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news for staff, physicians, volunteers and friends of Sacred Heart Hospital

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“Be the Healing Presence,...
then bring the Healing Presence.”

Sr. Mary Ann Minor, O.S.F.

Decades of Quality Care Honored at Colleague Service Awards

Faye Deich, Chief Operating Officer, Sacred Heart Hospital, recently announced that **Jill Schumacher, Surgical First Assistant**, has been named the 2010 recipient of the Father Klimek Healing Presence Award, and that **Edgar Hicks, MD**, has been named the hospital's Physician of the Year.

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Physician of the
Year Award
Edgar Hicks, MD



Father Klimek
Healing Presence Award
Jill Schumacher

2010 Nurses Walk

Committed to illness prevention and wellness

Last week, over 70 nurses and family members from Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's hospitals, Luther Midelfort, Marshfield Clinic, and student nurses at UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College celebrated National Nurses' Week (May 6-12) by participating in the 18th annual Nurses' Walk on May 6 in Carson Park. Representatives from the Wisconsin Nurses Association District 10 and PESI, a local continuing education seminar business, also participated along with nurses from several local clinics and organizations. The one-mile trek highlights the nursing profession's commitment to illness prevention and wellness. "The nurses walk was a great success and allowed nurses to network with nurses from other hospitals and clinics," said Denice Shepler, Nurses' Walk coordinator. "Nurses touch the lives of many patients and their families each and every day. I want to thank each and every nurse for their dedication to the nursing profession, the wonderful care they provide to their patients, and the support provided to their co-workers."

Total Disc Replacement Surgery Now Available

As the leading cause for physician visits, **approximately 60-80% of the US population report experiencing acute low back pain at least once in their lives.** Although the majority of these individuals improve with conventional treatment, many become chronically debilitated and require surgical intervention. Until now, these patients have



been treated with spinal fusion, which requires painful bone grafting and eliminates motion at the diseased vertebral segment; often creating spinal imbalance and further degenerating adjacent vertebral segments. However, the introduction of **ProDisc-L Total Disc Replacement provides a motion-preserving alternative to spinal fusion for these patients.** Performed by T. Sunil Thomas, MD, Eau Claire Spine & Orthopedics, first on October 13, 2009, at [Sacred Heart Hospital](#), this procedure is intended to actually restore motion, which may potentially decelerate disc degeneration at adjacent vertebral segments. Designed with a ball and socket implant consisting of two metal endplates and one plastic inlay, the ProDisc-L can offer many patients a new lease on life.

New procedure enhances diagnostic capabilities

Pleural effusions (fluid in the lining around the lung) are not an uncommon problem in medical practice. What's worse, after analysis of the fluid, the cause of pleural effusion is still unclear in about a quarter of the cases. Since a majority of these are due to cancer in the pleural space, a diagnostic biopsy is usually required. Until now, a diagnostic treatment and therapeutic procedure known as Pleuroscopy or Medical Thoracoscopy was not available to patients of Eau Claire and its surrounding communities. **Performed at Sacred Heart Hospital by Mansur Javaid, MD, FCCP, FRCP, Marshfield Clinic - Eau Claire Center,** this medical procedure utilizes the insertion of a long, thin tube placed into the chest cavity with a light and camera on the end (called a pleuroscope) attached to a video monitor. This procedure has many

diagnostic benefits, because biopsies allow physicians to actually see the problem first hand. It also facilitates drainage of fluid and administering medicine into the pleural space to stop the fluid from forming in cancers. This allows physicians to more accurately and efficiently diagnose and treat patients than ever before.



Dr. Mansur Javaid, Marshfield Clinic - Eau Claire Center



“Share Our Story” Sister Charitas Prince Honored as 80 Year Jubilarian



Sister Charitas Prince

Sister Charitas Prince, a member of [Sacred Heart Hospital's Pastoral Care](#) staff from 1982-1989, was recently featured as the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis' story of the month for the celebration of her 80 year "Ruby Jubilee". On May 26, 2010, Sister Charitas will be the first Sister in the international Congregation of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis to celebrate 80 years professed. Since its foundation in 1844, no other Sister has been blessed in reaching this milestone. Sister Charitas was born on October 19, 1910, in Cooks Valley, Wisconsin. She graduated from St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield in 1932 and obtained

additional education at DePaul University, Chicago, earning both a Bachelors and Masters of Science Degree in Biological Science. Since then, she has taught in the US and Taiwan, and provided a healing presence to all those in need.

