Franciscan Health Center is located in Duluth, a city in Northern Minnesota, on Lake Superior, of a population of 86,293. Franciscan Health Center is located on beautiful Park Point. While taking a short drive over the bridge to Franciscan, you will see a view of the bay with the ships in port or actually see a ship coming into the harbor.

**Our Mission:** Expressing Christ’s love by providing care that values every human life.

St. Francis Health Services owns and operates Franciscan Health Center and is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of St. Cloud. We are dedicated to promoting the Ethical and Religious Directive for Catholic Health Care services.

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<td>Respect</td>
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<td>Excellence</td>
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<td>Service</td>
<td>We deliver what has not been done, before it is expected.</td>
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<td>Stewardship</td>
<td>We wisely employ the talents, resources, and relationships entrusted to us.</td>
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Franciscan Health Center believes in a resident centered, hospitality care model. Major emphasis is placed on services that help restore the body and spirit and encourages the resident to function as independently as possible.

An example of this commitment to excellence is the implementation of the “Nursing Facility Performance-Based Incentive Payment Program” (PIPP) grant awarded by the MN Department of Human Services (DHS). The funds of the grant are used for a project entitled: “Nutrition and Optimal Weight (NOW) Project”.

Franciscan, will work collaboratively with related SFHS long term care centers to improve the overall dining experience and the nutritional status of individuals receiving services at Franciscan.

The goal is to reduce the number of residents experiencing unexplained weight loss, increase resident and family food satisfaction, improve resident’s overall nutritional status, and to allow individuals receiving services to achieve optimal health, functioning, and wellbeing.
The NOW Project will provide Franciscan with additional resources to make positive system improvements to support good nutritional outcomes for individuals receiving services, focusing on each individual’s preferences and needs. A big component will be implementing the Kind Dining program to improve dining room service. We hope to create an optimal environment in which food can be enjoyed.

Implementation of the NOW Project began January 1, 2019 at Franciscan Health Center and will continue through December 31, 2020. SFHS is a faith-based, not-for-profit healthcare organization. In addition to their skilled nursing care centers, they offer a variety of services that include customized/assisted living, a full range of therapies, senior housing, transitional and skilled nursing care, and behavioral and residential programs throughout the state of Minnesota.

### Providing Quality Care and Services for Older Adults

In an average year, Franciscan treats 78 individuals from the Duluth and the surrounding area.

Franciscan offers services in:
- 24 Hour Skilled Nursing Care
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- On-site X-Ray
- Wound Therapy
- Ostomy Care
- Pastoral Care
- Beauty and Barber Shop
- Gift Shop
- I.V. Therapy
- Tracheotomy Care
- Hospice/Comfort Care
- Respite Care

A resident's day is enriched by a variety of activities. Volunteers augment our staff to provide companionship and support to our residents, assist with various activities outing.

- Bingo
- Live Music and Dance
- Bentleyville Tours
- Bible Study
- Voting
- Pet Therapy
- Exercise group
- Boat rides
- Morning Group
- Happy Hour
- Take out Thursday’s
- Monthly outings to area restaurants
- Daily Activities
- Craft corner
- Resident of the Month
- Bible Studies
- Religious Services
Franciscan offers services and programs to older adults and family members within the community by providing:

- Volunteers
- Park Point Run
- Park Point Rummage Sale
- Turkey Bingo
- Family BBQ
- Halloween Carnival
- Bake Sales
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Volunteer Tea
- Family Council
- Octoberfest
- Summer family/staff picnic
- In-service training on Dementia related issues for both family and residents
- Holiday Tea
- Spring Luncheon

### Recognizing Spiritual Needs and Individuality

Our Pastoral Care services provide spiritual care for all residents. This involves personal attention to the individual needs of each resident. The chaplain works with local clergy to meet the denominational needs regarding religious services and spiritual guidance for our residents. Franciscan Health Center is a community oriented facility, combining residents and neighbors and events. Community interaction is welcomed and encouraged.

### Providing Access to Educational Opportunities

Education is a high priority in health care and for Franciscan. Providing opportunities to further education and learn new information and skills is essential to providing quality, comprehensive, and holistic resident care.

Franciscan Health Center has a great opportunity for employee scholarships and Student Loan Reimbursement for employees who are interested in advancing in their careers.

