

## Wisconsin Hospitals' Hurricane Relief Contributions

Wisconsin Hospitals contributed generously to the hurricane and tornado relief efforts. This list (in alphabetical order by hospital or health care system) shows the volume and variety of help provided to victims of disaster in this extraordinary year.

### Affinity Health System, Menasha

- Teaming with Freedom Home Mortgage to provide free health services to 20 to 40 families that will be relocating from the Gulf area to vacant apartments in the Fox Valley until they get back on their feet.
- Affinity employees donated 3,000 non-perishable food items to local food pantries that are helping relocated Gulf families.
- Affinity employees have been given the opportunity to donate their unused PTO (paid time off) at 100 percent value to their choice of the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities or the Salvation Army.
- \$5,000 in travel expenses to employees who wish to go to the Gulf region to help directly with the clean up and recovery efforts.

### Agnesian HealthCare, Fond du Lac

- Worked with the Fond du Lac School District and Kids Expo (co-sponsored with local newspaper, *The Reporter*) to create greeting cards with messages of support and friendship for children and teenagers displaced by Hurricane Katrina. All cards were sent to the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation who is partnering with local volunteers, charities, hospitals and evacuation shelters in the impacted areas to ensure cards are hand-delivered to the children and teenagers who need them the most.
- Contributed supplies through donations from employees, including bottled water, Gatorade, infant formula, Pedialyte, diapers, blankets and pillows, hygiene supplies - soap, deodorant, etc., teddy bears, toilet paper, Tylenol, Advil, Children's Tylenol, and band aids.
- The special Katrina fund through the St. Agnes Hospital Foundation has received \$4,925 in donations. The Katrina Fund is being added as one of the annual appeal options.

### All Saints Healthcare, Racine

- Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc. (WFSI), of which All Saints is a member, also made a \$25,000 donation to Catholic Charities USA on behalf of all its regions.
- WFSI developed a policy to address employees' questions if they chose to volunteer their time and talents in the affected region. In addition, other staff could donate part of their accrued PTO to the All Saints Employee Special Fund in support of these volunteers. Volunteers could also request a grant for financial assistance through the Employee Special Fund.
- As evacuees began to travel to the Greater Racine Area, All Saints worked closely with the local American Red Cross to ensure that their health care needs were met by All Saints. Initially, we attended to immediate physical needs; afterwards, it was more mental health and emotional needs. We are also coordinating with the Racine Public Health Department to arrange for ongoing case management and to coordinate the referral of evacuees who could benefit from other services the Health Department provides.
- Our Women's Health Department formed a committee that sponsored a bake sale with proceeds donated to relief efforts. They also coordinated collecting donations of new underwear and socks, as well as phone cards, gas cards and gift cards from Walmart and Kmart to benefit the families that were being helped by Love Inc. in Burlington, Wisconsin.
- A Mardi Gras meal was held in the cafeterias in support of Hurricane Katrina Relief and netted total donations of \$737.82. The donations came from the purchase of Mardi Gras beads and cash donations that were dropped in the collection baskets at the cafeteria registers.

**Aspirus Wausau Hospital**

- We donated \$2,565 to American Red Cross and \$1,430 to the Salvation Army
- Any additional cash donations and payroll deductions will be sent to the WHA. Checks will continue on a monthly basis until March 2006.

**Aurora Health Care, Milwaukee**

- Employees contributed \$88,240 through the Aurora Partnership Campaign, designated to federal relief funds for Katrina victims.

**Aurora Medical Centers, Oshkosh & Sheboygan**

- In addition to donating to the Katrina relief website Aurora Healthcare set up, employees of Aurora Health Center in Oshkosh pitched in with a long list of household items directly to the daughter/sister of two of our employees who relocated to Oshkosh with small children as Katrina evacuees.

**Aurora Medical Center of Manitowoc County, Two Rivers**

- Distributed American Red Cross donation cans throughout the hospital to collect donations.
- A Caramel Apple Sale and an Ice Cream Sundae Sale raised nearly \$400 with all the proceeds donated to Katrina disaster relief.

**Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin**

- Nurses administered flu shots to Katrina evacuees at Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center at Wisconsin State Fair Park (The State of Wisconsin provided the vaccine.)
- Aurora VNA supplied items such as wheelchairs when the evacuees arrived here.

**Bay Area Medical Center, Marinette**

- Employees and the BAMC match totaled donations of \$4,127 given to the WHA *Wisconsin Hospitals Caring For Those Who Care* fund.