Congratulations, Sister Charitas, on your anniversary celebration, an outstanding testament to a life of service at many hospitals and organizations throughout the world!

To view the article, please visit:

www.hospitalsisters.org/StFrancisScripts/story.asp

Sister Charitas' locations of service included:

Springfield	(8/32-7/37)	St. John's Hospital - Nurse; Instructor, School of Nursing
Springfield	(8/35-7/37)	St. John's Hospital - Asst. Dean of Nurses
Springfield	(8/37-7/42)	Motherhouse - High School Science Teacher
Sheboygan	(7/42-8/42)	St. Nicholas Hospital - Nurse
Springfield	(8/42-7/48)	St. John's Hospital - Instructor
Springfield	(7/48-5/72)	St. John's Hospital - Nurse and Instructor
Kaoshiung, Taiwan	(8/72-4/82)	Star of the Sea Clinic - Missionary/Teacher of English
Eau Claire	(10/82-2/89)	Sacred Heart Hospital - Pastoral Care/Hospice Volunteer
Kaohsiung, Taiwan	(2/89-11/93)	Star of the Sea Clinic - Missionary
Springfield	(11/93-present)	Motherhouse - Ministry of Prayer and Adoration

MISSION INTEGRATION

Hospital Earns Third Practice Greenhealth Environmental Leadership Award



This month, Sacred Heart Hospital will receive its third **Practice Greenhealth** 2010 Environmental Leadership Award for demonstrating "the highest degree of commitment to environmental sustainability." The award recognizes hospitals for innovative programs that set industry standards for waste reduction and pollution prevention - an honor that identifies hospitals in the vanguard of environmental progress in health care. Presented in Baltimore, MD, at CleanMed, the Global Conference on Environmentally Sustainable Health Care, the award demonstrates that Sacred Heart Hospital is considered to be among the best in the country at creating a healthy environment for patients, colleagues, physicians and the community as a whole. "At Sacred Heart Hospital, protecting our environment is critical to our Mission as a Catholic hospital and to our community's long term health," commented Rick Beckler, Chair of the hospital's **Green Team**. "Most importantly, it's the right thing to do, and we are committed to continually making our hospital safer and healthier for everyone."

Recognizing Excellence

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Jill Schumacher, Surgical First Assistant, began her career at Sacred Heart Hospital in 1980 as a surgical technologist. In June 2009, She was honored for her work when she received the Brain & Spine Institute's prestigious Spirit of St. Francis Award.

The Father Klimek Healing Presence Award is the highest honor that a hospital colleague can receive, and recognizes a long-term colleague who has dedicated his or her life to being a humble servant of the sick. These recipients emulate the spirit of Father Klimek, Senior Chaplain, [Sacred Heart Hospital](#), who has served patients for the past 43 years.

"Jill has made a personal commitment to the mission and patients of Sacred Heart Hospital and has reflected the values of the hospital through her many years of service," said Faye Deich, COO, Sacred Heart Hospital.

"Jill has spent her career serving patients," said Father Edmund Klimek. "Over the past 30 years, she has shown that special devotion to caring that has distinguished her among her peers. Jill truly lives the spirit of Sacred Heart Hospital."

35 YEARS

Vicky Ammerman, Fiscal Services
Kathern Axelsen, Patient Services
Sharon Bauer, Information Systems
Diane Duffenbach, Rehab Nursing
Lynn Gullicksrud, Health Information
Jill Halbleib, Occupational Therapy
Christine Heacox, Information Sys.
Helen Horn, Admitting
Deborah Keegan, Laboratory Services
Tari Kennedy, Critical Care
James LaVelle, Laboratory Services
Barbara Olson, Radiology Services
Charles Patton, Laundry
Celia Sime, Nutrition Services
Katherine Strand, Laboratory
Linda Vogler, Nutrition Services
Billie Jo Webb, Laundry

