Saints Healthcare Funds has been working for five years to lead the philanthropic efforts of both St. Francis Regional Medical Center and St. Gertrude’s Health & Rehabilitation Center. During this time, Saints Healthcare board members and other volunteers have worked hard listening to patients, caregivers, and the community at large, to ensure we partner with business and civic organizations, leaders, and residents to effectively raise funds so that the resources are available to meet the health care needs of the community locally.

In February, Mike McMahan joined St. Francis Regional Medical Center as its new President. Mike comes to St. Francis from the HealthEast Care System, where, since 2002, he served in a variety of hospital and clinical leadership roles. His most recent position was the Vice President of Acute Care Operations at St. John’s Hospital, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Woodwinds Health Campus.

Under McMahan’s leadership at HealthEast, the hospital group developed and implemented a system leadership approach to surgical services, radiology, pharmacy, security, guest services, and plant operations. He also created and implemented improvement activities resulting in improved quality at a reduced cost and championed initiatives resulting in improved patient experience scores and employee engagement throughout his areas of responsibilities.

In early September, we welcomed Rick Meyer as CEO/Administrator of St. Gertrude’s Health & Rehabilitation Center. Rick’s most recent position was with Friendship Village in Bloomington, MN as the Executive Director. Friendship Village is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community for 500 older adults. Prior positions include Administrator at Wesley Acres in Des Moines, IA, Administrator at Shady Oaks Care Center in Lake City, IA, and Administrator at Winterset Care Center in IA.

Rick earned an Associate of Science in Health Care Administration from Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny, IA and a Bachelor of Science degree in Park and Recreation Administration from Mankato State University, Mankato, MN.

Welcome Mike and Rick to our community!
On Saturday October 4th 426 guests joined together for a special evening of dining and celebrating at the Spirit of the Saints Gala. This year’s funds benefited St. Francis and St. Gertrude’s work to improve the lives and wellness of patients and residents in our community with an expanded Integrative Health Therapies program. This program helps patients and residents reduce stress, ease anxiousness, improve appetites, reduce nausea and promote overall health & wellness.

To view the videos from the Gala:
Imagine Video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAhZKoUvbDM
Integrative Health
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQBjSWeyB3U

On Thursday, June 12, 172 golfers spent a day of great golfing and raising funds for St. Francis and St. Gertrude’s at the Annual Saints Healthcare Funds Tee One for Care Golf Tournament at the Stonebrooke Golf Club. New this year was the golf ball drop from 40 feet. 740 numbered tickets were sold for $20 apiece with $5,000 being awarded to the ticket holder whose numbered ball goes into the hole. This year’s winner was Ryan Wermerskirchen, congratulations Ryan. Proceeds for this year’s tournament went to support new patient care initiatives.

To view the ball drop:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLvKSTiGKGo
Donors making a difference at St. Francis

With a generous gift from the Saints Healthcare Funds, the newly renovated and improved level 2 special care nursery unit at St. Francis is now able to provide more opportunities for care to higher-risk births and babies.

St. Francis continues to have access to Children’s Hospitals and Clinics via telemedicine, but the experts are now also in the hospital. Neonatal nurse practitioners are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to attend births when necessary at St. Francis. The neonatologists from Children’s are also here every day.

Under the guidance of Children’s and neonatologists from Minnesota Neonatal Physicians, some of the conditions now being treated in the newly renovated and improved level 2 special care nursery are:

- Late preterm births.
- Feeding immaturity.
- Feeding intolerance.
- Apnea and bradycardia spells.
- Infections.
- Temperature instability.
- Hyperbilirubinemia requiring phototherapy.
- Breathing difficulties requiring supplemental oxygen therapy.
- Neonatal abstinence syndrome.

"Thank you for enhancing the special care nursery unit at St. Francis, we really appreciate the family friendly environment as we are with our new baby"

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Recognize someone special or gifts may be made in honor of a physician, nurse or caregiver who has provided excellent care.

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"Thank you for your support and help with my recovery. You are all so awesome."

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Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) presented St. Gertrude’s Health & Rehabilitation Center a special award recognizing agreement of the Witaya Care that was signed this year. St. Gertrude’s joins St. Francis Regional Medical Center in a partnership with SMSC. This creative approach addressed community needs stemming from mutual interest in maintaining the tribe’s cultural uniqueness and improving disjointed care.

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