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## HSHS Southern Illinois Division Ministries in Breese, Greenville and Highland express thanks to area physicians in honor of National Doctors' Day, March 30

(Breese, Highland, Greenville IL) – Medical providers will be honored at health care organizations throughout the country March 30, 2019 during National Doctors' Day. This annual event recognizes physicians for the important role they play in helping patients, promoting overall health, and their significant accomplishments.

The annual event was first celebrated March 30, 1933, when Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, set a day aside to honor physicians. From those beginnings in Winder, Georgia, the celebration spread and the House and Senate officially declared March 30 National Doctors' Day in 1990.

Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) Southern Illinois Division ministries of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese, HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville, and HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland, are joining together to extend its deep gratitude and appreciation to physicians for the long hours and dedication in providing excellent patient care of the people in their communities. To express their appreciation, these three hospitals will be honoring physicians on their Medical Staff with a special celebration around National Doctors' Day, Saturday, March 30 in gratitude of their service.

The area is blessed to have a wide range of physicians focusing in a variety of specialties, who are experts in their field. If your organization is looking for a presentation about a health care topic, please contact Ashley Gramann, HSHS Southern Illinois Division Communications Manager, at (618) 651-2588 or email <a href="mailto:ashley.gramann@hshs.org">ashley.gramann@hshs.org</a>. She can assist in finding a speaker for your organization.

To find physicians in the area, visit one of the following hospital's web sites and select "Find a Doctor": <a href="stjoebreese.com">stjoebreese.com</a>, <a href="https://hshsholyfamily.org">hshsholyfamily.org</a>, or <a href="stjoephshighland.org">stjosephshighland.org</a>. HSHS St. Joseph's Hospitals in Breese and Highland, and HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville are part of the Southern Illinois Division of Hospital Sisters Health System, which also includes HSHS St. Elizabeth's in O'Fallon and HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial in Effingham.

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## About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville, and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and Hospital Sisters of St. Francis is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit <a href="www.hshs.org">www.hshs.org</a>. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit <a href="www.hospitalsisters.org">www.hospitalsisters.org</a>.