30 YEARS

Susan Carlson, Short Stay Care
Anne Dieckman, Short Stay Care
Shirley Eliason, Laundry
Leslie Flater, Respiratory Care
Susan Frye, Medical
Barbara Gibson, Ortho/Surgical
Karen Goike, Radiology Services

Patricia Heins, Speech Therapy
Karen Jirak, Case Management
Ronald Kummer, Materials
Sharon Lium, Rehab Nursing
Julie Olson, Laboratory Services
Michael Sommer, Nutrition Serv.
Rozanne Voorhies, Rehab Nursing
Patrice Wojcik, Physical Therapy

25 YEARS

Ruth Collis, Surgical Services
Kathleen Ivory, Laboratory Services
James Johnson, Physiatry
Deborah Kutzke, Behavioral Health
Janice McIntyre, Health Information
Lois Mueller, Electrodiagnostics
Norman Olson, Clinical Engineering
Susan Peiffer, Quality Resources
Jean Pittenger, Neuro/Peds
Judy Schneck, Physical Therapy
Donna Trapp, OT

20 YEARS

Jamie Ackerman, Patient Services
Linda Burrows, Rehab Nursing
Cynthia Cole, Short Stay Care



Edgar Hicks, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon with Hicks Orthopedic Clinic and is board certified in Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Hicks has practiced at Sacred Heart Hospital for over 32-years.

Dr. Hicks is a member of the hospital's Medical Staff Credentials Committee, and is also past chair of that committee – a position he held for 16 years. The award honors Dr. Hicks for his life-long commitment to quality care.

"Dr. Hicks demonstrates his commitment to the mission of our hospital from the moment he enters the door," said Deich. "He shares his skills, knowledge, kindness, and generosity with everyone he meets. Dr. Hicks brings the team together to best serve the patient and they remain his number one priority."

The awards were presented at the hospital's annual Colleague Service Awards banquet, held May 3 and May 4 at the Eau Claire Country Club. More than 230 colleagues were honored at the event.

Wendy Evenson, Patient Services
Michele Gunderson, Speech Therapy
Dianna Hansen, Behavioral Health
Pamela Holstad, Short Stay Care
Debra Jascor-Schutts, Behavioral HLTH
Jean Johnson, Quality Resources
Jane Kjesbo, Housekeeping
Carol Marheine, OT
Robert Martin, Pharmacy
Pamela Pettis, Respiratory Care
Diane Schummer, Laboratory Serv.
Gertrude Wagner, Resource Nursing
Jodi Wittwer, Cardiac Rehab
Sheila Wright-Kersten, Rehab Nursing
Nancy Zellinger, Pharmacy

15 YEARS

Marcia Arneson, Community Center
Christine Baumgardner, OT
Mary Bensen, Short Stay Care
Linda Berger, Rehab Nursing
Mary Biesterveld, Rehab Nursing
Kathryn Grosvold, Nutrition Serv.
Ruth Hagman, Housekeeping
Marilyn Hanson, Housekeeping
Susan Hellman, Short Stay Care

Holly Iwakiri, Physical Therapy
Rose Jorstad, Housekeeping
Teresa Lunderville, Laundry
Ronda Mueller, Patient Accounting
Julia Nelson, Electrodiagnostics
Linda Odness, Speech Therapy
Renae Pierce, Physical Therapy
Brian Robinson, Surgical Services
Peggy Schlough, Critical Care
Stephanie Sell, Maternity
Greg Spindler, Respiratory Care
Daniel Talle, Housekeeping

10 YEARS

Kelly Albert, Laboratory Services
Joyell Anderson, Case Management
Meri Beier, Ortho/Surgical
Cheryl Berg, Critical Care
Dianna Bergquist, Critical Care
Juanita DeMars, Ortho/Surgical
Judith Draper, Quality Resources
Karl Ecker, Materials
Diane Ehlert, Surgical Services
Christina El Meddah, Neuro/Peds
Brenda Faldet-Gilbertson, Health Info
Melissa Foslid, Neuro/Peds
Julie Gerber, Oncology

Celebrating 45 YEARS of service to Sacred Heart is Mary Ellen Jacobson, *Laboratory*

Celebrating 40 YEARS are (from left to right) Dianne Pettis, *Housekeeping*;

