

STAND WITH WISHARD



LISA HARRIS, MD
CEO & Medical Director

I stand with Wishard because Wishard stands by the people who need us most. And while Indiana's oldest and largest public healthcare system has continued to innovate – creating nationally renowned services, the most advanced medical care and strong community alliances – our ongoing purpose and guiding principle remain the same. Wishard dedicates itself – as it has for over 150 years – to advocate, care, teach and serve, with a special emphasis on the vulnerable populations of Marion County, and without regard to a person's ability to pay.

Every patient deserves compassion and the best care possible, which is why we've formed a close affiliation with the expert faculty physicians of the IU School of Medicine, created the state's first Level I trauma center and provided access to care across the continuum of life.

Wishard stands for a higher purpose, one that's vitally important to the people of our community. I invite you to stand with Wishard and to help ensure that its services are always available to the people who need them most.

Cordially,
Lisa Harris, MD
CEO & Medical Director
Wishard Health Services



FRANCISCA PEREZ
& HER SON MARTIN
Patients of
Pecar Health Center

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Francisca Perez chooses Pecar Health Center, one of eight Wishard community health centers, for all of her family's medical needs because of the quality, convenience and care it provides.*

Francisca came to the United States in 1991. She speaks little English but is part of a tight-knit family and community. Living only three minutes from Pecar, she picks up the phone to schedule an appointment if her children are ever feeling ill. Over the years, she has developed a trusting relationship with many members of the Pecar staff, not only because of the amount of times she has had to visit the center, but also because of the friendly attitude of the staff members, most of whom are bilingual.

Her youngest son, Martin, is a typical three-year-old boy. He enjoys going to the park and playing with toy cars. Martin was born at Wishard in May of 2004. After witnessing birthing experiences at other hospitals, Francisca said the choice to have her youngest at Wishard was not a difficult one.

"It's better at Wishard. Everyone is treated the same here, whether they have private insurance or are on Medicaid, Medicare or Wishard Advantage," she says.

When Martin was born, Deanna Reinoso, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the IU School of Medicine and a pediatrician at Pecar, discovered not only that Martin had a heart murmur, but that he also suffered from asthma. Dr. Reinoso's quick diagnosis helped to ensure that Martin now leads a normal, healthy life.

Francisca recently learned that a new pharmacy has opened at Pecar and is excited to have so many convenient services in the same building. She also uses the Women, Infant and Children Services (WIC) and the financial counseling services available there.

"Wishard offers a lot of help for the Hispanic community. They not only have good doctors and nurses but wonderful interpreters as well. If Wishard didn't exist, it would be much more difficult for my family and me to get quality healthcare." ●

**Names have been changed for the privacy of our patients.*