

# Ministry Report

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Sponsored Ministries is to carry out the commitment of the Sponsor to the healing and educational mission of the Catholic Church through the provision of quality health care and educational services.

In a spirit of partnership with dedicated religious and lay leaders, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Sponsored Ministries will strengthen the Sponsor's commitment by leading change, ensuring stewardship of resources and integrating mission and values.

## New Strategic Plan Charts Course for Next Four Years

Starting in 2018, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Sponsored Ministries (FSCCM) system office will initiate a new four-year strategic plan aimed at reinforcing our organizations' ability to respond to challenges and changing needs as well as continuing to be a vibrant Franciscan presence in the communities where they serve.

The four pillars or priority areas upon which the new plan is built are mission, leadership and governance, excellence, and finance. While these priorities represent distinct core aspects of our ministries, each is dependent on every other for the fulfillment of our mission, vision, and values.

The plan's priorities, objectives, and tactics reflect many months of robust conversations with various stakeholder groups from throughout the system. Contributing to the effort were members of our sponsor's leadership team, the FSCC General Administration; presidents/CEOs from each of our sponsored

ministry organizations; FSCCM system leaders and staff members; and leaders from throughout the system who attended our Leadership Enrichment Program in March.

"I am so proud of the way our new strategic plan represents input from the very people our system office exists to serve," said FSCCM's President and CEO Dan McGinty.

"The fact that our sponsor and ministry organizations' leaders helped craft the plan means we can all take ownership in it and work together toward accomplishing the important goals this plan will demand."

Final approval for the plan was granted in August by the FSCC General Administration.

Over the next few months, McGinty and

FSCCM Vice President of Mission and Strategy Scott McConnaha will be presenting an introduction to the strategic plan to the boards of directors at each of the sponsored ministries.

To view the full 2018-2021 strategic plan, visit [www.fscm.org](http://www.fscm.org) and click on news and publications.





## Message from the President

### Good Day, Good People!

That is the manner in which St. Francis greeted others and one of the things I learned on our recent Franciscan pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome in September. You can see a photo of us below. We make the pilgrimage available to board members and senior executives as a means to connect with our deeply held values as expressed through the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare. If you have been a pilgrim, you know the impact of the journey together. As a board member or as a senior leader, when you are asked to be a pilgrim, I highly encourage you to say **YES!** For my wife Lynn and me this has been a very meaningful experience and grounds us in the work we do each and every day.



*Dan McGinty*

Things have been busy at the system. We are rolling out our new strategic plan, have a good search underway for the next president of Silver Lake College, and are striving to make sense of the federal government's plans for health care. In all of this, we rest assured that our mission of Jesus' healing and educational ministries are alive and well.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for FSCC Sponsored Ministries. I am in the enviable position of seeing your commitment every day. We are truly blessed by you.

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Good),

Dan

P.S. It's a great fall day here in Manitowoc.



### FSCCM WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Will Casey, longtime board member at Holy Family Memorial in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, has been appointed to the FSCCM system board. Casey was a member of the HFM board from 2001 to 2017, serving as its treasurer from 2011 to 2013 and as chair from 2007 to 2009 and 2013 to 2015. He was a member of the system audit committee from 2003 to 2012 and has been on



the system investment committee since 2011, currently serving as its chair. Casey and his wife, Kris,

participated in the 2006 pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, and he was the recipient of the 2015 Sister Ritarose Stahl Award for exceptional service and dedication to the mission and ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity.

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## Camp Explore Opens Up World of Possibilities for Kids

Some area children can't imagine themselves going to college someday.

Thanks to Silver Lake College's liberal arts and college exploration summer camp, they get to experience it in a form that's made just for them.

Camp Explore is designed for students in grades 3 through 9. Older students in the group can stay overnight in the dorm for an even more immersive college experience.

The camp is part of the college's signature Look Ahead Lakers program, which includes Backpack Book Club and other programs designed to inspire students to believe that a college education is within their reach.

"Camp Explore combines fun and learning. It makes the whole idea seem less intimidating to them," said Julie Kautzer, coordinator of the camp. "It also helps them think about the future and what they might want to do when they graduate from high school."



