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## **St. James Mercy Hospital Celebrates "Patient Safety Awareness Week"**

**March 21, 2016...Hornell, NY...** St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) participated in the national Patient Safety Awareness Week held March 12-19. The goal of this event was to raise awareness of patient safety activities and develop lasting partnerships among staff, patients, and the community. The 2016 campaign theme, *"Every Day is Patient Safety Day,"* is promoted by the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF).

SJMH celebrated the week with a number of special activities including "brown bag lunch and learn" sessions, department in-services, quizzes, a scavenger hunt, a safe-handling patient relay race, and other events focused on patient safety.

The kickoff to the week's activities was the hospital's float in the city's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. The theme of the float was patient safety and many hospital employees, family members and board members helped decorate the float and participated in the parade. The highlight of the week-long recognition was the Patient Safety Fair held March 17<sup>th</sup> and also was open to the public.

In the photo below, Cheryl Dobson - SJMH's Registered Dietetic Technician, exhibited healthy food choices, appropriate portion sizes, as well as safe food storage and handling.



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