**Beaver Dam Community Hospital**

- Employees contributed cash that was given to the Red Cross.
- We collected towels, washcloths, soap, blankets, toiletries, and school supplies from the staff and hospital that were sent to the Mission - Sharing Resources World Wide.
- We sent excess hospital furniture and supplies.

**Bellin Health, Green Bay**

- Donated \$12,138.16 to WHA's *Wisconsin Hospitals Caring For Those Who Care* fund

**Beloit Memorial Hospital and Beloit Clinic**

- Donated medical supplies including rubber gloves, surgical gowns and masks, medicine and antibiotics, among others items.

**Black River Memorial Hospital, Black River Falls**

- Raised \$2,638 for Katrina relief efforts and sent the funds to the American Red Cross.

**Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls**

- Employees donated \$500 to the American Red Cross, adding to individual contributions directly to assistance agencies.
- Registered nursing staff traveled to the affected areas to help.
- We anticipate coordinating our efforts through WHA to support efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi

**Covenant Healthcare, Milwaukee**

- Equipped and staffed the State Fair Park Evacuation Site with exam room equipment and supplies for a makeshift medical clinic; Covenant physicians volunteered doing medical check ups for evacuees.
- Covenant employees were able to donate Paid Time Off (PTO) to the Employee Life Crisis Fund, and employees who volunteered in the Gulf Region could apply for \$500 grants.
- Covenant hospitals and clinics made special arrangements to treat evacuees with no medical insurance. Requirements of our charity care program were waived.

**St. Michael Hospital, Milwaukee**

- Employees partnered with Holy Redeemer Church to fill three semi trucks with food and supplies.
- SMH employees also partnered with Desmond Mason from the Milwaukee Bucks to fill one truck that he personally sent down. Items that were collected included baby food, diapers, baby wipes, other baby items, water, fruit cups, and other ready-to-eat food items.

**St. Francis Hospital, Milwaukee**

- Nurses collected money for the American Red Cross.
- The Medical Staff sent \$10,000 to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

**The St. Francis Hospital Medical Executive Committee**

- Donated \$10,000 to the American Red Cross to help with the New Orleans and Gulf Coast crisis.

**Wheaton Franciscan Services**

- Donated \$25,000 to Catholic Charities.

**Flambeau Hospital, Park Falls**

- Held a bake sale, cash donations and breakfast sale and raised close to \$1,100.

**Fort HealthCare, Fort Atkinson**

- Sponsored a supply drive at the Fort Atkinson Sentry store for a local citizen to personally deliver whatever goods are collected at the store to those in need in the heart of the disaster.
- Fort HealthCare committed \$1,000 that will be used to purchase at cost necessities such as water, food, baby needs and personal care products to supplement the groceries and other items Sentry shoppers are purchasing and then donating.
- Medical Records raised \$1,010 in cash for the Red Cross to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

**Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, La Crosse**

- Three nurses and one physician, as part of "Operation Minnesota Lifeline," the collaborative effort between Mayo Clinic, Mayo Health System (associated with FSH), University of Minnesota and College of St. Catherine were among a second wave of providers that offered support at the Heymann Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, a makeshift hospital (24/7 care) during the time of their stay. They provided care at this facility and operated several mass immunization clinics within the area
- Another FSH physician joined Group 3 in Lafayette with a group of 59 health care providers assisting in relief efforts.
- Mayo and Mayo Health System has offered beds, medications, equipment and other supplies needed to help these efforts.
- Mayo committed \$1 million dollars up front to relief efforts.

**Froedtert Hospital and Community Health, Milwaukee**

- Provided medical supplies for hurricane evacuees housed at Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis.
- About 30 staff volunteered to collect toys and food, and load into trucks with the Salvation Army as part of Milwaukee Fox 6-TV's hurricane relief event.
- Staff pre-addressed Red Cross envelopes for sending donations
- Donated \$150 to WHA's Katrina Fund.

**Grant Regional Health Center, Lancaster**

- Collected \$2,150 in employee contributions, which was matched by \$2,000 from GRHC itself to give to the American Cross Disaster Relief Fund.
- Staff sent 21 boxes containing 489 pounds of supplies, such as clothing, personal care items, kitchen supplies and baby items directly to Louisiana for distribution.

**Gundersen Lutheran, La Crosse**

- Raised nearly \$75,000 for the Katrina Relief Fund between the generosity of Gundersen Lutheran employees, retirees and volunteers, donations made to the Fund at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation and the \$15,000 Foundation match. Proceeds from the 30-day Katrina Relief Fund will be divided between the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the local medical response team effort.
- We had over 200 employees that were interested in providing direct health care services although none were ultimately deployed.

