our team is ready. Thank you for your continued support of our life-saving mission!



Specialized Cancer Care at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital

Your support helps patients in our community

HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital strives to provide the latest treatments, technology and equipment needed to care for patients seeking cancer care. Previously, our teams at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Cancer Centers at St. Nicholas Hospital had limited ability to provide care to head and neck cancer patients due to ongoing surveillance needs, requiring complex equipment.



According to the American Cancer Society Cancer Statistics Center, the projected incidence rate of oral cavity, pharynx and larynx cancer combined in the United States is 15% per 100,000. In Wisconsin, our combined incidence rate is 15.7%, with a projection of 1,310 new cases in 2022.

Because of **YOUR** support, head and neck cancer patients have a place to seek care, right here at the HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital. Four new pieces of equipment have been purchased to allow physicians and caregivers the ability to bring this care to patients in need.

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Having the ability to provide surveillance and treatment to head and neck cancer patients is now a reality because of purchases made for the unique scans and technology needed for these cancers. This allows providers at the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Cancer Centers, located at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital, to keep the patients right here in Sheboygan.

“We have been successful in expansion of our radiation oncology providers and services here at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital,” said Megan Pfarr, Interim Director of Oncology Operations, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Cancer Centers. “Being able to meet the need of our community is a great accomplishment.”



YOUR investment has allowed us to bring technology and equipment necessary to help patients of head and neck cancer right here in Sheboygan.

We are **GRATEFUL** for you, Tammy!

Recent BEE award winner, Tammy Reibe, was recognized for her outstanding care for our cardiac care patients.



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