

When Every Minute Matters

Sue, a registered nurse at RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital, started what she thought would be a normal day of work on April 26, 2013, but it soon became a day she'd never forget. "I bent over to pick up something and experienced some pressure in my throat and chest," Sue said. "My heart was beating very fast as well."

When she asked for assistance, her supervisor put her on a stretcher and took her to the ER, where she was quickly diagnosed with a ruptured mitral valve. She was rushed via helicopter to Roper Hospital and had open heart surgery to repair the valve.

"I feel great now, but the recovery was difficult," Sue said. Fortunately, the rooftop helipad—funded 100 percent through philanthropy—had been completed earlier that year and saved critical minutes of travel time to the operating room.

In addition to the helipad, philanthropy made another impact in Sue's life. Thanks to the generosity of RSF teammates, Sue was able to get some help in an extremely difficult emergency situation via the **Employee Emergency Fund**.

"Just knowing the people you work with were so supportive," she said. "...it meant so much to be a part of the Roper St. Francis family."



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