**Holy Family Memorial, Manitowoc**

- Cash donations of \$10,524 divided among: Catholic Charities (\$4,088), American Red Cross (\$3,516) and a family from LA that moved to Manitowoc (\$2,920).
- HFM also had a nurse who went to Louisiana to help. HFM donated one-week pay to him and HFM employees donated another 40 hours of their vacation time to him, for a total of two weeks.

**Howard Young Health Care (Eagle River Memorial Hospital, Eagle River, and Howard Young Medical Center, Woodruff)**

- Administration offered a dollar for dollar match, up to \$10,000, to encourage employees to contribute funds to the Howard Young Foundation Hurricane relief effort. The \$6,000 total is shared between Catholic Charities and Salvation Army.

**Lakeview Medical Center, Rice Lake**

- Held an employee pancake breakfast and bake sale and LMC Foundation match that raised \$6,133 for the American Red Cross
- Donated \$2,500 to the VHA Health Foundation
- Donated \$2,520 to the AHA Care Fund

**Luther Midelfort, Mayo Health System, Eau Claire**

- Seven people, two physicians, four nurses and an emergency department technician EMT volunteered to help as part of a Mayo Clinic/Mayo Health System joint relief effort.
- Employees donated 194 hours of PTO totaling \$4,492.46 to contribute to the relief efforts.

**Memorial Medical Center, Ashland**

- Donated \$1,145 to WHA's *Wisconsin Hospitals Caring For Those Who Care* fund.

**Memorial Medical Center, Neillsville**

- Donated \$3,899.20 to WHA's *Wisconsin Hospitals Caring For Those Who Care* fund.

**Mercy Health System, Janesville**

- Donated \$47,830 earmarked for the Hurricane Katrina relief fund to the American Red Cross-South Central Wisconsin Chapter. Employees contributed \$23,915, which was matched by Mercy Health System.

**Ministry Health Care corporate office, Milwaukee**

- Donated \$790.

**Moundview Memorial Medical Center, Friendship**

- Donated \$540 to WHA's *Wisconsin Hospitals Caring For Those Who Care* fund.

**Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital**

- Donated \$10,000 dollars to Pearl River County Hospital in Poplarville, Mississippi. Prairie du Chien Memorial employees came up with the idea and by nearly unanimous vote, decided to forgo the hospital Christmas Party and send the funds to a similar sized hospital that needed assistance. The hospital was not too badly damaged, but had employees who lost everything in the hurricane. Their administrator, Dorothy C. Bilbo, said she intends to use the dollars for a Christmas Party for the employees, buy them each a ham or turkey, and put the rest of the funds toward ultra-sound equipment, which they need badly.

**ProHealth Care (Waukesha Memorial Hospital and Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital)**

- Many ProHealth Care nurses and physicians volunteered at State Fair Park. To support them, ProHealth employees donated PTO to a time bank called Caring Friends. The bank helped those who were able to volunteer take time off work without exhausting all of their vacation time.
- Donated three exam tables, gloves, two glucometers with supplies and other medical supplies.
- ProHealth also made donations of supplies on an as-needed basis to local efforts, including employees who were helping hurricane victim families who had temporarily relocated to our area.
- Waukesha Memorial Hospital staff canceled their summer picnic and sent the money to help with the hurricane relief effort. Staff was surveyed and responded overwhelmingly that they would rather send the money to those in need than have a hospital picnic. The result is a \$5,000 donation to the American Red Cross. Waukesha Memorial Hospital also donated \$5,000 to WHA's "Caring For Those Who Care Fund."

**Red Cedar Medical Center, Mayo Health System, Menomonie**

- Staff contributed \$3,265, matched by the medical center, for a total of \$6,530, along with \$409 raised by employees on jeans day.

**Rogers Memorial Hospital (Oconomowoc, Milwaukee, Brown Deer and Kenosha)**

- Employees and the hospital's match resulted in a contribution of \$3,900 to the Red Cross.

**Sacred Heart-St. Mary's Hospitals, Rhinelander and Tomahawk**

- Donated \$3,500 to WHA's *Wisconsin Hospitals Caring For Those Who Care* fund.

**Saint Clare's Hospital, Weston**

- Employees gave \$1,822.83 to WHA's Caring for Those Who Care fund.

**Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital, Prairie du Sac**

- The hospital held a Red Cross blood drive.
- \$200 dollars was raised with a donation jar in the cafeteria that was matched by the State Bank of Cross Plains and donated to the Red Cross.
- A physician provided medical care to evacuees at the State Fair Park Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center in West Allis.

