

St. Joseph Medical Center

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St. Joseph Medical Center Announces Partnership with Baltimore 4 Wheelers for Snow and Emergencies

Towson, MD. St. Joseph Medical Center is pleased to announce a strategic partnership with Baltimore 4 Wheelers, Inc. (B4W), a non-profit, family-oriented organization with a 20-year history of uniting members interested in the art of safe and responsible four wheeling. In the event of a snow or other emergency, St. Joseph Medical Center now has a list of pre-registered, approved drivers with four-wheel drive vehicles available to transport necessary St. Joseph staff from their homes to the medical center.

To be approved by St. Joseph Medical Center, B4W volunteers met rigorous driving and vehicle standards, as well as completing a 4x4 Safety Awareness Clinic offered by United Four Wheel Drive Associations. B4W members have training, experience and equipment that serve to maximize safety while driving in adverse conditions. This includes conducting pre and post vehicle safety inspections and being prepared with the proper equipment such as tow straps, emergency kits and CB radios. "We continually strive to provide education to our members to promote responsible land use and practice safe four-wheel drive vehicle operation," said Doug Fritz of B4W.

"We are excited to be working with B4W to keep our community prepared and safe," said Jeffrey Hagen, St. Joseph's manager of Security and Emergency Preparedness. "Should an emergency occur, we are more prepared to provide necessary health care to the community."

To learn more about B4W visit the website at: <http://www.baltimore4wheelers.org/index.htm>.

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St. Joseph Medical Center is a 364-bed nonprofit, regional medical center in Towson, Md., and a member of Catholic Health Initiatives. Founded in 1864 by the Sisters of St. Francis, St. Joseph has been recognized by "U.S. News & World Report" as one of America's best orthopaedic facilities and is a nationally ranked Top 100 heart hospital. For more information about St. Joseph Medical Center, visit sjmcmd.org.