

HealthVisions Update

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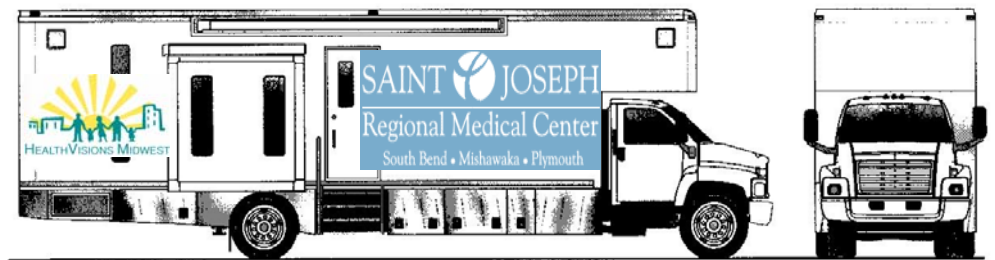
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Elkhart, Marshall, and St. Joseph Counties, IN*

O'HANA

HealthVisions Midwest has been managing the funds for O'Hana House, a respite home for medically fragile children. Pediatrician Dr. Bunmi Okanlami, Tial Bishop and others founded this special ministry. The purpose of O'Hana is to offer a safe home where parents can bring their child while on vacation or a day away. The child with special medical needs will be given the medical attention they need from a specially trained staff.

HVM helped O'Hana during the time they were raising funds and building their new site. Now they are able to become their own corporation. It has been a delight for us to be part of this dream. O'Hana's new facility will open in January 2007.

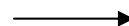


HealthVisions and St. Joseph Regional Medical Center *New Service*

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center will unveil the new Mobile Medical Unit, the hospital's 40-foot-long clinic on wheels. The Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) will bring unique healthcare to the communities served by SJRMC, expanding access in both urban and rural areas, while helping to meet the needs of at-risk individuals who lack transportation or adequate access to medical offices or clinics. **HealthVisions Midwest** is collaborating with St. Joseph by helping to fund this unit at sites in Plymouth, especially for the Hispanic population and some underserved areas of Mishawaka.

The state-of-the-art Mobile Medical Unit will house a medical exam area and a mammography unit, plus an area for intake, information, and health education. The MMU will also be used in partnership with area cancer programs, women's health services, community programs, and corporate wellness programs.

The MMU will operate Monday through Friday, and some Saturdays for special corporate wellness events, community events and health screenings. The MMU will be in St. Joseph County three days per week and two days per week in Marshall County.



The days will be divided into rotations of mammography services and medical and prenatal care. There will also be educational opportunities for patients and community members.

The new Mobile Unit will make its debut in Marshall County at the **PHJC Bazaar on Sept 10, 2006.**



RAINBOWS

“Rainbows” is a support group program for children who have suffered the loss of a family member by death or a parent by divorce.

This program has been operating in the Catholic schools in Mishawaka and South Bend for four years, with directors Jeannie Hayes and Beth Clemans.

HVM has partnered with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in providing health services to these schools. Recently the hospital has taken over the health services to the schools but HVM continues to work with the Rainbows program.

RESPITE CARE

The Mission Statement of the South Bend /Mishawaka Respite program is to provide short-term intervals of relief for full-time caregivers in their homes.

Recently Don Barnes and Sr. Annemarie met with the advisory board of Respite Care to do strategic planning. HVM has been working with this program under the guidance of Judith Rice for several years. When Judith recently resigned, the board appointed Shirley Carlson as their new director.

The Respite program has been funded by a Robert Wood Johnson grant, the St. Joseph Foundation, the Poor Handmaids, and other sources. The goal of the planning session was to determine how to sustain this program for the future. The board decided to find a partner who would continue the program’s mission.

In late spring, talks began with the Alzheimer’s Organization of Northern Indiana. After deliberation, the Respite program will transition to the Alzheimer’s Association. It seems like a wonderful fit, since many of the clients are referred to Respite from the Alzheimer’s Association.

HVM will continue to support Respite during this transition. Care to their clients will not be interrupted during this time.

The mission of HVM has always been to collaborate with other organizations. Once the new ministry is sustained, HVM can then move on to other ministries.



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