Sister Margaret Ann Wallander teaches students at Silver Lake College's Camp Explore about the properties of light and sound.

Camp participants spent five days on campus investigating the arts and sciences with college faculty and students. They experienced teambuilding activities and college knowledge challenges where, among other things, they learned to extract DNA from a split pea.

"They explore academic interests, uncover new hobbies, and make friends," Kautzer said. "The high-energy camp inspires creativity and critical thinking, develops leadership, and cultivates community engagement."

This past July, about 50 children from the community attended.

Sister Christine Stoller shared her love of computer science.

"I like to inspire students to think about careers in computer science. We programmed a simple graph-paper image and movement through a maze, created interactive stories and games, and completed an hour of coding," she said.



Sister Christine Stoller shares her love of computer science with a student at Silver Lake College's Camp Explore.

Sister Margaret Ann Wallander taught a class called Symphony of Sound and Color.

"Students experimented with sound properties and color patterns with light sources created by wave interactions," she said. "They were learning simple concepts of physics without even knowing it."

Competitions and games in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects gave children a chance to challenge their minds, work as part of a team, and use strategy to solve problems.

Camp participants learned about other cultures through art classes, which explored hieroglyphs, Grecian urns, Indian henna, and African masks.

Theater class taught students how to develop characters and interact with other actors as they wrote, rehearsed, and acted out their own skits on parent night.



## Car Seat Program Available in West Point and Area Communities

Franciscan Care Services works hard to give back to the communities we serve, and when it comes to families' most precious cargo, we go the extra mile.

Free car seat checks are held monthly at Franciscan Care Services. The St. Francis Car Seat Program is comprised of four Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST), Carrie Maryott, PTA, CPST; Jami Brester, RN, CPST; Melissa Redding, RN, CPST; and Lauren Spenner, RN, CPST. These CPSTs have completed the certification coursework which includes quizzes, hands-on assessments, and attendance of the checkup event in order to hold the credentials of CPST.

CPSTs use their knowledge and expertise at a variety of community-based activities, such as child safety seat checks where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance. The St. Francis Car Seat Program hosts two events a year. The first event is held in the spring in West Point, Nebraska, and in fall the event travels to a surrounding area. The last two fall events were held in Dodge and Howells, Nebraska. These communities are located 20 to 30 miles from West Point. It is important to those who plan the St. Francis Car Seat Program that parents, grandparents, and caregivers are given every opportunity to learn how to correctly install and maintain car and booster seats. Bringing the free car seat checks to communities outside of West Point ensures that parents and caregivers who don't have access to a hospital in their



Child Passenger Safety Technicians are Melissa Redding, RN, CPST, Lauren Spenner, RN, CPST, Jami Brester, RN, CPST, and Carrie Maryott, PTA, CPST.

town are given access to a service that they may otherwise not have the time to travel to.

We encourage every expectant mother and father to attend the inspection station prior to delivery. If this is not achievable, the CPSTs will provide the education and assist with the install after the baby is born. Each family that leaves the hospital is given the peace of mind that their new baby is riding home in a correctly installed car seat.

As children grow, their car seats grow with them. The St. Francis Car Seat Program also maintains the St. Francis Inspection Station. This is a permanent station that is available by appointment on the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday of every month. The inspection station is a place where people can obtain educational information and assistance in choosing the correct child restraint system, how to properly install

it, and how to properly secure their child in the child safety seat. Inspection stations are available to the entire community and operate as a public service. The station also has child safety restraints on site, if needed, to help improve the safety of every child.

It is the goal of the St. Francis Inspection Station that every child leaves safer than when they first arrive.



Melissa Bayer double checks the child restraint after reinstalling the car seat.



## Whatever You do for the Least of These, You do for Me

In 2016, for the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, employees of Holy Family Memorial, Inc., of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, were given the opportunity to achieve increased spiritual wellness by participating in the organization’s Spiritual Wellness Challenge.