Deborah Drung, *Fiscal Services*; Rebecca Phillips and Barbara Piper, *Maternity*

YOU MAKE THE

Michelle Hanson, CC/Surgical
 Cynthia Harmon, Dialysis
 Jessica Harriman, Fiscal Serv
 Connie Heath, Laboratory Serv
 Billy Heltne, Neuro/Peds
 Ruthy Henderson, Dialysis
 Rosemary Jadack, EMTC
 Rebecca Johnson, Housekeeping
 Diane Kerkhof, Quality Resources
 Jane Kloke, Rehab Nursing
 Suzanne Leroux, Physical Therapy
 Susan Lipke, Patient Transport
 Patricia LuCore, Patient Serv
 Pamela Luedtke, Maternity
 Diana Markgraf, Sterile Processing
 Julie Martinez, Quality Resources
 Linda Meyer, Critical Care
 Sheila Pelzek, Cardiology
 Michael Petersen, Pharmacy
 Rita Plechacek, Radiology Serv
 Tracy Robbins, Dialysis
 Leah Schimmel, Radiology Serv
 Jennifer Schmidt, Ortho/Surgical
 Holly Schunk, Neuro/Peds
 Mark Schwendinger, Cancer Center
 Pamela Shafer, Housekeeping
 Heather Simmerman, Laboratory Serv
 John Sprengeler, Materials
 Kara Sprengeler, Pharmacy
 Nancy Steiner, Surgical Serv
 Jennifer Stuber, Volunteers
 Eric Theis, Nutrition Serv
 Karen Veness, Laboratory Serv
 Julie Vogler, Dialysis
 Jessica Warnick, Information Sys
 Mark Winter, Pharmacy
 Christine Zimmerman, Org Learning

5 YEARS

Catherine Barkovich, Case Mngmt
 Angela Barthen, Nutrition Services
 Serena Bartholomew, Cardiology
 Shawn Beck, Neuro/Peds
 Beth Berg, Case Management
 Rachel Berg, Surgical Services
 Katie Bernier, Nutrition Services
 Nicole Best, Critical Care
 Jennifer Block, Communications
 Vicki Bluemel, Laundry
 Amy Bohl, Neuro/Peds
 Heidi Bohland, Maternity
 Jacqueline Briggs, Rehab Nursing
 Catherine Bushendorf, Oncology
 Michelle Cebula, Patient Services
 Wendy Chesnut, Pharmacy
 Patricia Ciolkosz, Housekeeping
 Emily Cook, Critical Care
 Julie Critchfield, Respiratory Care
 Daniel Dassow, EMTC
 Dorothy Deacon, Housekeeping
 Darla Derks, Cardiology
 Fr Lawrence Dunklee, Pastoral Care
 Dani Fields, Surgical Services
 Steven Frank, Housekeeping
 Jennifer Friedrich, Quality Resources
 Maria Guadagno-Parish, Patient Acct.
 Roberta Guidaboni, Rehab Nursing
 Joanne Hamberg, Ortho/Surgical
 Donna Hamler, Short Stay Care
 Todd Harelstad, Cardiology
 Kimberly Hayes, Admitting
 Melissa Hellmann, Neuro/Peds
 Kristin Henrickson, Respiratory Care

Kathleen Herfel, OT
 Roberta Herrick, EMTC
 Patty Jackson, Neuro/Peds
 Aaron Jelinek, Critical Care
 Nichole Jensen, Radiology Serv
 Jennifer Johnson, Cardiology
 Jessica Johnson, Admitting
 Dominique Kapfer, Radiology Serv
 Yuki Kato, Behavioral Health
 Rachel Kent, Ortho/Surgical
 Orv Kloke, Pharmacy
 Jessica Korger, Maternity
 Dawn Kultgen-Kroehn, Pharmacy
 Reyne Lafler, Behavioral Health
 Jennifer Larson, Dialysis
 Kelly Lauscher, Community Center
 Brian Mancl, Post Anesthesia Care
 Linda Marx, Maternity
 Katherine Mason, Development
 Mary Jo Mayer, Laboratory Serv
 Janice McMahan, Housekeeping
 Laura Miller, Behavioral Health
 David Mortimer, Communications
 Melissa Ndiaye, Sterile Processing
 Nancy Nevinski, Health Information
 Peter Nohelty, Information Sys
 Andrea Novak, Neuro/Peds
 Dena Novotny, Admitting
 Kimberly Olszewski, EMTC
 Erycca Osterbauer, Ortho/Surgical
 Brooke Passon, Nutrition Serv
 Peggy Pendergast, Org Learning

