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Dan Hein Activities/Athletics Director at Wausau West High School; Jennifer Rhea, Director of Clinic Operations for Ministry Medical Group, Jeb Steckbauer, Principal Wausau West High School.

Ministry Medical Group Sports Physical Program Provides Nearly \$3,000 to Area Schools

Another season of WIAA Sports Physicals is in the books at Ministry Medical Group Clinic's in Rib Mountain, Weston and Merrill.

Each year, Ministry Medial Group provides pre-participation sports physicals for \$25 in the months of June, July and August for students entering grades six through twelve. As a part of the program, all proceeds are donated to the athletic department of each participant's school.

This year, nearly 175 students took part in the program with donations totaling nearly \$3,000 which will be shared with athletic departments of 25 area schools whose students took part in the program.

After many successful years at other Ministry Medical Group locations, the Sports Physical program was launched in the Weston/Wausau area in 2005. It was expanded to Merrill with the opening of the Ministry Medical Group Clinic located on the 4th Floor of Ministry Good Samaritan Health Center in 2010. In total, nearly \$25,000 has been returned to area schools as a part of the program at these locations.

"We hope this provides a valuable service to area student athletes and their families while giving something back to the programs in their respective schools," said Ministry Medical Group Director of Clinic Operations, Jennifer Rhea.

Schools that will receive donations from the 2013 Ministry Medical Group Sports Physical program include: DC Everest Junior, Middle and Senior High, Faith Christian Academy, Horace Mann Middle School, John Muir Middle School, Marathon High School, Marshfield Senior High, Merrill High School, Mosinee Middle and High School, Newman Catholic High School, Northland Lutheran High School, Prairie River Middle School-Merrill, St. Peters Lutheran- Schofield, St. John Lutheran School-Merrill, Stratford High School, Stevens Point Area Senior High, Tomahawk High School, Wausau East High School, Wausau West High School.

The physicals meet school and WIAA requirements, but are not intended to replace regular check-ups with a child's physician.

Ministry Medical Group, the physician-directed division of Ministry Health Care, consists of clinics located throughout northern and central Wisconsin. Multiple locations offer convenient access to quality primary and specialty care services, along with consistently well-managed, cost-effective care.

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