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Forest Riders Snowmobile Club donates to Hospice Care

PARK RAPIDS, MN (April 7, 2015) – Forest Riders Snowmobile Club members joined forces on behalf of CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospice Care.

The club coordinated a ride in effort to raise funds in honor or in memory of loved ones with \$1,000 in proceeds benefitting Hospice Care.

These donations make a difference to patients, families and loved ones facing end-of-life issues. Community support ensures specialized quality hospice care close to home with an emphasis on comfort, dignity and helping hospice patients live every day to its fullest.

On March 14 and 15, 25 snowmobilers including 10 children participated in the 1st Annual Forest Riders Snowmobile Club Ride for Hospice Care from Park Rapids to Mahanomen, MN.

This year, due to the lack of adequate snow, snowmobiles were left at home and instead the riders drove their cars. With the help of several other snowmobilers donating before the official ride, the club was able to raise \$1,000 to benefit Hospice Care. The club is already planning the 2nd Annual Ride for Hospice Care for next winter.

Hospice Care contributions can be made out to CHI St. Joseph's Health's and mailed to CHI St. Joseph's Health Foundation at 600 Pleasant Avenue, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

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Representing Forest Riders Snowmobile Club, Jerry Grudem presents CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospice Care with a \$1,000 donation raised by area snowmobilers. Pictured from left are: Stephanie Gretsch, Hospice Care RN; Lucinda Peterson, Social Worker; Jerry Grudem; Teresa Etter, Hospice Care RN and Susan Ross, Hospice Care RN.

About CHI St. Joseph's Health

CHI St. Joseph's Health is a 25-bed critical access hospital serving communities in Hubbard, Becker, Cass and Wadena Counties since 1946. In recent years, CHI St. Joseph's Health's award-winning teams took several national honors including: The Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in surgery; Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, HealthStrong; WomenCertified's America's Best Hospitals Women's Choice Award in obstetrics; and the Studer Group Fire Starter Healthcare Organization of the Month among other national and state recognitions.

About CHI

Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest health systems, was formed in 1996 to strengthen the Catholic health ministry for the future. With deep roots in the tradition of expressing Christ's love by caring for those in need, Catholic Health Initiatives serves more than four million people each year through acute care hospitals; long-term care, assisted and residential-living facilities; community-based health services; home care; research and development; and reference laboratory services.

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