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Blackford Community Hospital Celebrates National Hospital Week
Promotes Message of Healing

Hartford City, Ind. – Blackford Community Hospital will celebrate National Hospital Week with a series of employee activities May 11-17.

America's hospitals are positive, vital places that promote health and well being. That's the message health care facilities across the country are voicing as they celebrate National Hospital Week 2008.

“Our focus this year is on our doctors, nurses and staff who work day in and day out with one mission and that's to help people get well,” said Steven West, President and Chief Executive Officer at Blackford Community Hospital. “We want people to understand hospitals are all about healing.”

For 2008, the National Hospital Week theme, *Where Healing Happens Every Day*, emphasizes the knowledge, technology and committed professionals who make each hospital a place of healing.

This year's Blackford Community Hospital event is planned for May 11-17, 2008. Employees will celebrate the week with daily games and prizes, and week-long paper clip trade-up challenge and find Dr. Imposter games. Other free BCH employee activities during National Hospital Week are:

- Monday, May 12, beginning at 6:30 a.m., the Annual Kick-off Breakfast will be pancakes and sausage served in the Cobblestone Café.
- Tuesday, May 13, 2:30-3:45, Popcorn Day! In the Cobblestone Café.
- Wednesday, May 14, Cookout Day! Bring a covered dish to share during regular lunch times. Hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans and chips are provided.
- Thursday, May 15, 6:30-9:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m., Everybody Wins Duck Pull!
- Friday, May 16, 2-4 p.m., HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY TO BCH! Cake and ice cream provided in the Cobblestone Café.

Keeping health care in a positive light is part of the tradition of National Hospital Week, a celebration of care that dates back to 1921. That year, a magazine editor in Chicago

suggested an annual “open house” for health care; an idea that spread across the country and helped change the perception about hospitals from places of illness to places of healing. Today, National Hospital Week serves as a reminder and celebration of the health care industry’s enormous achievements.

For more information about Blackford Community Hospital, visit www.blackfordcommunityhospital.org.

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