

## CARING AND SHARING

### MEDICAL MISSIONARIES



Led by Michael R. Bourque, M.D., the "blue" team of Saint Francis International Medical Missions recently spent one week in Los Almagos, Dominican Republic. Thirty-seven volunteers from three countries and seven states came together to serve 493 patients. Eighty-three patients were treated surgically, and two babies were delivered. The rest of the patients were medical and pediatric cases. L-R, front row: Jaime Bohl, M.D.; Michael R. Bourque, M.D.; Brian Bourque. Second row: Sharon Allard, S.T.; Leo Chadwick, M.D.; Meghan Slemmens, M.D.; Meghan Malentacchi, M.D.; Lyn Bacon, M.D.; Barbara Bourque, R.N.; Ximena Gonzalez; Alex Ramirez, R.N. Third row: Patrician Gonzalez; Daniel Branco, R.N.; Michael Brunell, P.A.; R. Maxwell, M.D.; Inna Maranets, M.D.; Ken Messier. Fourth row: Maria Segura, R.N.; Juan Carlos Hernandez; Peggy Facciolo, R.N.; Scott Morris; Kathy Aries, R.N. Fifth row: Daniel Skarda, Sara Dusza; Cathy Fogel, M.D.; Folake Famoye, R.N.; Kathleen Messier, R.Ph. Sixth row: Eligio Jiminez, S.T.; Deborah Skarda, M.D.; Lisa Pepin, R.N.; Bette Seunarine, R.N.; Franzia Martinez, Victor Dowling. Seventh row: Robert Schweizer, M.D.; Stephano Claremont, C.R.N.A.; Beth Nelson, M.D.; Adwoa Opoku-Botang, M.D.; Sally Jones, R.N.; Edward Ewald, M.D.

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### DAY OF CARING



There was a new twist this year to Saint Francis' participation in the United Way's annual Day of Caring. Instead of volunteering at other community agencies, Hospital employees volunteered at the Saint Francis Emergency Food Bank. Established in 1976, it is the only hospital-based emergency food bank in the country and distributes more than 100 tons of food yearly. L-R, front: Elsa Kortright; Joan Dauber, R.D., Food Bank Director; Terry Gagne; Pauline Devino. Rear: Delores Meyers; Michael Culligan, R.Ph.; Jason Langlais, R.Ph.; Shirley Fisher; Whitney Hubbs Dionne; Ric Devino.

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### A FIRST FOR ETHIOPIA



Belachew Tessema, M.D., a specialist in otolaryngology, sinus, and nasal disorders, and a member of Saint Francis' Medical Staff, recently performed Ethiopia's first endoscopic sinus surgery during a medical mission to the country organized in collaboration with the non-profit group Healing the Children. Dr. Tessema, of The Connecticut Sinus Institute and ProHealth Physicians, holds an appointment as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He led a team that included a chief resident in otolaryngology from the UConn Health Center, three other otolaryngologists, a pediatric anesthesiologist, two audiologists, a pediatrician, and a nurse. The team worked in the capital of Addis Ababa at the Mekanisa School for the Deaf, two referral centers, and Black Lion Hospital, an academic tertiary care institution. The team examined more than 300 patients, performed 36 complex ENT surgeries, and provided didactic sessions for local physicians. Supplies for the trip were provided by the Saint Francis Foundation through the Hospital's Mission Integration Program.

Photo courtesy Belachew Tessema, M.D.

### SUPPORT FOR NEW CENTER



The Travelers recently presented Saint Francis with a check for \$50,000 to benefit the new Comprehensive Women's Health Center, scheduled to open in 2013. As presenting sponsor for this year's Travelers Championship, Saint Francis provided on-course medical coverage, fielding a team of more than 100 medical personnel during the golf tournament. Hundreds more Saint Francis volunteers staffed the concession tent in the Fan Zone. L-R: Nathan Grube, Tournament Director; Lynn Rossini, Interim President, Saint Francis Foundation; Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

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