



Presence St. Mary's Hospital
2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk
Medical Honoree
River Valley (Kankakee) IL

Presence St. Mary's, originally known as the Emergency Hospital was opened in March 1897 by the Sister Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary. In 1925, it was re-named St. Mary's Hospital. In 1997, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary combined with the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart and Sisters of Mercy of Americas to form Provena Health and the hospital name changed to Provena St. Mary's Hospital. This merger allowed the hospital to expand its services and increase the level of complete health care. In 2011, Provena Health merged with the Resurrection Health Care system to form what it is now called Presence Health. This merger changed the hospital name to Presence St. Mary's Hospital.

In 2013, Presence St. Mary's Hospital was named to the annual U.S. News & World Report rankings of the Best Hospitals for 2013-2014. Presence St. Mary's is ranked 21st in Illinois. The annual ranking recognizes hospitals that excel in treating the most challenging patients.

In 2012 and 2013 Presence St. Mary's was also honored with an "A" Hospital Patient Safety Score by the Leapfrog Group. The Hospital Safety Score was compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety.

Presence St. Mary's has been a part of the Kankakee community for more than 116 years and continues to carry out its mission of bringing healing & hope to the community.

Sister Anne Jaeger is a friend, employee and supporter of Presence St. Mary's Hospital. Sr. Anne believes that having rheumatoid arthritis (RA) has deepened her spiritual journey. She said, "I am proud that God made it possible for me to have a couple of great positives on my RA journey."

The Arthritis Foundation is proud to recognize and honor Sister Anne Jaeger for her strength and inspiration to so many, and our 2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Medical Honoree, Presence St. Mary's Hospital for their commitment and service to the community.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.