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CHI St. Joseph's Health Employee Receives MHA Good Catch for Patient Safety Award

PARK RAPIDS, MN (September 11, 2015) – The Good Catch for Patient Safety program recognizes hospital professionals for actions that protect patients and demonstrate their commitment to keeping patients safe by “speaking up” to prevent a potential patient safety issue.

CHI St. Joseph's Health's Sherrie Eischens, RN, accepted the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) Good Catch for Patient Safety quarterly award at a presentation on Aug. 28. Eischens used one of CHI St. Joseph's Health's recommended Error Prevention Techniques, STOP AND RESOLVE whenever there is a question.

“It is because of actions taken every day by dedicated professionals like Sherrie that Minnesota hospitals continue to be front-runners in patient safety,” said MHA Vice President of Patient Safety Tania Daniels. “Sherrie's efforts remind us what a difference one person can make to keep patients safe.”

CHI St. Joseph's Health implemented its SafetyFirst program in 2011. The organization has been actively engaged in implementing MHA's safety best practices and numerous other initiatives promoted by its parent corporation Catholic Health Initiatives. This has included the formation of safety coaches throughout the organization, 3 ½ hours of Error Prevention Techniques training for all new staff, implementation of daily safety huddles, safety rounding by senior leadership, and the active engagement of CHI St. Joseph's Health Patient & Family Advisory Council.

One Good Catch for Patient Safety award nominee is selected each calendar quarter by MHA Patient Safety leadership. Quarterly winners are eligible to win the annual Good Catch for Patient Safety award, presented at the MHA Annual Awards banquet in May.

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Pictured from left are: Tania Daniels, MHA Vice President of Patient Safety; Chris Broeker, CHI St. Joseph's Health Director of Quality; Rebecca Bentley, CHI St. Joseph's Health Perioperative Services Manager; Sherrie Eischens, CHI St. Joseph's Health RN, ACU; Lawrence Massa, MHA President and CEO; and Ben Koppelman, CHI St. Joseph's Health President.

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 received 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, regional 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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