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ProMedica Partnership Shines a Light on a Pathway to Success

FOSTORIA, Ohio, February 8, 2022 – ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital, along with several area organizations, is proud to announce the EVS Plus Program. This program will offer residents at The City Mission the opportunity to earn three industry-recognized credentials that will enable them to use their skills to gain entry-level employment at local healthcare facilities; specifically to fill vacant Environmental Services and Nutritional Services positions.

This partnership includes ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital, Northwest State Community College, The City Mission, OhioMeansJobs-Hancock County, and the Fostoria Learning Center.

Students will complete 24 hours of curriculum in an industry-recognized Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) program, a 16-hour SERV Safe program and a 10-hour OSHA certification course to qualify them for employment at an area healthcare facility and for funding through OhioMeansJobs. In total, the course will be 50 hours of comprehensive training. All three courses will take place at the Fostoria Learning Center, beginning on February 8 with the CHEST course. The primary focus will be to train City Mission residents who are seeking entry level careers in healthcare.

The City Mission's workforce pathway programming continues to have a positive effect on their residents, the local community, and economy. As a result of the workforce programming, 11 of 13 participants in welding and manufacturing training programs are now employed. This new Healthcare Services Program will feature five participants.

"The City Mission is excited to be on this journey with such amazing partners," says Kathryn Bausman, executive director, City Mission. "This is the third class in our Workforce Development Program, each one has been different and has allowed us to offer a variety of opportunities to our guests."

"There are many things that impact a person's health – your job, your education, your lifestyle, and even where you live," says Tom Borer, vice president, Operations at ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital. "While clinical and medical care make up about 20% of your health, the other 80% is affected by your environment. This partnership will help the participants develop the necessary skills to enter the workforce, and we hope to provide them with an opportunity to be employed by a health and well-being organization like ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital that has been a staple in our community for more than 90 years," he adds. ProMedica will provide two instructors to assist learners as they strive to gain experience and credentials.

OhioMeansJobs-Hancock County continues to provide case management services to participants and funding these programs that are meeting the needs of local employers. “I am very excited to be able to partner with ProMedica, NSCC, City Mission, Fostoria Learning Center, and Fostoria Economic Development Corporation to offer training in an in-demand field,” says Randall Galbraith, director, Hancock County Jobs & Family Services. “The shortage of labor in the healthcare field is well documented, and this partnership will bring together an employer in need with a trained pool of potential employees.

The Fostoria Learning Center is a workforce refuge for all of the training programs throughout this partnership. To date, the Fostoria Learning Center has provided a facility for a welding program and a manufacturing program for residents of the City Mission.

“This EVS Plus program is so exciting because it was identified by the healthcare industry, and again, our various partners came together to make this opportunity a reality for the participants. As these collaborations grow, I continue to be overwhelmed with appreciation for our partners and pride in our participants,” says Renee Smith, executive director, Fostoria Economic Development Corporation.

If you would like more information about this partnership or any other local training programs, contact Matt Kibler at (567) 245-1259.

ProMedica Fostoria Hospital is a member of ProMedica, a mission-based, not-for-profit integrated healthcare organization headquartered in Toledo, Ohio. ProMedica serves communities in 28 states. The organization offers acute and ambulatory care, an insurance company with a dental plan, and post-acute and academic business lines. The organization has more than 56,000 employees, 13 hospitals, 2,100+ physicians and advanced practice providers with privileges, 900+ healthcare providers employed by ProMedica Physicians, a health plan, and nearly 400 assisted living facilities, skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, memory care communities, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, and hospice and home health care agencies. Driven by its mission to improve your health and well-being, ProMedica has been nationally recognized for its advocacy programs and efforts to address social determinants of health. For more information about ProMedica, please visit www.promedica.org/aboutus.

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