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**ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL'S FOOD DRIVE DONATES OVER
7200LBS LOCALLY**

BELLEVILLE – A yearly tradition at St. Elizabeth's Hospital is the Mission Integration Committee's Holiday Food Drive, which concluded today with the distribution of 7272 lbs of food.

To help those struggling during slower economic times, both within our organization and in the community, the Mission Integration Committee (MIC) collected non-perishable items and canned goods throughout the month.

Fifty-one food boxes were delivered to employees while an additional 21 boxes and fresh food items of fruit, bread, potatoes, ham, and cheese were donated to Bethany Place and the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

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About Mission Integration Committee 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.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.