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Local Hospital Collects Record Number of School Supplies for Local Schools

(HIGHLAND IL)- HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Mission Team Annual Stuff the Bus made a record number in donations of school supplies for local students. The team collected school supplies for the Highland Area Christian Services Ministry (HACSM)

Donations were collected in bins at Joseph's Hospital's lobby from July 8 through July 29. This is the third year the hospital hosted the Stuff the Bus fundraiser and the amount of donations surpassed the previous year's collections. Bins in the lobby were overflowing and multiple drop-offs to HACSM were made to deliver the items.

"The amount of generous donations from our colleagues here at St. Joseph's and from community members is overwhelming and heart filling, said Jean Korte, director of mission integration at St. Joseph's. We are very thankful to everyone who donated and to HACSM for teaming up with us to ensure our local children have a great school year."

Stuff the Bus is a school supply drive open to the public, as well as colleagues at St. Joseph's Hospital Highland. All supplies that are donated will be given to local students through HACSM, a local food pantry in Highland.

To learn more about HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland, visit stjosephshighland.org. HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland is part of the Southern Illinois Division of Hospital Sisters Health System, which also includes HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese, and HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville.

Photo Caption: Lucy Henrichs, guest relations representative, at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland shows one of the many overflowing bins of school items donated.

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