Heartfelt “Thanks”
Your Support Keeps Care Local

When you hear the word “ultrasound,” you probably picture a grainy, black and white image of a tiny infant resting safely inside its mother’s womb.

An echocardiogram — or “echo” ultrasound — is similar, except it shows the inner workings of a person’s heart, rather than the fluttering image of an infant.

From newborns in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), to adult patients in our Heart Center, almost every patient who shows symptoms of a heart ailment will undergo an echo during the course of their treatment.

Echoes are one of the most frequent exams performed in our HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Heart Center.

They are non-invasive, painless, inexpensive and highly effective. They are becoming more and more crucial as new procedures are developed to treat cardiovascular patients.

Over the past year, your wonderful gifts have helped fund four new state-of-the-art cardiac ultrasound systems — touching lives in some of our tiniest patients, like Edgar, who is being scanned in the photograph.

In both routine and complicated procedures, the GE Vivid E95 unit helps our staff acquire the detailed 4D cardiac images they need to enhance patient care.

Both units also came equipped with the ultrasound probes designed specifically for infants, allowing Echocardiographers to precisely image newborns.

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Edgar was born premature on Oct. 3. He and his twin brother, Emmanuel, are receiving the care they need in the HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital NICU.

Their mom, Myriam is by their side every day.

Babies born premature can suffer a variety of health issues.

“Having this equipment allows us to keep care local. Any child born with a heart defect can receive their imaging within our hospitals,” shares Dan Doran, Director of HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Heart Center.

So many parents turn to us every day for diagnosis, treatment and hope for their child. These families are so fortunate to live in a community where people like you bring lifesaving technology and expert pediatric care to Green Bay.
Celebrating Heart Health This February
Meet Pediatric Cardiologist: Dr. Beth Medford

February is American Heart Month; a time to raise awareness for heart conditions. It is also a chance to honor our patients, give thanks to our donors and recognize the committed colleagues and physicians who care for our heart patients.

We recently had the opportunity to talk with Dr. Beth Medford, Pediatric Cardiologist for HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital and its partner, Prevea Health. She, along with Dr. Anthony Cousinneau, provide cardiac care to infants like Edgar, the infant featured on the cover, as well as adolescents up to 18 years old.

With resources like the echo units, HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital ensures patients benefit from the highest level of care available anywhere. Access to this technology helps attract and retain experts like Dr. Medford.

While Dr. Medford spends much of her time in our hospitals and clinics, she says forming connections and lifelong bonds with children and their families inspires her.

“When I see the frightened look on a parent’s face, I know it is my job to reassure and educate them,” said Dr. Medford. “When that happens, I know I’m making a real difference.”

Dr. Medford has been with HSHS for four years and enjoys practicing and living in this community.

While preparing this story, Dr. Medford wanted our donors to know as a mom and a physician, she is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year. She finds it reassuring to know her children and patients can receive amazing care right in Green Bay, with the support of family and the comforts of home.

“I want to express my sincerest appreciation for your investment in our hospitals and your support of our work,” said Dr. Medford.

A big thank you goes out to all members of the Pediatric Cardiology team, including Dr. Anthony Cousinneau and Dr. Beth Medford for making a difference in the lives of our patients and their families – every day.

Specialty Service Available to Families
Genetic Counseling at HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital

When a baby is born, it can be an exciting, but overwhelming time for families. When a baby is born with a genetic disorder such as a congenital heart defect, it can also be scary.

HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital provides a service few other hospitals in Wisconsin provide: genetic counseling. The genetics team is made up of three master’s-level genetic counselors and a medical genetics physician from UW-Madison.

Genetic Counselors are able to help families through the diagnostic process, provide education and identify support resources. For example, infants born with a heart defect need to be seen by a specialist to determine if the heart defect is isolated, genetic or part of a syndrome.

“There are very few hospitals in Wisconsin that have a medical genetics physician to provide onsite consults and supervision,” said Theresa Shuck, Genetic Counselor, HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital. “Families do not have to travel out of the area to get the help and support they need at a critical time in a child’s life.”

Genetic counselors work with families throughout the child’s life, offering support many other hospitals can’t provide.
Maximize Your Giving

Shop to Support Us!

You can maximize your giving by supporting us when you shop. This is one more way you can help our smallest patients AND spread the word about our children’s hospital!

March 1 – 31, 2019

Jersey Mike’s Subs

Visit Jersey Mike’s Subs in Green Bay or Oshkosh during the month of March and donate at the register. On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, visit the Green Bay or Oshkosh store and 100% of the day’s sales will benefit HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital.

Year-round

Dental Designs by Quandt

Schedule your teeth whitening service and 78% of the profit will benefit our HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital. To learn more, contact Dental Designs by Quandt at 920-499-6466. Dental Designs by Quandt is located at 2280 Holmgren Way in Green Bay.

AROUND THE DIVISION

A New View Thanks to You

ICU Window Transformation

In November, four ICU windows received new murals, bringing life to an otherwise not-so-scenic view (see before at left and after below). Terri Meyers, RN, and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Manager at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospitals shares her gratitude: “Our patients have a breathtaking view thanks to you.”

Nurse’s Nook Spreads Christmas Joy to 45 Families

Growing Need for Your Support

The HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Nurse’s Nook, an assistance program for school kids, established an “Adopt a Family” program in 2016. Since then, the Christmas gift program has seen a 73% increase in families needing help during the holiday season.

In December, 48 families (142 students and their parents) from the Gillett, Suring and Lena public school districts experienced the joy of Christmas because of the kindness and generosity of people like you. The Nurse’s Nook relies on gifts given by people in our community year-round. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Nurse Nuaia at (920) 272-3415 or email thenursesnook@gmail.com.
WINTER 2019

New Device Buys Time in Operation Room

Your Donations Save Lives

You may not be at the bedside, but the impact of your gift is present every day in Cardiac Surgery. Through your generosity, the HSHS St. Vincent Heart Center received a CardioQuip temperature control unit (shown here). The unit works in conjunction with our heart/lung machine to cool down and warm up a patient’s blood during cardiac surgery.

“Having the ability to cool the patient’s blood to low levels protects not only the patient’s heart, but their brain too,” said Matt Preston, Perfusionist at HSHS St. Vincent Heart Center. “This critical device buys us the time we need to perform cardiac repairs.”

SAVE THE DATE!

Let’s surround them with hope.

Please join us for an evening of prayer for sick children and their families.

HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital Community Mass
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Church
2597 Glendale Ave., Green Bay

We celebrate HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital in Green Bay as it cares for sick children close to home.

ALL are welcome.

Celebrating our Patron Saint and Supporters Like You

The 21st Annual St. Nicholas Eve Gala – Nov. 30

Sister Annice McClure, OSF, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, began St. Nicholas Eve with an opening prayer followed by an explanation of St. Nicholas’ role as a protector.

Two of the volunteers who helped during the St. Nicholas Eve Gala pose for a photo. Pictured left to right: Eve Kovacs and Carole Claussen.

You can also make a gift safely and securely online at giving.hshs.org/svsm/donate and giving.hshs.org/sco/donation

Please make your check payable to the “HSHS St. Vincent/HSHS St. Mary’s Foundation” or “HSHS St. Clare Foundation” and enclose it in the envelope provided. Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Thank you!