### Helping Community Members in Need

- Training at the St Louis County, Social Services Convention
- Training at the Duluth Senior Expo
- Monthly meetings with area health care providers
- Lake Superior College job fairs
- WITC Job Fairs
- Northland Job Fair
- Partnership with area colleges with providing internships availability in Social Service, Human Resources and Therapy
Dementia Support Group for community/facility families
Education programs family and community members
Lion’s Club Pancake Day

Serving as Active Community Members

Employees, board members and residents of Franciscan are active in the community, participating in organizations such as:

- Lion’s Club
- Aging Network Group
- St Louis County. Social Workers Association
- Northern Minnesota Parish Nurse Organization
- Lake Superior College Advisory board for Certified Nursing Assistants
- St. Louis County Emergency Task Force
- MNDONA
- Support group for area Director of Nurses
- Port Cities Volunteer Group
- Activity Director Group
- Northeast Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
- SHRM
- Stratis Health
- Transition of Care Group

Volunteerism

Our volunteers donate over 900 hours a year to our facility, including 20 to 25 volunteers from area churches (ladies as well as pastors) donate their time to Franciscan Health Center in various spiritual and social ways.

- Provide church services
- Pastoral care and grief support
- Sacraments
- Holy Day Support
- Prayer on One To One and in groups
- Providing music at Sunday Breakfast
- Bell Choir music
- Holiday Gifts by Salvation Army and Christ Lutheran
- Coffee and social activities provided weekly by church groups
- Play piano and assist with One to One twice weekly
- Pass out calendars
- Host tea parties
- Animal Allies
- V. A. Association
- Trillium Services/Choice Services
- Woodland Hills/RSI
- Alzheimer’s support group monthly
Promoting Economic Development

The Franciscan Health Center community spends money locally. Last year, Franciscan Health Center purchased $524,423.14 in goods and services from local businesses. Local businesses Franciscan spent money with last year include:

- A.W. Kuettel & Sons Inc.
- AFSCME Council 5
- AICHO
- Allied Generators
- Alvar, Gene
- Aro, Casey
- Arrowhead Springs Inc
- Batteries Plus
- Benson Electric
- Bijold, Roxanne
- Carlberg, Matt
- Carlson Duluth Co.
- Chmielewski
- City of Duluth Comfort Systems
- College of St. Scholastica
- Diabetic & Comfort Shoes
- Duluth Lions Club
- Duluth News Tribune
- Essentia/SMDC
- Essentia Health-Medical Equipment
- Fisher, Bill
- Fitger’s
- Gartner Refrigeration
- Glenwood Signs
- Glen Laspi
- Greenmill
- Grandma’s
- Great Lakes Door LLC
- Great Lakes Alarm
- Gross, Dale
- Haller, Gerry
- Harbor City School
- Harbor City Oil & Propane
- Heitman, Tanna
- Horizon Healthcare Supply
- Hunt Electric
- Jamar Company
- Jobs HQ
- Johnson Wilson Construction
- Karin Johnson Aquarium
- Khoury, Barb
- Lake Superior College
- Lakeland Delivery Service, Inc.
- Living Design Inc.
- Lundeen Productions
- Maciejewski, Ruth
- Mellin Promotional Advertising
- Midway Sewer Service
- Minnesota Power
- MN/WI Area Retail Clerks
- Northern Access
- Northern Business Products
- Northern Lights, Inc.
- Northern Orthotics & Prosthetic
- Northland Fire & Safety Inc.
- Northwest Respiratory Services, LLC.
- Orthopedic Associates
- Park Point Community Club
- Phil’s Garage Door Services
- Plunkett’s Pest Control
- Pro Print Inc.
- Progressive Care Solutions, LLC
- Radisson
- Rent a Space
- Roden, Cynthia
- Sammy’s Pizza
- Sam’s Florist
- Sell Hardware, Inc.
- Shel/Don Reproductions
- Sherwin-Williams
- Shred-N-Go, Inc
- Simon Property Group
- Spoelhof M.D., Gerald
- St. Germain’s Cabinet Inc.
- St. Louis County
- St. Luke’s
- Superior Fuel Co.
- SuperOne Foods
- T-Bonz
- Thrifty White Pharmacy
- Twin Ports Paper & Supply, Inc
- UDAC
- UFCW Local 1189
- Upper Lakes Foods
- Upward Transportation
- Viking Sprinkler Co.
- Viking Electric
- Waldiff
- Wentz, Mark
- WITC
- World of Fish
There are 83 employees working for Franciscan with 80% of these employees are from the Duluth/Superior area.

Each year, Franciscan pays over $2.9 million in wages and benefits to staff members who work for our organization.

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