



# Mission Partner GIVING

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## WHY I GIVE

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I have been a Mission Partner for over 27 years. Prior to my employment with OSF HealthCare, my husband Gary became very ill. He was transferred to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria for treatment. At the time, we didn't have much including health insurance. Gary was very ill and required several surgeries and was an inpatient for 30 days. The doctors and nurses were always kind and treated us with respect and compassion.

One day, Gary received a visit from the financial office. They assisted him with applying for various financial options including Charity Care. When all the others were denied, OSF Charity Care stepped in and covered all expenses. We were so appreciative of the care he received and the burden of a hospital bill we wouldn't pay taken care of. I believe in paying it forward.

Now that I am an OSF Mission Partner, my annual donation to the giving campaign is one way I can pay it forward knowing that my donation is helping someone else. My donation combined with others is used to purchase needed equipment that can diagnose, treat, and cure my friends and family. It is truly improving the way of life for the community.

I hope to lead by example and inspire others to give – the ripple effect is endless. The world is our neighbor. When we give indiscriminately, we have the opportunity to reflect God's love to people who may not have felt it before – and that's exactly what God has called us to do.

*"For it is in giving that we receive." – St. Francis of Assisi*

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