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ST. JOSEPH VOLUNTEERS DONATE \$40,000 FOR FAX PRESS

On December 15, 2009 St. Joseph Health System Volunteers presented a gift of \$40,000 to St. Joseph Health System to purchase medical equipment including a Fax Press to support electronic medical records and technological equipment upgrades in the laboratory. The donation was possible due to the volunteers' ambitious fundraising efforts and the generosity of the community and associates who support the volunteers' fundraisers.

In 2005, the volunteers made a five-year \$180,000 pledge in support of the hospital's new Surgery Center. After completing the pledge two years ahead of schedule, the volunteers have since contributed more than \$155,000 to support the Courtesy Coach program including all operational costs and the purchase of a new handicapped accessible van, the new Huron Shores Walk-in Clinic and several other programs.

"The realization that the volunteers were able to donate \$40,000 so soon after the purchase of the new Courtesy Coach Van, at a cost of \$47,000, was absolutely thrilling," stated Volunteer Services Manager, Tauna Estep. "The volunteers approach everything they do with a spirit of teamwork and a sense of family which naturally generates the enthusiasm needed to succeed. Their achievements are a testament of their commitment to the health system's mission to provide the best patient care to our community."

The volunteers' 2010 raffle will kick-off at Perchville. The grand prize is a John Deere X324 Lawn Tractor with a Power Flow Bagger and 44" snow blower.

For more information regarding volunteer opportunities at St. Joseph Health System, please call (989) 362-9209.