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Forest Riders Snowmobile Club donates to Hospice Care

PARK RAPIDS, MN (May 6, 2019) – Forest Riders Snowmobile Club held their 5th Annual Ride for Hospice on behalf of CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospice Care.

The club coordinates this event to raise funds for Hospice in honor or in memory of loved ones. The club raised \$6,400.00 to benefit CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospice Care Compassion Fund. Raffle tickets were sold with all proceeds benefitting Hospice Care.

These donations make a difference to patients, families and loved ones facing end-of-life issues. Community support ensures specialized quality hospice care close to home with an emphasis on comfort, dignity and helping hospice patients live every day to its fullest.

On March 1st & 2nd, individuals and groups of riders, could stop at up to 16 participating area businesses and purchase a \$5 raffle ticket. Each of the businesses donated a door prize, or two. The Forest Riders donated a total of \$1,000 in cash prizes for the 3 raffle prize winners. The annual ride came to a successful close at Clancy's on Island Lake.

The club would like to thank everyone who rode either by snowmobile or drove support vehicles, and most importantly, the parties who donated to this great cause! Forest Riders Snowmobile Club is proud to support CHI St. Joseph Health Hospice Care and all they do for our community. We are looking forward to the 6th Annual Ride for Hospice in 2020!

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The Forest Riders Snowmobile Clubs Raffle Ride Committee presents CHI St. Joseph's Health's Hospice Care with a \$6,400 donation raised by area snowmobilers. Pictured from left are: Jessica Jensen, Jolene Retz, Lou Eischens, Teresa Etter, Cristin Udem, Sharon Weaver and Kirk Brock.

About CHI St. Joseph's Health

CHI St. Joseph's Health is a 25-bed critical access hospital serving communities in Hubbard, Becker, Cass and Wadena Counties since 1946. In recent years, CHI St. Joseph's Health's award-winning teams received several national honors including: The Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in surgery; Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, HealthStrong; WomenCertified's America's Best Hospitals Women's Choice Award in obstetrics; and the Studer Group Fire Starter Healthcare Organization of the Month among other national, regional and state recognitions.

About CHI

St. Joseph Hospital is part of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national nonprofit health system based in Englewood, Colorado. The faith-based system operates in 18 states and includes 103 hospitals, as well as long-term care, assisted- and residential living communities; community health services organizations; home health agencies and outpatient facilities and services. In fiscal year 2016, CHI provided more than \$1.1 billion in financial assistance and community benefit. CHI generated operating revenues of \$15.9 billion and has total assets of approximately \$22.7 billion.

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