



Saints Alive!

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Because of YOU!



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Your gifts transform care for cardiac patients

Cath Lab renovation made possible by donors

Members of the Cardiac Catheterization Team, Ellie and Alexis, stand within the renovated Cath Lab at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center.

Your gifts provide a higher level of care for cardiac patients at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay. The hospital's cardiac catheterization lab, which sees thousands of patients each year for heart-related concerns, recently underwent a remodel. This transformation was made possible with the support of funds donated by people like you.

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Two of the rooms impacted by this renovation drastically change the quality of care we can provide.

“The leap in technology is staggering. It’s like we have gone from an iPhone 4 to an iPhone 11. We are truly blessed to have these resources.”

~ Dan Doran, Director of the Cath Lab

As commonly referred, the “Cath Lab” is known to be one of the busiest departments of the hospital. This lab is used for the placement of cardiac stents, catheterization, pacemakers, and defibrillators – all which work together in different ways to protect the heart. Angiogram or angioplasty procedures (which use radiation to identify suspected blockages), and heart rhythm tests and treatment are also performed in the Cath Lab. These procedures may be elective (scheduled in advance), while others may be the result of a life-threatening emergency.

Following these procedures, patients feel better. They have more energy.

Everyday activities become easier to perform.

This is just one example of how your support of the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary’s Foundation changes our patients’ lives.



Your support continues to provide cutting-edge technology to our hospitals. Because of this, more patients choose our hospitals for cardiac care than anywhere else in greater Green Bay. **From our hearts to yours – thank you!**

Your gifts continue to help us bring the best medical treatments

Heart and lung test play integral part in disease management

From state-of-the-art facilities and award-winning programs to hand-sewn heart pillows for each heart surgery patient, the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Heart Center is filled with life-saving measures funded by donors like you. Your generous gifts continue to help us bring the best medical treatments from around the world to patients right here in Green Bay.

One of these treatments is a pulmonary function test (or PFT, for short). This test is performed on patients to check how well their lungs work. The test specifically measures lung volume, capacity, rates of flow, and gas exchange. Patients breathe into a tube attached to a machine.

This test is an integral part of disease management for our patients. The results from a PFT test help diagnosis lung disease. This information is essential in assessing the needs and quite frankly, risks, for our patients.

This month, the PFT system at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Heart Center was upgraded. This equipment – funded 100% by generous people like you - provides patients with the hope and help they need. **Thank you for making a difference!**



An inside look at the new pulmonary function test.

Your life-saving gifts at work

Heart Center celebrates 400th TAVR procedure milestone

Complex heart disease and disorders continue to threaten the lives of patients every day across the world.

With you as our partner, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Heart Center won't miss a beat in finding new ways to conquer this disease.

As you may recall in 2016, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Heart Center began performing a new minimally invasive heart valve procedure called the transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). This life-saving procedure is performed on heart patients who need to have their aortic valve replaced but they are not healthy enough to undergo traditional open-heart surgery. Instead of opening the patient's chest cavity, physicians in our Heart Center insert a small catheter into the large artery in a patient's upper thigh, guide it to the patient's heart, and replace their failing valve with a new, artificial valve. Pretty amazing, right?

In December 2019, the Heart Center celebrated a milestone with the completion of its 400th TAVR case. **Your gifts bring renewed hope, better heart treatments, technology, and support to our patients. Thank you!**

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Your gifts bring us a stitch above the rest

Heart pillows sewn with love

Each year an average of 215 heart pillows are hand-sewn by our hospital volunteers. These pillows are given to patients who have had heart surgery including coronary bypass, and valve replacement. Everyday actions like coughing, deep breathing, sneezing, laughing, and getting out of bed are made easier for patients right after surgery thanks to these pillows. The pillow is filled with firm stuffing that can help provide comfort and reduce pain when held against the chest following surgery.

The best part? No prescription is required for this pillow. And there is no hidden fee that will appear on a medical bill. The heart pillow is provided through your generosity and the wonderful sewing skills of our hospital volunteers. **No matter how big or small, your support means we will be able to make a difference in patients' lives. Thank you!**



Heart pillow for surgery patients

Just launched: new tool to support your efforts

Create your personal fundraising page

HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation now has the tools you need to create your own personalized fundraising page. The platform, called "JustGiving," allows you to invite your friends and family to give online.

Whether you want to dedicate your birthday, celebrate a milestone, honor a loved one, create a team challenge, or host an event, you can pay it forward and support a cause close to your heart.

Getting started is easy. Just visit <https://justgiving.com> and search for HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation or HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital and click "Start Fundraising."

You can then customize your link and tell your friends and family what inspired you to support us. Personalize your page with stories, photos and videos.

This is an easy and effective way to make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families. Donations are directed straight to HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation. There is no minimum requirement or hidden fees and the page expires when you want it to.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, call our Foundation office at 920-433-8653 or email ewfriends@hshs.org.

12 Months: 12 Gifts of Healing and Hope

Become a monthly donor today

Providing renewed health and hope to patients at HSHS St. Vincent and St. Mary's Hospitals is now easier than ever. By becoming a monthly donor, you can continually comfort and heal the patients in our care.

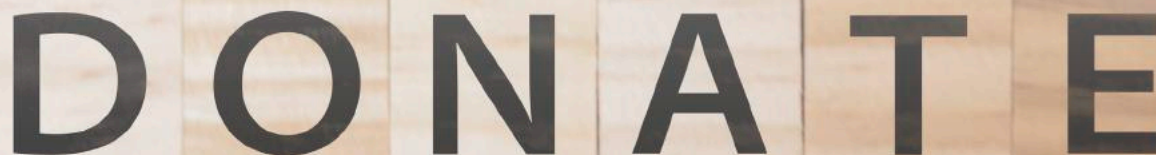
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