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Sacred Heart Seeks 1969 Children's Hospital Patients for 50th Anniversary Celebration

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Patients who were treated at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in 1969 – Sacred Heart wants to hear from you.

From broken bones to birth complications and appendectomies to asthma, countless area residents have been impacted by Northwest Florida's only children's hospital.

On April 1, 2019, Sacred Heart will celebrate the 50th anniversary since the opening of The Children's Hospital – by opening the new four-story Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart. As part of the festivities, Sacred Heart wishes to honor The Children's Hospital's earliest patients. Stories may be featured on social media or highlighted at grand-opening events.

To submit a photo or story for potential inclusion in The Children's Hospital's grand-opening festivities, please e-mail SacredHeart@ascension.org. Before your story is used, a Sacred Heart representative will contact you to clarify details and answer questions.

The new children's hospital will increase access to specialized pediatric and maternity care and consolidate inpatient pediatric services in one convenient location on Sacred Heart's Pensacola campus. The new children's hospital will include a pediatric emergency department and trauma center, 72-bed neonatal intensive care unit, medical/surgical beds, pediatric imaging department, pediatric satellite pharmacy, pediatric inpatient rehabilitation gym, child life playrooms and a new family-friendly dining venue. In addition to the Ronald McDonald House adjacent to Sacred Heart's Pensacola campus, the Ronald McDonald Family Room inside the new children's hospital will offer a playroom specifically for patients' siblings, as well as a space for families to cook, do laundry and relax.

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is a 117-bed facility that serves as the only children's hospital in Northwest Florida. The Children's Hospital offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child's medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit to a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified doctors across 30 pediatric specialties. The Children's Hospital provides quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents' ability to pay. Sacred Heart Health System is a member of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system. For more information about the services available at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, visit studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals in Florida and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ more than 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 156,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia, while its Solutions Division provides a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension's own group purchasing organization. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit www.sacred-heart.org.

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