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**St. John Macomb
Hospital Golf Outing**
Tuesday, Aug. 15
Cherry Creek Golf Club
Shelby Township



**ST. JOHN
MACOMB
HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION**

Message from the President

St. John Macomb Hospital is celebrating its 40th anniversary! Our doors opened as South Macomb Hospital in March 1966 with 202 beds. The hospital has expanded its services over the years, changed its name to Macomb Hospital Center in 1987 and then to our current name in 1998 after joining St. John Health. Our hospital now has 376 beds and offers a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services to meet the needs of the growing Macomb County community.

The hospital Auxiliary has been here since our beginnings and has supported us with many volunteers and substantial proceeds from the Gift Shop, Coffee Shop and other activities. In 2005 alone, the Auxiliary's 416 volunteers donated 75,000 hours of time. Thank you for all that you do!

In addition, philanthropy has played an important role in enabling us to build upon medical excellence. The biggest examples are:

- The expansion of the Emergency Department made possible by \$1.6 million in donations by private donors, the Auxiliary, Medical Staff and associates toward the project's total cost. The Emergency enhancements have allowed us to see record numbers of patients within 19 minutes from arrival.
- The Webber Cancer Center made possible by a \$2.3 million donation by the Joan and Wayne Webber Foundation, \$250,850 from physicians, \$80,328 from associates and a \$250,000 pledge from the Auxiliary.

Other important enhancements include open-heart surgery and interventional cardiology as well as an Electrophysiology Lab and two 64-slice CT scanners that take 3-D views of the heart—all which help in our fight against heart disease.

As we move into our fifth decade of caring for the community, your support continues to be vital to our success, and we are grateful. Here's to another 40 years and many more! **RM**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph M. Tasse".

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



Joseph M. Tasse

64-slice scanner gives better cardiac views

St. John Macomb Hospital has added two new LightSpeed Volume Computer Tomography (VCT) scanners to its arsenal of weapons to fight heart disease. The 64-slice cardiovascular CT scanners allow three-dimensional, comprehensive views of the heart and coronary arteries in the time it takes for the heart to beat five times. They also show detailed real-time views of brain anatomy and blood flow to the brain to assess possible stroke patients. The technology allows faster diagnosis and treatment, which are critical to successful care of patients experiencing strokes or heart attacks. For more information, call 586-573-5132.**RM**



KUDOS

St. John Macomb Hospital (SJMH) was recognized for its participation in the MPRO Congestive Heart Failure Discharge Documentation project. The goal was to reduce hospital readmissions for patients with cardiovascular disease, especially heart failure. MPRO is Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization dedicated to improving health care quality.

Suresh G. Bilolikar, MD, received the first Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award from the SJMH Partial Hospitalization Program staff and physicians. **RM**

Double your income from a gift?

Yes, you may double your current cash flow from low-earning stock or CDs by donating cash or securities for a gift annuity of \$25,000 or more. You receive fixed payments guaranteed for life, and you designate the St. John Macomb Hospital program to benefit from your gift. The Foundation pays an annual annuity rate (based on your age) that is typically much higher than what CDs pay. The older the donor, the higher the annuity rate (e.g., a Charitable Gift Annuity for a 75-year-old pays 7.1% for life). Call Joe McKay, 586-582-7506, for a complimentary Gift Annuity Fact Kit. **RM**

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