



NEWS RELEASE

April 15, 2022

SIH Foundation Receives \$1,500 Donation

Carbondale, Illinois, Thursday April 15, 2022. The Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) Foundation received a \$1,500 donation from The Hope Light Foundation which will be used to help SIH in their fight against cancer.

The SIH Foundation, a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization, is the charitable arm of SIH and was established to receive philanthropic gifts on behalf of Herrin Hospital, Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro and the SIH Cancer Institute in Carterville. Funds raised by the Foundation are used to support the SIH mission of improving the health and well being of all people in the communities they serve.

This year, more than 7,500 southern Illinois residents will be diagnosed with cancer and more than 2,800 of the residents will die from this deadly disease. To accommodate the Cancer Institute's 300 cancer patients per day, they recently completed a 20,000 square foot expansion and renovation project that included increasing the number of exam rooms from 14 to 22, increasing infusion stations from 20 to 42, increasing handicap access and adding the regions first USP <800> compliant state-of-the-art pharmacy. Both during and following cancer treatment, the Cancer Institute addresses the patient's physical, cognitive and emotional concerns caused by the disease and treatment to strengthen their return to a normal routine and enhanced quality of life.

The Hope Light Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax exempt charitable organization with a mission to communicate all-cancers awareness information with a focus on primary prevention, early detection and survivorship using their website and evidence-based outreach activities in Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. The major contributor of the Foundation is the George A. Bates Memorial Foundation.

###

The attached photo is available for media use.

Photo (L-R): Woody Thorne-SIH, Jennifer Badiu-SIH, Rudy Bess-Hope Light Foundation, Jocelyn Popit-SIH Foundation and Mike Murray-George A. Bates Memorial Foundation.

Contact Information:

Rudy Bess, Founding Director
The Hope Light Foundation
Tel: 314-838-4959
eMail: coastallt@sbcglobal.net

If you wish to be removed from this News Release distribution list in the future, please reply to this message and type "Unsubscribe" in the Subject Line.