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Your Partner in Health

Partnering for safety, support and improvements

Like many of you, I've been wondering when spring will arrive in the Blue Water area. One thing I'm sure about, once warmer weather is here, we're going to see more people enjoying our county's great bike paths and parks. I'm sure I speak for everyone at Port Huron Hospital when I say that I hope every one of these bike riders wears a helmet.

Data shows that bike helmets are 85 to 88 percent effective in reducing head and brain injuries. That's why the Port Huron Hospital Foundation partners with other area organizations to promote and educate about the use of helmets when participating in wheeled sports, particularly bike riding. This annual initiative is an excellent example of many organizations partnering to improve health in the community.

Another important partnership improving quality of life in the community is one shared by Port Huron Hospital's employees. Since 1999, members of the Employees That Care (ETC) donor club have donated more than \$500,000 to assist fellow employees and to make improvements in the hospital. I'm very proud of these employees who continuously live our values of compassion, integrity and excellence.

Thomas DeFauw, President and Chief Executive Officer

Reaching out to kids about safety



The Port Huron Hospital Foundation is "on the road" again taking its highly successful Bike Helmet Safety program to area elementary schools. During May, Port Huron Area School District after school programs will focus on helmet safety with fun, information and important giveaways. Participants will receive a free fitted Snell® certified bike helmet and other items, such as a drawstring backpack, t-shirts and a safety light.

The Foundation will also

hold "bike rodeos" for fourth graders in Yale/Capac, Marysville, and Croswell/Lexington school districts. Demonstrations and activities focus on safety.

"It's so important to us to keep kids safe," says Danielle Hunt, Foundation program assistant. "Last year, we had a family purchase a helmet after their child had been to our Emergency Center because of a bike accident. We don't want a previous injury to be

the reason for adopting safety measures. We want to prevent the injury in the first place."

Snell helmets can be purchased all year for \$5.00 at the Foundation office located at 1201 Stone Street, Suite 11. For more information, call 810-982-3776.

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Healthcare is constantly changing with new knowledge, technology and regulations; but one thing has been a constant at Port Huron Hospital. It's the compassion and generosity of our employees. This is especially evident with the hospital's "ETC" club, which appropriately translates to "Employees That Care."

Members of ETC voluntarily make financial contributions to assist fellow employees facing personal or financial crises, fund special hospital projects and pay for fun fellowship activities.

This year the ETC club has provided \$12,000 in assistance to employees facing unforeseen crises; donated an inspirational etched slate to hang in the hospital's chapel and hosted Euchre nights and Detroit Tigers trips for employees. A recent substantial donation also helped fund expensive medical technology to benefit Port Huron Hospital – the da Vinci® Si Surgical System and new state-of-the-art CT scanner.

"The ETC club shows just how proud employees are to reach out to each other and to support the quality of the hospital. Their dedication to continuing that quality is transparent," says ETC Chair Cindy Nunn, of the generosity behind the club's success.



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