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Parking Assistance Reinstated at St. Joseph's Hospital

--Greeters available Monday - Friday--

Parkersburg, W.Va. – Officials at St. Joseph's Hospital announced that the facility has relaunched its parking assistance program. Parking assistance is offered at the hospital's Front Entrance from 7:30am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday by a team of greeters.

St. Joseph's CEO Jack Julius provided some background on the announcement. "In early January we ended our valet parking services," shared Julius. "After careful consideration and feedback from our valued patients and physicians, we were able to restructure the program to provide 'parking assistance' starting April 13."

Sister Joan Kreyenbuhl, Vice President of Mission and Ethics at St. Joseph's oversees the greeters who are available to park vehicles for those needing parking assistance. "First and foremost, our greeters are a friendly face to greet people coming to the hospital." The greeters other duties include keeping traffic moving under the hospital's covered drop-off and to help people into wheelchairs and into the building while they wait for their companions.

"We decided to name our program 'Parking Assistance' instead of 'valet'," said Kreyenbuhl. "By naming our service 'Parking Assistance' we felt it more appropriately defined our program as help for those that are disabled or unable to walk/maneuver long distances due to injury, post-surgery, wheelchairs, strollers or illness."

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