This challenge incorporated the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Here is a summary of what was accomplished through the collaborative leadership of HFM’s Mission and Employee Health departments:

In March, the first challenge action was issued: Clothe the Naked. HFM employees and volunteers responded by cleaning out their closets and gathering gently used clothing to be distributed to the needy in the local community. Forty-nine boxes weighing collectively 1,005.2 pounds were assembled and delivered by HFM employees to local homeless shelters, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, The Crossing, and

the Lakeshore Technical College job center.

During Health Care Week, a second challenge action was issued: Give Drink to the Thirsty. In the small farming community of Maiuni Village, Kenya, “clean running water is a dream in the making.” The project’s goal was to install 24 water cisterns (10,000 liters each), which last for 30-40 years, each of which provide clean water for 8-10 people for an entire year. Furthermore, through the generous efforts of Holy Family Memorial’s employees, 200 plastic water bottles were distributed to the farmers and children of the village.

In July and August, employees were challenged to go outside of themselves and Comfort the Afflicted. This means to accompany another along his or her journey: to be present, to listen compassionately, to share the experience as best as one can, and to empathize with another’s sufferings as one would one’s

very own. Eighty-four employees accepted this challenge. Here are a couple examples of what they chose to do:

*“I spent the day with my neighbor so that she won’t be alone. It was her anniversary; they are separated.”*

*“I am supporting a family member through diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.”*

During HFM Pride Week, the final spiritual wellness challenge action was issued: Feed the Hungry. Employees were asked to donate canned goods and non-perishable food items. These donations were given to local social outreach agencies: Two Rivers Food Pantry, Manitowoc’s Peter’s Pantry, Encourage, the Salvation Army, and St. Vincent de Paul’s food pantry.

To read about HFM’s cardiac care, see page 8 for more information.



On the left, HFM’s employee David Yeghiaian smiles proudly as he leads his third team to Maiuni Village, Kenya, and watched the students carry their new plastic bottles containing clean water to and from their school. On the right, a collection of food items given to local social outreach agencies.

## Genesis Delivers Care and Medical Supplies Around the Globe

Genesis reaches out to offer care and supplies throughout the world. Organized outreach is in place to donate outdated equipment and materials for Genesis employees' medical mission trips, local non-profits, nursing schools, and international charitable organizations.

The healing ministry includes providing expert care as well as supplies. Several of our physicians take missionary trips to provide medical services, including surgery. One of our general surgeons traveled to Honduras to provide gallbladder surgeries and hernia repair to people in need. He and another surgeon used outdated supplies from Genesis and materials donated from our vendor partners. Another Genesis

physician took a mission trip to the Middle East with outdated catheters and guidewires to perform life-saving procedures.

Our commitment to missions is evident in the support we give employees willing to serve around the globe. Nurses at Genesis take mission trips through their local churches. We sent gloves and hand sanitizers for a mission trip to Haiti to administer vaccinations and perform nutritional assessments. Another group traveling to Mexico delivered a portable EKG machine donated by Genesis. A donated ultrasound machine is now being used for diagnostics in the Congo in Africa. The volunteer physician in Africa was excited to receive the ultrasound to observe the baby and

ensure both the health of the mother and child.

Recently we received gloves from a new vendor and provided our partially opened boxes of sterile gloves to several local nursing schools, the animal shelter, and our training and education department. Donations not needed locally are given to the Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO) in Orville, Ohio. CAMO frequently receives our donations to help provide services to impoverished people who would not otherwise have access to aid. Genesis is fulfilling its mission to serve the people of Southeastern Ohio as well as supplying needs in other parts of the world.



Stuart Chow, D.O., medical director, Genesis Trauma Services, and Jane Kilgore, Genesis Trauma program manager, are pictured with a training poster for the Stop the Bleed national campaign.

### Stop the Bleed Free Kits and Training in Our Community

Genesis Trauma Services is providing a helping hand by offering life-saving kits and training throughout the community as part of the Stop the Bleed, a national campaign to provide bystanders in emergency situations the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding.

More than 500 free kits and training has been provided to area schools. "This is a free service to help train teachers and administrators to help save a life before first responders arrive," said Stuart Chow, D.O., medical director, Genesis Trauma Services.

