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St. Francis Health Care Centre Receives a New Bus



After many weeks of waiting St. Francis Health Care Centre received their new bus today.

The bus was purchased by the generosity of the St. Francis Health Care Centre Hospital Foundation. This bus will accommodate up to 12 passengers including 6 wheel chairs. The residents have anxiously been waiting for the bus to take their outings. Outings have always been a wonderful source of recreational, social and educational entertainment for the residents.

Some of the outings in the past have included trips to the Toledo Zoo, Sandusky County Fair, Norwalk Raceway, COSI, Sorrowful Mother Shrine, and a variety of dining out, shopping and music programs.

Scott Kneeskern, director of purchasing picked up the bus from Tiffin Ford-Lincoln Mercury. "It's an Elkhart coach, but it's mounted on a Ford Van chassis," said Kneeskern. "We had a bus come down here so we could just look at the approximate size of the vehicle that we would be getting. We discovered the normal wheelchair positions weren't big enough to hold some of our wheelchairs. A lot of our residents have their legs sticking straight out so we needed more room between the chairs."

With a larger size decided upon, Kneeskern also ordered an extra wide wheelchair lift and LED lighting on the back. Most of our residents are in wheelchairs, so I wanted to make sure we had an emergency exit door installed in the back," Kneeskern said.

The money was made possible for this bus by the St. Francis Health Care Centre Hospital Foundation at a cost of nearly \$56,000.

The Foundation has raised this money through many benefits. If you would like to support the Foundation, here are some of the upcoming events:

Tickets are still available for the 54th. Reverse Raffle May 4th at Ole Zim's, 14th Annual Golf Outing Friday July 20th, Bike Day Sunday September 23rd., Tree of Love Ceremony Thursday December 6th.