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# ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION NEWS

MAY 2007

TOGETHER, BUILDING A MEDICAL CENTER  
FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES

## RICH HISTORY, BRIGHT FUTURE

The St. Francis Foundation was established in 1982 to help support St. Francis Regional Medical Center as it provides high-quality health care in a healing environment. Scott and Carver Counties continue to rank among the fastest growing areas in the nation.

Nearly 1,000 new residents move into the region monthly. In fact, the area's population is projected to exceed 300,000 by 2009. This burgeoning population creates further demand on St. Francis to respond with more local specialty care, advanced diagnostic and treatment technology and equipment, and the finest physicians in a wider array of specialties.

Our purpose at the St. Francis Foundation is to help build community support and grant funds to the hospital and the community as it pursues this rapid transformation towards expanded excellence. We accomplish this through both our Annual Community Appeal and our Fund for Excellence.

Our Annual Community Appeal allows us to support a variety of programs through comprehensive community-wide fundraising activities such as the Foundation's Golf Tournament, Gala and community-wide solicitation of

individuals and corporations. Last year, more than 4,800 donors supported the Annual Community Appeal. The Foundation's Fund for Excellence ensures that assets are in place for St. Francis to rapidly respond to immediate, unanticipated strategic opportunities to deliver better health care. The fund also allows us to create permanent assets so we can sustain a level of excellence into the future.



### QUARTER CENTURY OF SUPPORT

2007 marks the 25th anniversary of the St. Francis Foundation. Community support of our hospital started long before, however, and continues to thrive today. In 1982, the Franciscan Sisters, along with community leaders, made a vital decision for St. Francis and our communities — establish a Foundation to ensure the viability of St. Francis so our



communities would always have their health care needs met locally. Having a Foundation would also create a lasting partnership of philanthropic support between the hospital and the communities it serves.

The legacy of the founding Franciscan Sisters helped lead to St. Francis' unique partnership with three nationally acclaimed health care systems — a benefit enjoyed by few medical centers nationally and a model others are trying to emulate. The Benedictine Health System (BHS) began operating St. Francis in 1988, bringing with it a desire to provide compassionate care to those in need by practicing a philosophy following *The Rule of St. Benedict*.

Allina Hospitals & Clinics became a partner in 1993 to provide expert management and hospital administration. In 2001, Park Nicollet Health Services joined the partnership to add further clinical and sub-specialty services.

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#### Enclosed is my/our gift of:

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#### ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION FUNDING PRIORITIES

Technology  Healing Environment  
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## ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION 2007 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 8 A.M. REGISTRATION /  
9 A.M. SHOTGUN START

### Tee One For Hope Golf Tournament

Come celebrate the first day of summer and the longest day of the year at the 10th annual St. Francis Foundation Golf Tournament at Stonebrooke Golf Club in Shakopee. All proceeds benefit cancer care at St. Francis where patients and their families receive the full spectrum of care, including screening, diagnosis, treatment, support, research and education. For more information, call the new St. Francis Foundation Golf line at 952-403-GOLF (4653).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6 P.M.

### St. Francis Foundation Gala

Back by popular demand, the Foundation will return to Oak Ridge Hotel and Conference in Chaska for its 21st annual gala. The November 2006 event was a huge success with more than 350 guests helping to raise over \$120,000 (including in-kind donations) to support the healing environment of compassionate care at St. Francis. Stay tuned for details on the 2007 event!

For information on either of the events above, contact  
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## DONORS HELP BRING MEDITATION ROOM, OTHER HEALING FEATURES TO ST. FRANCIS

Thanks to hundreds of donors at the 20th Annual St. Francis Foundation Gala, St. Francis patients and their families will soon have a new meditation room at St. Francis.

More than 350 business leaders, community members and friends came together at the November 2006 event to support the healing environment at St. Francis Regional Medical Center. The generosity of so many will help bring to St. Francis a new meditation room for patients and their families, staff renewal rooms and comfort care cart resources for end-of-life patients and their families.

As part of the evening, guests heard the healing story of a gentleman named Orville Kuchinka, a St. Francis Cancer Center patient. After successfully battling esophageal cancer, Orville hoped to one day stand up and publicly thank St. Francis for saving his life. That night he got the chance.



Event emcee Belinda Jensen, Chief Meteorologist at KARE-11 TV, welcomed Orville and his wife, Grace, to the stage at the 2006 Foundation Gala, which followed the presentation of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's \$500,000 gift.

"I'll never forget that triumphant moment when my doctor came into my hospital room after my surgery and told me I was cancer free," shared Orville at the gala. "It has been quite a journey, but through it all, I cannot say enough about the wonderful care and compassion of the St. Francis staff — not only to me, but to my entire family. They cared for me physically, emotionally and spiritually, and for that I am truly grateful."

