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PRESS RELEASE

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland receives donation of grand piano from Ludwig's

HIGHLAND— HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland now has a grand piano in their main hospital lobby, thanks to a generous donation from retired president and CEO John Ludwig and his wife Cindy.

Ludwig, who served as HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland president and CEO for over six years and retired this year, is relocating with his wife to Florida from the Highland area and wanted to gift the piano to the hospital. As the Ludwig's expressed, they were happy to share a piece of themselves with the hospital for people to remember them by as the hospital has held a place in their hearts. On Aug. 8, the hospital accepted the gift and held a brief ceremony thanking the Ludwig's and blessing them on their retirement journey.

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland President and CEO Chris Klay expressed his thanks to John Ludwig for his service to the hospital. He shared, "I am very thankful to John and Cindy for their generous donation as it will be a continuous reminder of John and his dedication to St. Joseph's Hospital and the Highland community. We look forward to colleagues, patients and visitors enjoying this beautiful piano." The hospital is currently getting the piano tuned and making final arrangements for its usage.

For more information about HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland, visit stjosephshighland.org.

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Photo Caption: HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland recently accepted the gift of a grand piano from John and Cindy Ludwig. Shown by the piano at a recent brief ceremony are (left to right): Jed Driemeyer, director of human resources; Chris Klay, president and CEO; John and Cindy Ludwig; Dave Garris, director of philanthropy; Dr. Dennis Szurkus, chief medical officer; Mark Ennen, director of financial operations; and Teri Mustain, executive assistant.

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