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Hospitals join together in shoe drive to benefit Uganda

Three hospitals in the St. Croix Valley – Hudson Hospital & Clinics (Hudson, WI), Lakeview Hospital (Stillwater) and Westfields Hospital (New Richmond, WI) – collaborated to host a shoe drive benefitting *Making a Difference International Inc.* MADI is an organization that collects shoes, medical supplies and other supplies for the people of Uganda. It is a first step in enhancing their lives through education, health and livelihood. Large shoe boxes were available in the lobbies of each hospital where staff, volunteers and visitors could donate new and gently used shoes for people in Africa. Nearly 1,000 pairs of shoes were presented to Funwi Tita, director of MADI on Wednesday, March 20 at Hudson Hospital by hospital CEO's: Marian Furlong, President & CEO, Hudson Hospital & Clinics; Curt Geissler, Lakeview Hospital President; and Steve Massey, President & CEO, Westfields Hospital. Funwi gave a presentation with photos from his last trip in March and shared how donations like this help so many individuals. Thanks to the HealthPartners Valley Hospitals for *Making a Difference* in so many lives.

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Westfields Hospital, located at 535 Hospital Road in New Richmond, is a full-service hospital offering emergency services, specialty clinics, and maternity services, as well as medical and surgical inpatient and outpatient care. Westfields Hospital is part of the HealthPartners family of care. Learn more at westfieldshospital.com.



Valley hospitals presenting the shoes are: Curt Geissler, President & CEO, Lakeview Hospital; MADI Director Funwi Tita; Marian Furlong, President & CEO, Hudson Hospital & Clinics; and Steve Massey, President & CEO, Westfields Hospital.