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## Letter from the President

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### Two hospitals merge to better serve our communities

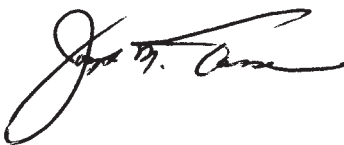
Transformation occurs when fundamental changes are made to truly improve the services provided. Here at St. John Health, we are doing things differently and entering an exciting era of transformation. We're making changes now to better prepare us for the future. Most significantly, we have merged St. John Macomb Hospital and St. John Oakland Hospital, effective July 1, to improve health care access for those in our communities and to garner increased efficiencies in our operational processes.

We are now using the name St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, with two sites—Macomb Center and Oakland Center. This brings together our 3,000 associates and 1,200 physicians. We are also overseeing the operation of two freestanding Emergency centers at St. John Detroit Riverview Center and St. John Conner Creek Village in Detroit, in addition to our full-service Emergency departments at Macomb and Oakland.

Our two outstanding hospital facilities will remain strong. The Macomb Center remains a 376-bed acute care hospital with Centers of Excellence in cardiovascular care, including open-heart surgery and interventional cardiology, oncology at the Webber Cancer Center, the Hip & Knee Replacement Center of Macomb, obstetrics and gynecology and women's health, physical rehabilitation, general surgery and surgical subspecialties, and behavioral medicine. The Oakland Center remains a 180-bed acute care hospital offering more than 35 medical and surgical specialties, including medical and surgical care, behavioral medicine, bariatric surgery and geriatric care. Both locations also serve as teaching hospitals within the St. John Health Division of Osteopathic Education.

As we continue to evolve to meet our patients' needs, our physicians, nurses and staff continue to have a passion for healing. That's why they chose a profession in health care. We are all committed to serving those in our communities who need medical care, and we are working to ensure clinical best-practice medicine for the patients and families we serve.

Best of good health,



Joseph M. Tasse, FACHE  
President, St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital



Joseph M. Tasse

# Top-notch heart care services available

This summer, St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital (SJM-OH) celebrated the five-year anniversary of its first open heart surgery as well as the addition of interventional procedures such as angioplasty and coronary stents. Now recognized as a Cardiac Center of Excellence by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, the cardiovascular surgeons at SJM-OH have performed more than 925 open-heart surgeries since the Cardiovascular Services program started doing the procedures in July 2002.

Experienced, board-certified cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, led by Lin-gareddy Devireddy, MD, Medical Director of Cardiovascular Services, and James Martin, MD, Medical Director of Cardiovascular Surgery, perform these procedures. Collectively, the team has performed thousands of heart surgeries and coronary angioplasties.

Cardiovascular Services at SJM-OH also include 24-hour emergency assessment, 83 monitored cardiac care beds, echocardiography, stress testing, a diagnostic catheterization laboratory and a pacemaker clinic. In addition, 24-hour Holter monitor systems and cardiac event monitors that capture patient heart information are also available.

“We are passionate about meeting the needs of our patients and providing the highest level of cardiac care at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital,” said Anne Marie Kaminski, Administrative Director, Cardiovascular Services.

For more information on Cardiovascular Services at SJM-OH, visit [www.stjohn.org/macombheart](http://www.stjohn.org/macombheart), or call 1-866-HEART09 (1-866-432-7809).



A view of one of the catheterization labs and the Cardiovascular Services staff at work.

## Kudos

**Joan Crawford, DO**, Macomb Center Medical Director of Women's Services and Oakland Center Medical Director of Cardiovascular Services, was honored at Macomb County's annual Athena Awards for her outstanding career achievements and efforts to foster leadership skills in women. “Dr. Crawford demonstrates a passionate, patient-focused philosophy of care committed to putting the patient first...(she) supports women in their dynamic world of balancing work and family life (and) is a shining example of being able to effectively provide the needed support and



Dr. Joan Crawford

nurturing in both venues,” stated Anne Marie Kaminski, Administrative Director of Cardiovascular Services. Dr. Crawford was instrumental in the organization of the “Go Red for Women” campaign for the local chapter of the American Heart Association and St. John Health's involvement in this important heart health effort.

**Maria Strom, RN, MS**, Vice President of Operations and Chief Nursing Officer, St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, was honored by the University of Detroit Mercy College of Health Professions with an Alumni of the Year Award. Maria has demonstrated her pride and commitment to the McAuley School of Nursing by assisting in placement of nursing students for clinical experiences, partnering with the school on new educational initiatives, supporting the school's accreditation efforts and serving on the MSON Advisory Board, which she now chairs.

