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Local HSHS Hospitals celebrating colleagues during National Hospital Week May 12-18

(Breese, Highland, Greenville IL) – National Hospital Week is being celebrated nationwide May 12-18. HSHS St. Joseph's Hospitals in Breese and Highland and HSHS Holy Family in Greenville are taking this opportunity to recognize the health care professionals who work hard every day to provide high quality, compassionate care to area patients and their families.

The nation's largest health care event, National Hospital Week dates back to 1921 when it was suggested by a magazine editor who hoped a community-wide celebration would alleviate public fears about hospitals. The celebration, launched in Chicago, succeeded in promoting trust and goodwill among members of the public and eventually spread to facilities across the country.

Human Resources Director Jed Driemeyer shared, "National Hospital Week is an opportunity to recognize all of our dedicated health professionals. We are extremely proud of our team of colleagues and we recognize the important role they play in providing excellent care to our patients and our communities."

Some of the events being held at the hospitals to celebrate National Hospital Week include: blessing of the hands for all colleagues, a colleague award banquet recognizing years of service milestones, sweet treats and more.

During National Hospital Week, the HSHS hospitals in Breese, Greenville and Highland ask everyone to join them in thanking these dedicated health professionals whose skills, care and commitment to excellence make a big difference in many lives.

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospitals in Breese and Highland, and HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville are part of the Southern Illinois Division of Hospital Sisters Health System, which also includes HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon and HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham.

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Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville, and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and Hospital Sisters of St. Francis is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit www.hospitalsisters.org.