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HOLIDAY CARDS, DESIGNED BY CHILDREN OF ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL STAFF, DISTRIBUTED TO PATIENTS

Belleville, IL – The Mission Integration Committee (MIC) of St. Elizabeth's Hospital is spreading good will and cheer to patients in the hospital for the holidays on with greeting cards designed by area children.

The second annual Holiday Card drawing contest was held in early November for children of St. Elizabeth's employees, volunteers, physicians and office staffs to design the cards. A winner from each age group was chosen and their cards were professionally printed for distribution. The winning designs will also be placed in Christmas Food Drive boxes that are to be sent to needy families in our community.

Congratulations to Cailee Langenhorst of Germantown, Pre-K – Grade 1 Division; Rebecca Jones of O'Fallon, Grade 2-3 Division; Nicole Meyer of Okawville, Grade 4-5 Division; and Ashley Taylor of Okawill, Grade 6-8 Division. Each winner also received 25 cards for their family's use.

The winners will be recognized by hospital administrators and members of MIC

on Friday, December 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the hospital.

The Mission Integration Committee (MIC) promotes a Christian spirit and service throughout the entire organization. The purpose of the Mission Integration Committee's activities is to support the religious philosophy of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis whose mission is to witness the healing love of Christ. MIC coordinates and promotes several events throughout the year to benefit the community and our employees including clothing drives, food collections, book fairs and more. MIC is also responsible for the Employee Assistance Fund. The Employee Assistance Fund collects donations primarily through employee payroll deductions. These funds can only be used for loans or grants to St. Elizabeth's employees in financial need.

Winning card designs attached separately.

About St. Elizabeth's Hospital St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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