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## **HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital NICU celebrates 55 years of care**

Providing more than 10,000 vulnerable babies expert care through the decades

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** – For 55 years, [HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital Newborn Intensive Care Unit](#) (NICU) has provided care to more than 10,000 of the most vulnerable babies from Northeast Wisconsin, the Lakeshore and Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The NICU at HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital is the first and longest-serving NICU in the Greater Green Bay community, with neonatal experts offering healing, growth and development for every infant they care for. From extremely premature infants to full term critically ill infants, the highly experienced team of professionals serving within the NICU provide every baby the best possible start in life.

Admitting a newborn to a NICU is more common than many realize. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), approximately one in 10 infants born in the United States each year are admitted to a NICU. Across Northeast Wisconsin, the Lakeshore and Upper Peninsula, it's estimated more than 60 babies in 2023 alone were transported from other area hospitals to HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital NICU to receive expert level care.

**As HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital recognizes 55 years of NICU care, it also honors September's NICU Awareness Month – a time to honor NICU families and the health professionals who care for them.**

"With a team that includes neonatologists, neonatal nurse practitioners, nurses, respiratory therapists and developmental therapists, we're equipped to offer expert level, compassionate care to all the babies that come through our doors," said James Burke, NICU Manager at HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital. "The fact that we've been providing specialized infant care for 55 years now is something our team is very proud of. We're here for families during some of the hardest moments in their lives and proud to continue to be here when families need us most."

Located just steps away from [HSHS St. Vincent Hospital's Women and Infants Center](#), where mothers give birth, the HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital NICU provides the dedication, expertise and technology needed to care for the most critical babies. Providing immediate, 24/7 care of infants born too early, with low birth weights, congenital birth defects or unanticipated difficulties that may happen during delivery, families can rest assured knowing they and their baby are in the best of hands.

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### **About HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital**

Located inside the walls of HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wis., HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital is Green Bay's first and only children's hospital. With every detail tailored to kids, HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital delivers exceptional health care to children while making them feel comfortable and supported. As a partner of Prevea Health, it has direct access to dedicated pediatricians and a wide variety of specialty care physicians. HSHS St. Vincent Children's

Hospital is also a member of the Children's Hospital Association, the voice for more than 220 children's hospitals nationwide. For more information about HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital, visit: [www.stvincentchildrenshospital.org](http://www.stvincentchildrenshospital.org)

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