

# News



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## **Good Samaritan Hospital and New Lebanon Local School District Announce Agreement**

**DAYTON, OHIO, October 9, 2009** – Good Samaritan Hospital and the New Lebanon Local School District today announced a 10-year, \$10,000 per year agreement for the hospital to support the high school's sports facilities and programs. The new agreement was announced at the Dixie High School football game where school administrators were presented with a check from Good Samaritan Hospital. The football stadium and other sports venues will soon include signage that reflects the partnership: *Dixie Athletic Programs supported by Good Samaritan Hospital*.

"We see our relationships with local schools as a part of our responsibility to bring health and wellness education to the community," said Mark Shaker, president and CEO of Good Samaritan Hospital. "In the past several years we have developed a number of programs that benefit not only the safety of athletes on the field, but also help young people learn more about careers in health sciences and offer wellness programs for school district employees."

The agreement between Good Samaritan and Dixie High School adds to the hospital's current support for sports medicine services and athletic training for its student athletes. Additionally, the relationship will include opportunities for employee wellness and student health care career education programs.

"Our students are already seeing the benefits of our relationship with Good Samaritan Hospital, both academically and athletically," said Dr. Barbara Curry, Superintendent of the New Lebanon Local Schools. "Our participation in the hospital's GSH 101 program earlier this year gave our students insight into the human anatomy and a great introduction to the many careers available in emergency medicine. In addition, we are receiving certified athletic services for our athletes. We look forward to developing a strong partnership with Good Samaritan Hospital."

**About Good Samaritan Hospital**

Good Samaritan Hospital ([www.goodsamdayton.org](http://www.goodsamdayton.org)) is a leading provider of innovative health-care services in Dayton, Ohio. The 600-bed hospital is a full-service teaching facility that delivers best-in-care cardiovascular, cancer, and orthopedic services, as well as advanced diagnostics and women's health services. It delivers the latest in outpatient treatment, rehabilitation and other services through its Good Samaritan North Health Center. The hospital has been awarded seven gold seal certifications from the Joint Commission – more than any hospital in Ohio – for its outstanding programs, including for heart failure, heart attack, coronary artery bypass surgery, breast cancer, total hip and knee replacement, and stroke care. Good Samaritan is also a recipient of the HealthGrades 2009 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, which places it among the top five percent of hospitals nationwide. These recognitions reflect the strength and talent of its staff of 600 physicians and 3,300 employees who are committed to excellence and to building a healthier community. Good Samaritan Hospital, along with Miami Valley Hospital, Atrium Medical Center and Upper Valley Medical Center, is a member of the Premier Health Partners system.

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