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**St. James Mercy Hospital Honors Volunteers and Staff
National Nurses' Week (May 6-12) and Hospital Week (May 8-14)**

May 13, 2016...Hornell, NY –St. James Mercy Hospital (SJM) held a series of events during the week to commemorate the hard work and dedication to providing quality care as part of National Nurses' Week (May 6-12) and Hospital Week (May 8-14).

SJM employees were treated to a free chicken BBQ, ice cream social, received hospital gift shop discounts, and had the opportunity to participate in several gaming activities. On May 12 a banquet was held at The Main Place in Hornell to thank volunteers and honor employees with milestone years of service to the hospital.

“The ongoing commitment of our employees to the people of this community is truly inspiring,” said Jennifer Sullivan, SJM president and CEO. “They are the glue that keeps this hospital together, and they deserve our appreciation, respect and gratitude.”

National Nurses Week ends on May 12, legendary nurse Florence Nightingale’s birthday. Nightingale is considered the founder of modern nursing for her work during the Crimean War. National Hospital Week was started by the American Hospital Association to celebrate hospitals and the women and men who support the health and wellbeing of their communities through dedication and compassionate care from the heart.

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SJMH employees take a lunch break to enjoy an outdoor chicken BBQ, listen to music and play some games on the front lawn of the hospital.



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About St. James Mercy Hospital - Founded in 1890, St. James Mercy Hospital provides compassionate, quality care for the residents of Hornell, NY and the surrounding communities. The hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, express care, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, dialysis, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, physical therapy, and a personal emergency response system (MercyLine). For more information, visit www.stjamesmercy.org.