**St. Clare Hospital, Baraboo**

- Donated a total of \$5,025 to the WHA Foundation's Caring For Those Who Care fund.

**St. Croix Regional Medical Center, St. Croix Falls**

- Sponsored a drive to collect and transport enough supplies to fill a 12-foot trailer for the victims of the hurricane. Goods were delivered to *The Nourishing Place*, in Gulf Port, Mississippi.
- Paid for the trip's expenses.

**St. Joseph's Community Health Services, Hillsboro**

- Sent \$275 to the relief efforts.

**St. Joseph's Hospital, Chippewa Falls**

- Contributed supplies and equipment
- "Volunteer on call" lists sent to the Gulf if their services were needed.
- A respiratory therapist spent several days in the Gulf assisting with hurricane relief.
- Donated 4,500 lbs. of supplies and equipment that are used not only for hurricane relief but to help our system's various missions around the world.

**St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, Green Bay**

- Donated nearly \$10,000 from a raffle and individual donations.
- Participated in two major drives to fill trucks with food, clothing, over-the-counter medication and hardware supplies to go to Mississippi and Louisiana.

**St. Marys Hospital Medical Center, Madison**

- A total of \$18,119.50 was donated to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts through a coordinated effort of employee contributions and hospital matching. Employees earmarked their gifts for American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and WHA's "Caring For Those Who Care" fund.
- Renal Services nurses went to Louisiana and provided dialysis to hurricane victims
- Nurses volunteered with an American Red Cross initiative in Louisiana, taking along hospital-provided medical supplies
- Pharmacy donated psychiatric meds for the Mental Health Center of Dane County to take to the hurricane-affected area
- Employees donated nonperishable food and household items for New Orleans residents relocating to Madison
- The St. Marys employee/hospital match program also raised \$5,877.50 for Stoughton, WI tornado relief efforts.

**St. Nicholas Hospital, Sheboygan**

- Hosted a "Fat Tuesday on Friday" Mardi Gras dinner, which was open to the public, raising over \$3,000.

**St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay**

- Held a prayer service and in some cases acted as a conduit for employees who wanted to donate funds to the Red Cross or other agencies.

**SynergyHealth, St. Joseph's Hospital, and West Bend Clinic**

- Donated \$42,560 from employees and SynergyHealth matching donation to the American Red Cross

**ThedaCare, Appleton**

- ThedaCare and its employees donated more than \$320,000 to the American Red Cross to help aid the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- Employees organized department bake sales and donated the proceeds.
- Employees contributed vacations or PTO cash-outs to donate the cash value of their paid-time-off.
- Dozens of employees have traveled to the area with a church group, the Salvation Army, other organizations, or on their own.

**UW Health, Madison**

- Gave a \$15,000 donation to the American Red Cross disaster relief fund, partly in honor of the many employees who volunteered to help in the Gulf Coast states.
- The focus of the “Loose Change” campaign, originally designated for the new American Family Children’s Hospital, was shifted to Katrina from September 6-16. A total of \$761.92 was raised to benefit the American Red Cross.
- Members of UWHC, UWMF and UWMS senior management developed a plan in collaboration with the Medical College of Wisconsin, Froedtert, and the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin to offer help in the stricken region. Together, we offered to provide full staffing—107 employees with different expertise and skills—for one of the field hospitals (or Emergency Medically Enhanced Shelters) that were planned by the federal government
- UWHC provided an array of supplies and pharmaceuticals valued at \$13,300 to SEIU that will support the union’s efforts in the Gulf Coast region.
- Developed a program through which employees could convert vacation time into donations to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief.
- Worked with community partners to provide medical assistance to evacuees, especially those arriving on a bus from Houston in an organized relocation effort, as they arrived in the Madison area. Also with community partners, we worked to ensure evacuees who sought care were connecting with other community resources available to them.
- In cooperation with SEIU, held a personal item donation drive for hurricane victims.
- Resident/Fellows Significant Other Society raised \$340 for Habitat for Humanity’s rebuilding efforts through a bake sale.
- UW Health sent a \$5,000 donation to the Badger Chapter of the Red Cross toward Stoughton tornado victims on behalf of UW Health employees. Also, UWHC food service staff prepared and donated 1,600 meals to tornado victims and volunteers, and UW Health vendors—Sysco and Gardner Bakery—also donated food.

**Watertown Area Health Services Auxiliary**

- A \$500 donation to WHA’s “Caring for Those Who Care” fund.

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