# Hospital honors Emergency department donors



Joseph Tasse, President, SJM-OH; Dr. Glen Clark, Medical Director, Emergency department; Dr. Pyara Chauhan, Vice Chief of Medical Staff; Linda Zagacki, Administrative Director, Surgical Services/Emergency department; Irene Stempnik, Auxiliary President; Dr. Dhafer Salama, Chief of Medical Staff; Dr. Bal Gupta, Chief of Behavioral Medicine; Dr. Narendra Gohel, Vice Chief of Surgery; and Mike Beaubien, Chief Operating Officer.

A new wall of honor was recently added to the Emergency department area at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital (SJM-OH), Macomb Center.

This wall recognizes the many philanthropic donors whose generosity made the expansion and renovation of the Emergency department

possible. In addition, individual plaques were installed for donors who selected naming opportunities when they committed to the project.

More than \$1.2 million in generous gifts and pledges from many physicians, associates, volunteers/Auxiliary, corporations and private donors helped to fund the expansion

and renovation project. Those donors who gave \$1,000 or more and associates who committed one hour of pay per month are recognized

on engraved plaques. A special thanks goes to Bal Gupta, MD, Chief of Behavioral Medicine, for his assistance with the fundraising campaign.

“This project demonstrates our commitment to Macomb County to provide excellent and efficient patient care, and we thank the donors who have helped make this a reality,” said Joseph M. Tasse, President, SJM-OH.

“The design of our renovated area enables us to streamline and expedite care while increasing patient privacy,” added Glen Clark, MD, Medical Director, Emergency department.

Additional gifts and pledges toward the project are welcome. For information, call Tim Hudson, 313-343-7479.

## Tobacco-free policy began July 1

St. John Health (SJH), including St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, became a tobacco-free environment on July 1. The new policy prohibits the use of all tobacco products at all SJH buildings and throughout the campuses, including the grounds, walkways and parking lots.

This step was taken to support SJH’s mission to sustain and improve the health of the communities it serves and create a healthy environment for everyone—patients, visitors, associates, physicians and volunteers. For more information, call 248-849-8970.



## Volunteer leadership news

**Chery Allen** was named Director of Volunteer Services for St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. She has been director at the Macomb Center since 1999. Chery can be reached at 586-573-5153 or 248-967-7753.

In addition, **Judith Ann Davis** is the Volunteer Services Manager for the Oakland Center. She goes by the name of Sue Davis and relocated from St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital, where she was Coordinator for Volunteer Services and the Foundation. Sue can be reached at 248-967-7721.

## Volunteers support hospital in big way

The St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Macomb Center Auxiliary recently presented a check for \$183,148 to Joseph Tasse, hospital President. The donation funds came from revenues generated through the hospital gift shop, coffee shop, popcorn sales and various vendor sales and will be used to support the Labor and Delivery area renovation.

Thanks to the volunteers for their donations, in time and money, throughout the year.



Joe Tasse, President, accepts the donation check from Chery Allen, Director, Volunteer Services, left, and Irene Stempnik, past Auxiliary President, right.



The Auxiliary's new Board of Directors was inducted at the annual luncheon. Pictured are: front row, l-r, Marilyn Bush, Financial Secretary; Betty Ferus, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Ann Watkins, Recording Secretary; Carol Plotzke, Third Vice President; Helen Shoff, Second Vice President; and Irene Stempnik, Counselor; back row, l-r, Ron Spleet, Treasurer; Arnold Hock, President; Mal Hanson (standing in for George Doeblen), First Vice President; and Dan Rys, President-Elect.

## Associate giving doubles

St. John Health associates' generosity came through again this year, raising more than \$350,000 in the Associate Annual Giving Campaign. The number of associates who participated doubled from last year with 2,454 associates making pledges that will benefit SJH hospitals and a multitude of programs and service lines. More than \$20,000 was raised from 198 associates at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Macomb Center, and \$10,000 was raised from 90 associates at the Oakland Center.

## Make tax-free IRA gifts

Recent tax law changes permit tax-free IRA distributions to charity up to \$100,000 by any donor age 70½ or older but only for donations in 2007.

This is good news because qualified charitable distributions are not included in the donor's income but count toward the Required Minimum Distribution and will not impact any other deductions or limitations on your tax return.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a meaningful gift. Contact your IRA plan administrator and ask for instructions to make your gift to charity. Call Heidi Crisman, 586-582-7538, for details.

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*If you would like to learn more about giving opportunities at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, please call 586-582-7500.*

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