Nicholas Pfund, Sterile Processing
 June Pikulski, Cardiology
 Jennifer Polus, Radiology Serv
 Karen Prissel, Materials
 Paula Probst, Oncology
 Matthew Raine, Respiratory Care
 Megan Schemensky, Surgical Serv
 Kim Schmidt, Cardiology
 Cynthia Schneider, Case Management
 Sacha Scott, Housekeeping
 Dorothy Sirianni, Switchboard
 Julie Smith, Patient Accounting
 Tammy Specken, Maternity
 Heather Strassburg, Neuro/Peds
 Colin Streif, Housekeeping
 Samarashay Sullivan, Cardiology
 Tammy Surges, Dialysis
 Jamie Tarbox, Critical Care
 Jenny Vokovan, Ortho/Surgical
 Kathy Wagner, Nutrition Serv
 Jason Werlein, Pharmacy
 Caleb Wheeler, Pharmacy
 Jennifer Whitwam, Critical Care
 Rebecca Williams, Neuro/Peds
 Jacquelyne Winsand, Volunteers
 Janna Young, Cardiology
 Diane Zakopyko, Cath Lab
 Raena Zwiefelhofer, Critical Care



Dianne Pettis

Deborah Drung

Rebecca Phillips

Barbara Piper

Mary Ellen Jacobson

UCP names Sacred Heart colleague Vice President of Board of Directors

Connie Werlein, People Services Benefits Assistant, Sacred Heart Hospital, has been selected to serve as Vice President of the west central Wisconsin chapter of the [United Cerebral Palsy \(UCP\) Board of Directors](#). Connie has served on the UCP board for the past three years and has been a Sacred Heart colleague for over 29 years. “It has been an honor and joy to serve on a committee that helps benefit those individuals with a need, to help improve their quality of life,” she said.

The west central Wisconsin chapter provides direct services to individuals and families with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. In her role, Connie will be responsible for presiding over weekly meetings in the absence of the president, and attending all board and executive committee meetings. United Cerebral Palsy is a leading service provider for adults and children with disabilities. UCP’s mission is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network. Its services reach over 176,000 adults and children daily through its network of approximately 100 affiliates in the U.S., Canada, Scotland and Australia.



Connie Werlein

Hospitals Sponsor Women’s Health Events

[Sacred Heart](#) and [St. Joseph’s](#) hospitals recently joined [da Vinci Surgical System](#), Curves International, About.com and the Office on Women’s Health – a division of the Department of Health – to present *da Vinci Women’s Health: Small Steps. Healthier Lives*. These preventions and wellness campaigns were designed to educate women through doctor-led events about the importance of taking control of their health with diet, exercise and annual gynecologic exams. On May 4, Sacred Heart Hospital sponsored a women’s health seminar held at Curves in Eau Claire with over 70 women attending to discuss health issues with Rebecca England, MD, Marshfield Clinic-Eau Claire Center, an Ob/Gyn who sees patients at Sacred Heart Hospital. On May 6, St. Joseph’s Hospital sponsored their seminar held at Curves in Chippewa Falls with over 70 attendees who discussed health issues with Melissa Emmerich, MD, and Sara Cochrane, MD, Marshfield Clinic; who educated participants about preventive health measures, risks and treatment options for benign gynecologic issues as well as helped encourage women to schedule regular exams.

Curves in Eau Claire



Curves in Chippewa Falls



MEDITECH Update Testing & Training begins this month

Colleagues, Physicians and Leaders continue to dedicate many hours to the build of our Western Wisconsin MEDITECH system. The month of **May** marks the start of the testing and training phase of the MEDITECH implementation. Testing involves the MEDITECH Team along with Sacred Heart and St. Joseph’s colleagues entering test data into our newly built MEDITECH system, to “test” that the data flows correctly into the medical record.

