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## **SUGGS NAMED PATIENT CARE MANAGER OF SURGICAL AND ORTHOPEDICS**

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Clayton Suggs, BSN, RPN, as the patient care manager of orthopedics and surgical for Saint Francis Healthcare System.

In his role, Suggs' is responsible for the delivery of care, development of policies and procedures, standards of care and protocols in accordance the Saint Francis policies, procedures, philosophy and objectives.

Suggs has been an employee of Saint Francis since 2008 where he started as a staff nurse on orthopedics. In 2015, he became the assistant patient care manager for medical.

He obtained an associate of applied science in nursing from Shawnee Community College in 2008 and completed his Bachelor of Science in nursing from Southeast Missouri State University in 2015.

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values, it has become a progressive and innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis' major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Level III Trauma Center; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Saint Francis Healthcare System is asking residents to help warm those around us in need. This September, the community can donate new or gently-used coats for kids through Saint Francis to directly benefit The Salvation Army in Cape Girardeau and other charitable organizations throughout the region.

The donated coats will provide a tremendous benefit to area kids in the colder months just around the corner. Any help that the community can provide for this cause will be extremely beneficial. The Salvation Army traditionally hosts coat drives in November and Saint Francis' collection will go toward that drive.

“The Salvation Army does so much good in communities worldwide,” says Debbie Gibson, manager of Saint Francis' Volunteer Services and Pastoral Care. “We are honored to do our part to help, and invite everyone in and around Cape Girardeau to do the same!”

Eight donation barrels are located on the Medical Center campus: outside the Chapel of Saint Francis, in Pastoral Care and at Entrances 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Donation barrels are also at various Saint Francis outreach clinics: Charleston Family Care, Farmington Physician Associates, Jackson Family Care, Kneibert Clinic in Poplar Bluff, Piedmont Physician Associates in Piedmont, Physicians Park Primary Care, Poplar Bluff Neurology Specialists, Sikeston Radiation Oncology and the Saint Francis Health Center in Dexter. Coats collected outside Cape Girardeau will go to local charities in the respective communities.

For more information about coat donation, please call 573-331-3996.

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## Students Awarded Healthcare Scholarships

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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Saint Francis Healthcare System Foundation and the Saint Francis Auxiliary awarded healthcare scholarships to 23 local students on August 5. Each student received \$1,250 in scholarships toward a degree in a healthcare-related profession.

The Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program was created in 1980. Saint Francis Foundation and the Saint Francis Auxiliary fund the program. Since its inception, the program has provided more than \$579,000 in education scholarships to college students in an effort to encourage participation in professional healthcare careers. Scholarship recipients must have completed at least one year in an accredited healthcare program and be currently enrolled, maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA and complete the application and essay requirements by the scheduled deadline. They must also reside within the Saint Francis service area, as defined in the application.

The 2016 Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program Recipients are:

Abigail Breite, Cape Girardeau – Bernadean Campbell Memorial Scholarship  
Danielle Childers, Cape Girardeau – Raymond A. and Lillian K. Ritter Scholarship  
Angela Dickinson, Zalma – Edythe M. Davis Scholarship  
Alexis Engelhart, Jackson – Raymond A. and Lillian K. Ritter Scholarship  
Joshua Friess, Jackson – Bess Estes Healthcare Scholarship  
Jenna Hawkins, Portageville – Evalyn and S. David Nunley Scholarship  
Rachel Hearnese, Charleston – Joseph and Harriette Hunter McCrate Scholarship  
Morgan Hileman, Cape Girardeau – Christen Joyel Aufdenberg Memorial Scholarship  
Abigail Kenney, Cape Girardeau – Susan E. Hinkebein Memorial Scholarship  
Cody Likens, Cape Girardeau – Carrie Suedekum Memorial Scholarship  
Brianna Lueders, Cape Girardeau – Mark F. Scully Nursing Scholarship  
Anna Miller, Jackson – Huttegger-Scherer Nursing Scholarship  
Stephanie Nanney, Whitewater – Sisters of Saint Francis Nursing Scholarship  
Ryan O’Rear, Jackson – Saint Francis Auxiliary Physician Honor Scholarship  
Sara Pilsner, Cape Girardeau – Ken Hayden Memorial Nursing Scholarship  
Olivia Renner, Jackson – Lee George and Katherine Jane Cochran Memorial Scholarship  
Shea Scholl, Jackson – Saint Francis Foundation Scholarship  
Morgan Schumer, Cape Girardeau – Earl Jr. and Lori Wills Memorial Scholarship  
Ethan Seyer, Oak Ridge – Mamie Hall Memorial Scholarship  
Emma Steffens, Jackson – Saint Francis Auxiliary Healthcare Scholarship  
Dana Thiele, Leopold – Saint Francis Auxiliary 125th Anniversary Scholarship  
Katy Weston, Glen Allen – Lucy Ellen Towse Memorial Scholarship  
Adam Young, New Madrid – Clara D. Newnam Memorial Scholarship

The members of the 2016 Scholarship Committee include: B.J. Bowman, Nicole Chance, Cheryl Mothes, Lisa Newcomer, Jessica Riley and Debra Schumer.

For more information about the Saint Francis Healthcare Scholarship Program, call 573-331-5790.

Saint Francis Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization that supports Saint Francis Medical Center by strengthening the institution overall and reaffirming its mission of supporting the community and the people it serves. Formally organized in 1976, its mission reflects the Medical Center’s priorities through fundraising efforts that support the community. The Foundation sponsors several annual events, including golf tournaments, and philanthropic activities such as annual appeals, memorials, endowment funds, planned giving, grants and major gifts. Through the generosity of the community, staff and volunteers, the Foundation accepts contributions

each year to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, provide patient and employee assistance, create new programs that help patients in the region, and improve facilities at the Medical Center.

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**Pictured: Back row, from left: Abigail Breite, Ethan Seyer, Cody Likens, Joshua Friess and Dana Thiele. Middle row, from left: Angela Dickinson, Rachel Hearnese, Shea Scholl, Alexis Engelhart, Emma Steffens and Brianna Lueders. Front row, from left: Katy Weston, Morgan Hileman, Jenna Hawkins, Olivia Renner, Morgan Schumer, Ryan O’Rear and Sara Pilsner.**

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