

## **Franklin Family Health Night on May 18 Spotlights Professionals Who Keep Communities Safe, Healthy**

Franklin, Wis.— Meet doctors, nurses and other emergency response professionals in an atmosphere of fun and hands-on learning at the Sixth Annual Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Family Health Night, 5:30 - 8 p.m., Thursday, May 18, at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Franklin, part of Ascension, 10101 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. The event is free and open to the public.

“This is a visit to the hospital where we want children and their families to experience an energizing ‘wow’ factor,” said Sheila Gansemer, Vice President, patient care services at the Franklin Hospital.

Dozens of hands on and virtual activities, geared for audiences of all ages, will be available. Kids can walk through an inflatable “Strollin Colon,” use a stethoscope to hear a heartbeat on a simulation manikin, try their hand at using a surgical scope on a pretend shoulder, walk through a rehab obstacle course and much more. Fire departments from surrounding communities will display their fire engines and paramedic units. The Franklin police department will perform a K-9 demonstration and the Franklin Haz-Mat team will do a demonstration with the decontamination tent. In addition, the Flight for Life helicopter will be at the event.

“A night like this gets families talking about how to stay safe and healthy and provides an up-close look into what happens in emergency situations, introducing them to the professionals who help save lives,” Gansemer said. “Through dynamic demonstrations we want to give kids a positive interaction with healthcare professionals, firefighters, police officers, and other emergency first responders.”

Other activities include a life-sized game of Operation with the popular red-nosed patient, a Teddy Bear Clinic, where kids can bring their stuffed animal for a routine check-up, put on a stethoscope and chili cook-off between firehouse teams.

The event will be held rain or shine. Learning stations will be offered inside the hospital on the first floor. Large-scale emergency response simulations will be done outside at the north end of the Franklin Hospital parking lot.

For more information, call 414-325-8477.

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