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**Rising from the fall**

**HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPED BRENT STAND TALL AGAIN**

Brent is a 47-year-old landscaper who loves being outside. While he was taking down holiday lights at his cottage, the unthinkable happened. The scissor lift he was using started to tip over. Without thinking, Brent jumped to keep himself safe. When Brent landed, he fractured his spine. In a split-second decision, Brent's future was now in jeopardy.

Thankfully, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital has a certified Level II Trauma Center supported by donors like you. Tests and imaging showed Brent's hard landing on the ground caused a serious spine injury called a burst fracture. But despite the uncertainty, there was hope. Because

of you, he had access to a team of leading neurosurgeons dedicated to providing the best care possible.

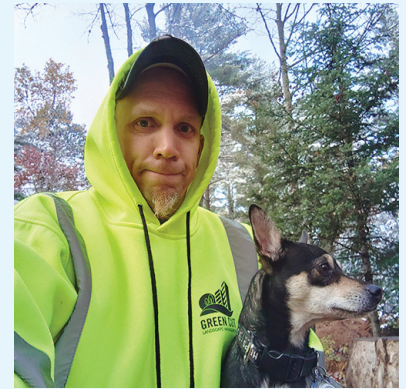
For Brent, the road to recovery presented two options: wear a back brace and endure weeks of bed rest or undergo surgery for a faster path to healing. With his livelihood and love for physical activity at stake, Brent knew what he had to do. He underwent a 4-hour surgery to stabilize his spine, setting him on a course toward recovery.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the surgical team, nurses, and physical therapists, Brent experienced a remarkable turnaround. Just three

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days after surgery, he was discharged from the hospital. Eight weeks later, Brent was back on his feet, back at work, and back at his beloved cottage. His journey to recovery, made possible by your support, fills him with gratitude. Without the expert care he received, Brent knows that his path would have been far more uncertain.

At HSHS St. Vincent and St. Mary's Hospitals, each dollar given isn't just changing lives; it's restoring hope, resilience, and the belief that brighter days lie ahead. You're making a tangible difference in the lives of individuals like Brent, ensuring they have access to the care and support they need to overcome life's unexpected challenges.



## Igniting innovation

### YOUR SUPPORT IS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF STROKE TREATMENT IN GREEN BAY

This past February, two of our colleagues, Clara Lewis and Sarah Badalamenti, attended the International Stroke Conference in Phoenix, AZ. The conference educated them on the latest advances in stroke prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. This information impacts the care we provide stroke patients.



**You made it possible for Clara and Sarah to be part of this important event.**

Clara says, "I've always wanted to go to this conference. Thanks to donors like you, I finally

got the chance! I'm excited to bring back new ideas that will make our stroke program even stronger."

For Sarah, the conference was a chance to build professional connections and learn best practices for treating her patients. "Going to this conference was an amazing opportunity," she says. "Being able to meet other stroke coordinators and learn from

experts in the field was so helpful. Thank you for making it possible!"

Thanks to your generosity, Clara and Sarah were able to attend the conference, gaining valuable insight that directly enhances our stroke program. Your support provides our colleagues with the education and training they need to stay informed on the latest best practices. Through these opportunities, you ensure the high-quality care our community has come to expect and rely on. As a result, our stroke patients benefit immediately from the knowledge and skills our colleagues learn. Your continued support makes a significant impact every single day!



# Compassionate care in the face of adversity

YOU FUEL HSHS ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL'S SANE PROGRAM



Please be advised that the following article contains sensitive content related to the care HSHS St. Vincent Hospital provides for survivors of sexual assault. We understand that this topic may be distressing for some individuals and encourage you to prioritize your well-being while reading.

Did you know your support provides compassionate care to survivors of sexual assault? Thanks to generous donors like you, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program can provide compassionate care and assistance to individuals in their time of need, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"At the heart of our SANE program is a simple idea: every survivor deserves compassion, understanding, and a chance to reclaim their life. We're not just nurses; we're advocates for hope and healing," said Dana Stueber, SANE Team Lead.

SANE caregivers are registered nurses with special training. They're experts at collecting medical evidence and doing exams in a way that is sensitive to the trauma the patient has experienced. They do this for some of the most vulnerable patients who come to us for help. During these exams, patients may have their clothing collected as evidence to be sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab. This leaves the patient with limited options for clothing to leave the hospital in.

Your generosity enables our dedicated team of registered nurses to provide specialized care with sensitivity and empathy. In 2023 alone, you helped 229 survivors receive the critical care they needed.

## SANE IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO FURTHER ASSIST THEIR PATIENTS:



Clothing such as sweatpants, yoga pants, t-shirts, and comfortable tops. Assorted sizes and seasonally appropriate.



Stuffed animals.



Journals and black pens.



Gas cards for patients that travel from surrounding counties.

If you are interested in donating the above items, please contact Koren Petersen at **(920) 433-8620** or **koren.petersen@hshs.org** to arrange drop off.

# Double or triple your impact

## ASK YOUR EMPLOYER ABOUT MATCHING GIFTS!

Did you know that your employer may match your gift to the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation? Matching gifts occur when a company makes their own donation matching the charitable contribution of an employee to a nonprofit organization.

If you (or your spouse) work for a company like this, your gift could be **DOUBLED** or even **TRIPLED!**



## THIS PROCESS IS SIMPLE:

1. If your company matches charitable contributions, ask your HR department about the process. Some companies will provide you with a matching gift form or direct you to an online platform.
2. After completing the form, send it along with your gift to the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation (forms are also accepted after you send the gift).
3. The Foundation confirms on the form that it has been received and meets the company's guidelines for receiving a matching gift.
4. The Foundation then returns the form to the company.
5. The company verifies eligibility and sends a check to the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation.

For more information on matching gifts, please contact us at **(920) 433-8620** or **WI-Foundations@hshs.org**