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## Grateful Beyond Belief

### YOUR SUPPORT HELPS PATIENTS AND FAMILIES LIKE JAMES RECEIVE COMPASSIONATE CARE

James Cooley and his wife, Karen, were leaving his routine eye exam in Chippewa Falls. As they were pulling out of the parking lot, James looked and told her he needed some Benadryl as his tongue felt weird. Karen also noticed his speech beginning to change, so she rushed him to HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, in Chippewa Falls. Within moments, they found themselves in a room and began the process of intubating James.

For Jamie Mitchell, James and Karen's daughter, Nov. 18 was "just another day" until she got a frantic call from her mother. "I picked up the phone and my mom asked me if I should let them put a tube in so my

dad can breathe," said Jamie. "I told her 'Mom you HAVE TO let them put a tube in so he can breathe!'" James was having an allergic reaction to his blood pressure medication – a medication he had taken for years.

Shortly after James was intubated, he was rushed from Chippewa Falls to HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital to and admitted to the critical care unit (CCU). Within an hour, he was in stable condition. "You could see how critical my dad really was," said Jamie. "His tongue looked like an apple sitting out of his mouth."

Jamie and Karen knew that the staff

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at HSHS Sacred Heart had James's needs as their priority. "They were so sensitive to my father's needs, and we also appreciated that they saw us as important parts of his care plan too!" said Jamie.

Nov. 22 was Karen's birthday. The staff at Sacred Heart allowed Jamie and her family to utilize a waiting room space to celebrate her birthday. Cupcakes and flowers were delivered for her mom, as they continued to spend their time at the hospital. "That was so nice of them; they allowed us to celebrate my mom's special day during such a hard time for us," Jamie added.

James spent the next four days under observation in the CCU before finally being transferred to a different floor and was discharged on Nov. 27. Jamie could not be happier with the care her father received while at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital. "Everyone from respiratory, speech and occupational therapy were super encouraging and helpful," she added.

Jamie credits the incredible team at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital for her father's recovery. "They are why my dad is still here today, the staff!" she said.

The compassionate and highly skilled care that James received at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, is only possible because of **YOUR** generosity. Thank you!



## Teddy Bears

### YOUR SUPPORT BRINGS COMFORT TO CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Surgical procedures can be scary for children and overwhelming for their families. The gift of a toy can make such a big difference to children and their families who are spending time in the hospital. "The bears come wearing a HSHS Sacred Heart t-shirt, and our colleagues take special care and great joy in outfitting the bears with a surgical cap and mask," said Carol Isaksson, Nurse Manager, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital. "These bears help put our pediatric patients at ease and help facilitate a bond with our care team."



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# Director's Cut with, HSHS Sacred Heart Foundation Director, Jane Gobler

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I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. This time of year always gets me excited for new to-do lists, bucket lists and re-evaluating the processes I have to get things done.

One of the resolutions I made for myself last year, was to read more books. I wanted to expand my knowledge in areas that intrigued me. I have read many books in the last year, but I just finished reading "To Love and Be Loved, A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa" by Jim Towey. Reading this book has created a stir in me that I wasn't anticipating. Mother Teresa has always been someone that I've cherished and looked up to, but this book opened my eyes and my heart to some things.

A Calling – a quote from Mother Teresa in this chapter, "What I can do, you cannot do. What you can do, I cannot do. But together we can do something beautiful for God." The last year taught me how much we all have our special gifts. HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital is a very special place. I walk the halls that Monsignor Klimek walked, I pray in the chapel where my in-laws went to mass every day, and if I'm lucky enough I can go to the 3rd floor, see a new baby, and reminisce about having my babies here. We are blessed with a very rich history – although not in dollars – in the love of all people and the power of coming together. Our Mission: "To reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry... dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable..."

We are in a difficult time in health care but we are so fortunate that our Franciscan Sisters were frugal. It took the Sisters coming together and utilizing their best skills that have made us what we are today. I read the grateful patient stories; I chat with colleagues and hear firsthand how they care for their patients. Charism, according to the Encyclopedia is defined, "a charism is a spiritual gift or talent granted by God to the recipient not primarily for his own sake but for the benefit of others..." My job, simply put, is to share my gift of philanthropy. To share my ability to bring people together and show how we can make an impact as we give together!

I pray you will join me in supporting our hospital, whether it is monetarily, through prayer or volunteerism. A very wise priest once shared with me how important Time, Talent and Treasure are to God.

Blessings,

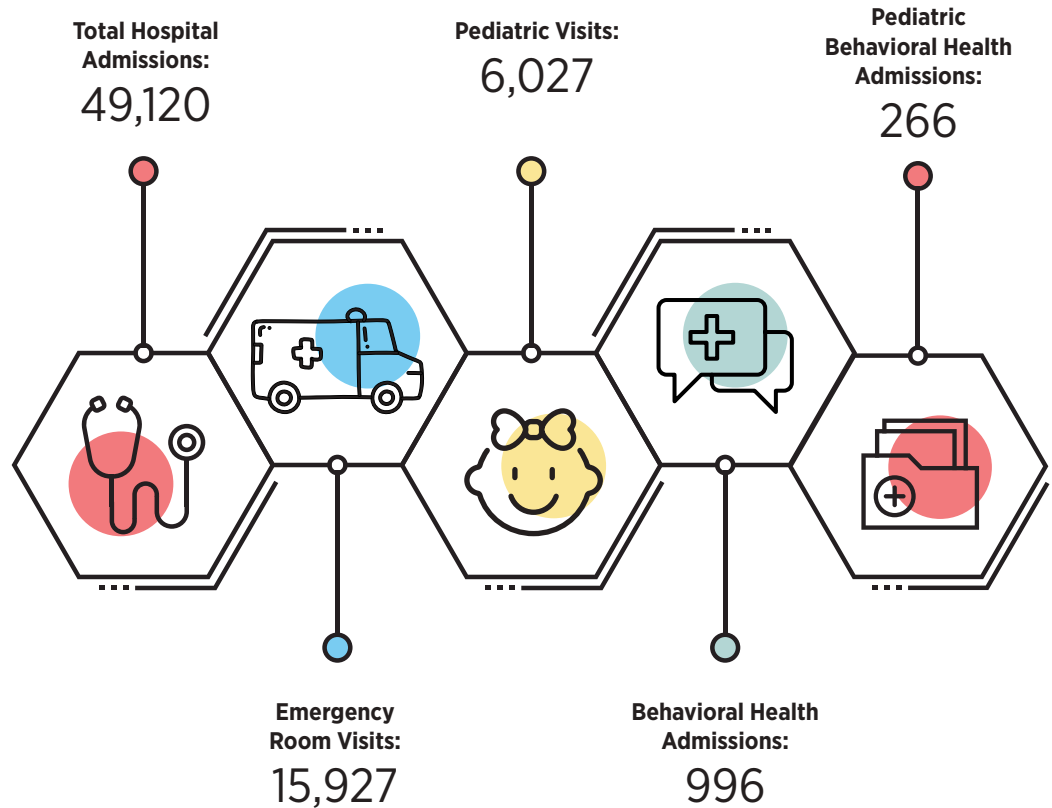
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane M. Gobler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# 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. A man seeking rehabilitation after his addiction, a woman giving birth to her first child, or an elderly man his way to the emergency room – **YOUR** support saved them all!

This is the care we provide each day. Gifts like yours to the HSHS Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart 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:

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