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Knights of Columbus donates to Hospice Care

PARK RAPIDS, MN (DEC. 31, 2014) – Area Knights of Columbus members joined forces on behalf of CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospice Care this holiday giving season.

The Knights coordinated a multi-church effort to raise funds in honor or in memory of loved ones with \$1,052 in proceeds benefitting CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospice Care.

In the spirit of giving and as part of the Light Up A Life appeal this holiday season, donations collected 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.

Four area Catholic churches organized a "Breakfast for Hospice" event at their parishes as a way to participate in Light Up A Life festivities.

Knights of Columbus councils at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Park Rapids, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Two Inlets, Our Lady of the Pines in Nevis, and St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Laporte helped to make the respective events a success.

You still have time to make a Light Up A Life donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. Contributions can be made at CHI St. Joseph's Health's south lobby in the Light Up A Life gift box, at participating area businesses in Park Rapids and Menahga or mailed to CHI St. Joseph's Health Foundation at 600 Pleasant Avenue, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

Cutline



Representing area Knights of Columbus members, Sam Spaeth presents Jill Grimes, CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospice Care manager, with a \$1,052 donation on behalf of the Light Up A Life appeal.

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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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