Keeping with the hospital's commitment to provide a healing environment for patients and their families, the new meditation room will offer an intimate, warm and welcoming space to experience quiet, peaceful reflection and renewal in a multi-denominational setting. The room will be located on the second floor of Care South in order to provide easy access to patients and families on the unit. One focal point of the room will be a wall of cascading water passing over an eternal light, filling the room with the calming sound of softly running water.

Together with the main floor chapel, the meditation room will support the hospital's mission to heal the body, mind and spirit. This commitment also extends to its own staff. To ensure employees have access to a similar environment, St. Francis is also creating two staff renewal rooms to offer a place where staff can go for a quiet, private and brief reprieve to assist in stress reduction, spiritual renewal, meditation and relaxation.

## FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2007 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT PRIORITIES

We are pleased to announce our Healthy Communities grant program priorities for 2007. The funding areas include behavioral health, healthcare access, enhancing multi-cultural respect, heart healthy living, childhood obesity, and health insurance access. These priorities support the strategic direction of St. Francis Regional Medical Center.

Our Healthy Communities grant program serves children and families of Scott, Carver and Western Dakota counties. Community programs that demonstrate, strengthen and support these areas will receive priority funding consideration in 2007. The St. Francis Foundation Board of Directors approved \$52,000 in total funding. Grant proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed quarterly.

"We know the community recognizes St. Francis as a vital partner," says Tamara Severtson, Outreach Ministry Coordinator at St. Francis. "The Foundation's Healthy Communities grant program strengthens that partnership, but most importantly, allows St. Francis to live out its mission by meeting the needs of the poor and vulnerable."

To request a copy of the Healthy Communities grant guidelines and application, contact the Foundation at

952-403-2072 or visit [www.stfrancis-shakopee.com/foundation\\_community.htm](http://www.stfrancis-shakopee.com/foundation_community.htm). Only nonprofit organizations with an IRS 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status are eligible to apply.



St. Francis Foundation funding helped St. Mary's Health Clinic serve more than 1,000 low income, uninsured patients last year. The grant also provided funding to dispense more than 1,400 medically necessary prescriptions to patients at the clinic. Clinic staff pictured: Front row (left to right): Diana Tafur, RN; Mary Stocker, Admitting; and Pat McCarthy, Interpreter. Back row: Maggie Steffen, RN and Jeremy Springer, MD.

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Our rich Franciscan and Benedictine heritage of compassionate care certainly enticed our three partners to join together. It is with our three partners, whose competencies are immeasurable, that St. Francis has evolved and transformed from a poorhouse to a regional medical center with over 500 general medical and sub-specialty physicians.

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

- St. Francis continues its outstanding partnership with Abbott Northwestern Hospital and the Minneapolis Heart Institute's Level 1 Heart Attack Program. In fact, St. Francis boasts the fastest heart attack treatment and transfer times of any of the 30 hospitals in the Level 1 program. It participates in a similar program with Methodist Hospital.
- Care in the St. Francis' Emergency Department continuously ranks in the top 10 percent in patient satisfaction scores in the United States.
- St. Francis' Emergency Department is staffed only with board-certified physicians in emergency care, ensuring that 95% of all emergencies can be handled without transferring to another facility.
- St. Francis recently joined Methodist Hospital's Telestroke Program network, which provides 24/7 access to on-call neurologists experienced in administering tPA. This neurological expertise can be critical in correctly diagnosing patients who might benefit from tPA and other forms of treatment so that qualified stroke patients can receive the timely and critical care they need to survive their strokes and lead productive lives.
- St. Francis has one of the first Neonatal Telemedicine Programs in the state, allowing Neonatologists at Children's Hospitals & Clinics to guide a St. Francis resuscitation team in resuscitation and stabilization for babies born in distress and needing immediate neonatal care.



*St. Francis, with the support and benefit of its unique partnership, will go further than it could have ever alone.*

## PLANNED GIVING RESOURCE JOINS OUR EFFORTS

St. Francis continuously strives to meet the health care needs of its growing communities. With this growth, the St. Francis Foundation is fortunate to have a new resource available to us. Richard Olson is the newest distinguished partner supporting the St. Francis fundraising team. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College, Olson went on to receive an MBA in finance from the University of St. Thomas and a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law. Olson practiced law in Minneapolis for eight years with an emphasis on estate planning. For five years he focused on planned giving and corporate and foundation relations at the Minnesota Medical Foundation. Olson serves as a board member of the Minnesota Planned Giving Council, among other community commitments. St. Francis is delighted to have a resource such as Olson available for the community and the Foundation. Welcome Richard.

