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IMPACT REPORT

Thank you so much for the generous support you provided to the Saints Foundation in 2021. You are the reason St. Francis and St. Gertrude's are able to provide the high level of care that both organizations are known for.

Through your support, the foundation was able to fund important enhancements which included the expansion of the St. Francis Cancer Center and updated Family Visit Rooms at St. Gertrude's. We were able to raise more than \$500,000 to support the important healthcare ministry that is provided locally. Thank you, and thanks to the more than 350 other local donors, for all you do and for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We are grateful!



Over \$250,000 raised for the St. Francis Cancer Center expansion and renovation. The project was finalized in late 2021 and included an increase in patient rooms and an expanded footprint in the infusion area.



More than \$500,000 raised for St. Francis and St. Gertrude's. The foundation received these dollars from over 350 supportive community members, who generously gave almost 1,400 gifts, throughout the year. The advancements we've made can be attributed in many ways to the people who generously support our mission.



Over \$12,000 granted for improvements at Benedictine Shakopee. Patients, residents and families benefitted from the Family Visit room updates. Additionally, \$1,000 was used for professional photos during the 2021 holiday season so residents were able to spread holiday cheer to loved ones.



More than \$13,000 granted from our employee emergency fund to support seven staff members in 2021 when they needed help the most. This money is used to help staff when a situation arises that causes St. Francis employees to be in need of help with rent, groceries, utility bills, and more.



CANCER CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

To accommodate a projected 38 percent growth in patients with cancer by 2030, the St. Francis Cancer Center, located within St. Francis Regional Medical Center, underwent a necessary expansion and remodel.



Featuring experts from St. Francis, Park Nicollet, Allina Health and Minneapolis Radiation Oncology, the St. Francis Cancer Center has been serving Scott and Carver counties since opening in 1997. The Cancer Center houses coordinated complex care for medical oncology, radiation oncology and infusion services.

The renovation expanded the footprint of the Cancer Center's state-of-the-art infusion services area, enhancing the space with windows and art. The medical oncology clinic was relocated nearby, allowing it to grow from four to eight rooms, while keeping radiation oncology and medical oncology in the same area, as requested by patients. The Cancer Center also features multiple designated parking spaces near the door and an enhanced entrance for easy accessibility.

"The Cancer Center's expansion allows additional state-of-the-art space for our cancer care experts to treat patients close to home," explains Claudia Baumann, MD, medical director of the St. Francis Cancer Center. "Whether they need radiation, multiple modes of chemotherapy or specialized treatments for complex cancers, we have the expertise and therapies they'd find at large metro hospitals, without the drive."

The Cancer Center project began April 2020 and was completed in December



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2021, during which, the Cancer Center remained fully operational for patient care.

"The expansion and renovation of the Cancer Center improves both the access and experience for patients in need of cancer treatment," explains Amy Jerdee, St. Francis president. "We carefully tailored these projects to meet our objectives while balancing the needs of the growing population with our commitment to safety and financial responsibility."

While the project was largely funded from resources set aside for reinvestment in the hospital, St. Francis launched its Capital Campaign in 2020 to seek contributions from the community. To support the renovation and beautification of the Cancer Center medical oncology clinic lobby, Rahr Corporation, a longtime supporter of St. Francis and donor to the Saints Foundation, pledged generous monetary support toward the remodel.

PROVIDING A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Our lives are filled with photographs, the beginning of life is captured in the new birth announcements, we remember special times such as birthdays, first steps, graduations and weddings.

Several years ago, St. Gertrude's and The Gardens began a tradition of bringing in a professional photographer to take a photo of each resident and then sharing it as a Christmas gift with their family. Our staff let the families know of the

special day and invited them to come and join in the photo. The beautician ensured everyone looked their best, our staff ensured everyone's outfits were what they wanted and created a fun and enjoyable day. At our holiday party each family received a 5x7 photo in a frame plus the opportunity to receive an electronic copy to share with their family and friends.

Each year Saints Foundation has funded this very special project for St. Gertrude's long-term care residents and living residents. Throughout the years families have appreciated this project and treasure the photo of their loved one.

◀ "I am grateful for the staff at St. Gertrude's, The Gardens, for having a Family Picture Day. It means so much to my family to have a professional picture taken with our mom."





LIGHTS OF LOVE

Lights of Love has been a long standing tradition for St. Francis and St. Gertrude's.



This holiday event gives our donors, patients, residents and community members an opportunity to share a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member or care provider by purchasing a light on our tree.

This year a new tradition was created, and we moved this normally indoor event outside. Thank you to the Shakopee High School Vocal Chords, for providing live music during the ceremony, and to Father Al Backmann from the Parish of Saints Joachim & Anne, for giving a wonderful blessing. A special thank you to Joe Theis, our honored guest and keynote speaker, who shared his family's story of support to the Saints Foundation and remembered all the contributions his wife, Mary Theis, gave to the community.



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SPECIAL THANKS

Rahr Malting Co has been an amazing community partner and supporter of St. Francis Regional Medical Center since 1950. It all started back when Dallas F. Capesius was tasked with raising \$150,000 for a modern 50-bed hospital to replace the original St. Francis Hospital, built in 1938. The Rahr Foundation, established by the Rahr Malting Plant, offered a \$50,000 match when \$100,000 of local contributions were committed. By October of that year over \$200,000 had been raised, and the new hospital was built.

In the years since, Rahr has been one of our most generous supporters. Most recently they committed an incredible \$250,000 toward our newly renovated Cancer Center lobby. We are continuously grateful for all their generosity and support.