



I stand with WISHARD

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Raised as the son of a physician in New York City, Dr. Clark J. Simons came to Wishard in 2000 with a good understanding of what to expect as a doctor at a busy metropolitan hospital. After finishing his trauma fellowship at the University of Maryland, he received numerous job offers. However, he was attracted to Wishard because of its core mission to advocate, care, teach and to serve the community as a whole.

“Everyone here has the same agenda. We are here to take care of people,” Clark explains. “We see patients who are victims of trauma, as well as people who don’t have a lot of financial means. So there is a sense from the staff working here that we are helping out society and giving back to the community.”

As Assistant Chief of Surgery at the IU/Wishard Level I Trauma Center and Clinical Instructor of Surgery, Department of Surgery of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Clark is both a doctor and teacher. Through these two roles at Wishard, he not only gets to treat patients – many of whom have severe traumatic injuries – but also is able to teach future physicians in one of only two adult Level I trauma centers in Indiana.

These unique experiences are rewarding. “Being here at Wishard has been a very fulfilling opportunity for me,” Clark says. “I feel like this place

is my home and everyone who works here is my family. I love taking care of the patients here and I am very happy about being at Wishard.” Clark has a clear understanding of Wishard’s importance to the community. Without Wishard, he believes, Indianapolis would be left with a large void and many patients would have no place to turn for critical care.

“There are a great number of patients who are here who would not get healthcare otherwise,” he says. “Without Wishard there would be a lot of people who would remain sick and wouldn’t get the healthcare they need.” ●

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Wishard operates one of only two comprehensive adult Level I trauma centers in the state of Indiana and its Emergency Department is the single busiest in the state. In 2006, the Emergency Department provided over 97,000 patient visits.