Training for colleagues and physicians is key for a successful transition to any new computer system. Colleagues are being identified to be MEDITECH “Super-Users” to assist with training and support of their peers during “go-live” in September. “Super-User” training for the various MEDITECH modules will begin in May and June. End User training begins the end of June, and will continue through August.

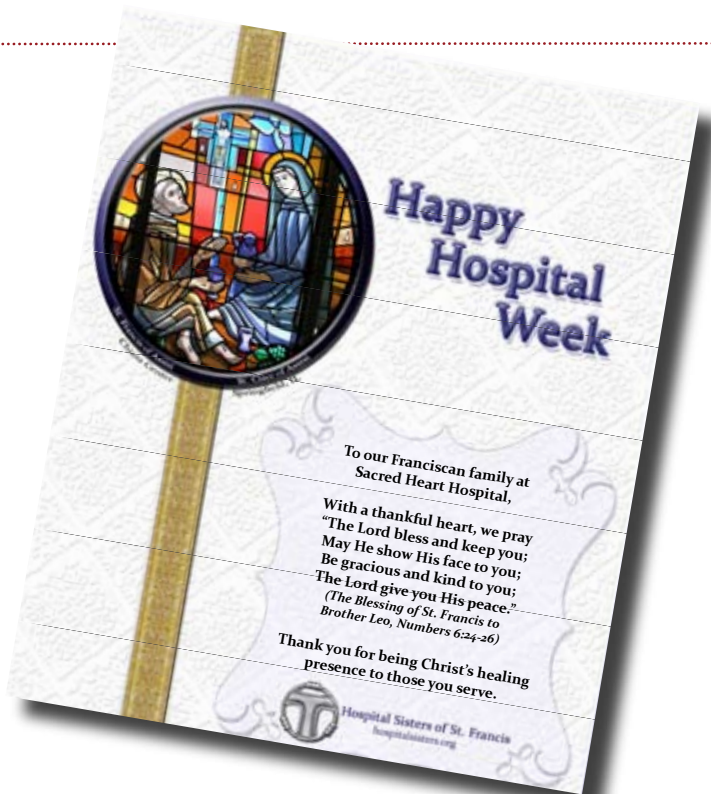
The number of hours of training varies by Department and by job description. Some colleagues will require minimal training, while others will need to attend up to 32 hours of training. We appreciate the many individuals who are committing their time and energy to the success of the project. Please contact your Leader if you have questions about training for your area.





Volunteer Partners honored at annual luncheon

On Monday, April 26, volunteers of [Sacred Heart Hospital](#) enjoyed a special luncheon honoring and recognizing their efforts throughout the hospital. Several volunteers were recognized for their years of service at the 5, 10, 15 and 40-year mark. Congratulations to all who receive anniversary recognition. The [Volunteer Partners](#) awarded Tuition Assistance Grants to 13 employees to help further support their continuing education. The soiree also included the general board meeting and election of officers for the 2010-11 year. Congratulations to continuing Board members, as well as special recognition to Mary Ann Ogan as she moves forward into her presidency, Mary Theisen as president-elect and the three newly elected Board officers: Barb Filla, David Hartmann and Kathy Mosack. The event was topped off by a wonderful presentation, *Humorous things that happen...in life, volunteer, in ministry*, by Sister Pat Newhouse, a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati from Okemos, Michigan. A special thanks goes to Nutrition Services for, according to numerous volunteers, the best meal they have ever had at any event.



Sacred Heart Colleagues Support the Eau Claire Marathon

As a feature sponsor of the Eau Claire Marathon on Sunday, May 2, over 50 Sacred Heart colleagues once again showed their support to benefit the Eau Claire YMCA. After last year's marathon raised \$32,000 for the YMCA, this year participants were able to raise over \$32,000 to continue supporting the YMCA and all the valuable programs it provides to our community. The marathon took place along Eau Claire's beautiful lakes, rivers, and parks, and allowed colleagues to participate in one of three ways: Run, Walk, or Volunteer time to help with one of the stations the hospital facilitated. In addition, all colleagues, volunteers, physicians, and family members who participated received a Sacred Heart T-shirt.

Congratulations to all who participated and helped Sacred Heart Hospital carry on its tradition of involvement and support to the Eau Claire community.