Genesis Trauma Services plans to offer the Stop the Bleed program to other organizations in the community. "The tools and training could be used in a power tool accident, a mishap in the kitchen, or any time an accident results in heavy bleeding," said Jane Kilgore, Genesis Trauma program manager.



## Sharing Our Blessings and Lending a Helping Hand to Those in Need

St. Paul Elder Services, Inc. loves to lend a helping hand to those in need, to those who seek our help, and to those who deserve our support. Our community benefits plan, therefore, includes numerous collections and events to give back to others as much as we can. Our outreach efforts are extensive, and include an annual September 11th brat fry staffed in part by our assisted living tenants, with proceeds benefiting the Kaukauna Fire Department; regular donations to Jake's Diapers, another local non-profit that provides diapers and adult briefs to those in need around the world; regular donations to the Community Foundation Fund for Basic Needs, which makes grants to non-profit organizations that target the root causes of poverty; an annual silent auction, with proceeds benefiting the Alzheimer's Association; regular donations to the Community Benefit Tree, a local non-profit that organizes large scale benefits for community members



Pictured from left are Sister Delores Wisnicky, Sister Sue Ann Hall, and Laurie Levknecht.

experiencing medical crises; and regular donations to our employees who do medical mission trips.

We also do an annual food drive during Lent. We collect food and personal items to assist those who are struggling with basic necessities. In 2017, through the generosity of others, we were able to make a difference in many lives, as we collected over 1,200 items for the "Freedom From Hunger Food Pantry" which is a local, non-government funded food pantry.

Every Christmas, we reach out to our employees and ask if any of them need help making Christmas special for their families, which we call our Adopt-a-Family program. Confidentially, we collect needs and a few wants from each family, and then our SPES family comes together to purchase those items for those families. Last year, we were able to make Christmas special for 11 families with children.

At "back-to-school" time, we conduct a school supplies donation drive, and first offer all collected supplies to our own employees who may need assistance with getting



From left to right are volunteers Kathie Kesler and Duane Van Boxtel, with Sister Delores Wisnicky.

the supplies their children need. We then give the remainder to schools in need of extra supplies for their students.

Additionally, we coordinate an annual clothing drive, and last year, we received 61 new and gently used jackets, which we shared with the families we helped through our Christmas Adopt-a-Family program, and the remainder of which were donated to the Harbor House, a local women's and children's shelter. We also received 75 new hats, mittens, and scarves, which were donated to the "Loaves and Fishes" pantry.

By sharing some of what we have been blessed with, and by doing what we can to lift up families and children in need, we are fulfilling our mission to enrich the life experience for others, and it is incredibly rewarding to do so!



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## Holy Family Memorial's Top-Quality Cardiac Care Continues to be Recognized by the Nation's Leading Heart Experts

HFM has been recognized with three awards for excellence in heart care—including an award from the NCDR ACTION Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award.

Only a small percentage of the top hospitals in the nation are honored with these awards. In fact, HFM is one of only 193 hospitals nationwide to receive the American College of Cardiology's Platinum Performance Achievement Award in 2017. And according to Dr. Michael Rosenberg, medical director of the Heart and Vascular Center and Cardiac Cath Lab at HFM, it's a feat that requires teamwork and trusted partnerships.

"We're only as successful as our partners help make us be," Dr.

Rosenberg noted. "We pride ourselves in working collaboratively with EMS providers, area hospitals and others to provide the best, quickest care for our patients. For a small community hospital, we're very proud that we've achieved enough reputational success that providers in outlying communities, even hospitals in larger cities, send their patients here because they know they'll get expeditious quality care."

HFM's leading-edge Cardiac Cath Lab—the only 24/7 cardiac cath lab in Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties—also plays a critical role to this continued success.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### TRUSTEE FORUM SET FOR APRIL 12

The upcoming Trustee Forum will be held April 12, 2018, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. This invitational event gathers board members and the presidents/CEOs from each of our five sponsored ministries, as well as the leadership teams from our sponsor and system office, to reflect on and discuss important topics for our organizations. It will also be a time of camaraderie, celebration, and prayer. More details will be shared as they become available.