

Sacred Stories

As CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

Compassion

Inclusion

Integrity

Excellence

Collaboration

Jesus Lit Up Our World

“No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.”

TEXT

- 1 Corinthians 10:24 NIV

Music can be a means of spiritual communication that transcends human understanding. We had such an experience during the Christmas season. Years ago, we had a wonderful schedule of events to celebrate the birth of our Lord. I had the privilege to organize and direct an employee choir. We sang a cantata titled “Jesus, Light of the World.” It was a wonderful experience for me, for the choir members and for those who listened to our presentations.

After we performed at the annual employee Christmas buffet, one of our chaplains told me about a hospital patient who loved music but was not expected to live more than a day or so. The chaplain asked if some of the choir members would go to the patient’s room and sing a few carols.

I sent an email to the choir, asking all who could to meet me at the patient’s room. Nearly all of the 34 choir members gathered around the bedside. With the patient’s family in the room, we sang the entire cantata for them. We could really feel God’s presence with us. But for the grace of God I’m not sure how we made it through. It was the most touching and memorable moment of my entire Christmas celebration.

SACRED STORY

I know it was a sacred moment for the patient and his family. I really appreciate sharing in the mission and healing ministry. I’ll never forget this 30-minute experience in which Jesus lit up our corner of the world in song.

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When have you demonstrated empathy to comfort another?

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION