

## SUFFERING HAS MANY FACES, BUT SO DO MIRACLES.

*Meet eight patients, examples of the hundreds who are blessed because Rogers Memorial Hospital has spiritual care available to those who seek it.*

**Susan** purges 25 times a day in order to feel good enough for God. *Susan was desperate to hear about God's grace.*

**Bill**, an anesthesiologist, whispers to our chaplain in the hall that he has "found Jesus" in our impaired professional program after ruining his career in medicine through prescription drug abuse. *Bill discovered God was closer than he thought.*

**Peter** breaks down in group during the reading of the story of the prodigal son at the part where the father runs out to greet the lost son. He acknowledges he has felt dead and lost. *Peter wept when he realized that his heavenly Father was not like his earthly one.*

**Alice** washes her hands and face until they are raw and wakes up to another day of spending 8 hours doing her Obsessive/Compulsive checking and counting routines before entering a room. She does this to make sure the room is safe from the childhood abuser who was once waiting for her behind a door. *Alice discovered a God who was safe and could be trusted.*

**Dana** eats inconceivable amounts of food 3 or 4 times a day in order to numb the feelings of worthlessness and meaninglessness to her life. *Dana needed to hear about God's wonderful plan and purpose for her life.*

**Karen** uses 200 laxatives a day because she says that the sharp pains in her empty stomach are better than the agony she feels when she thinks of her mother. *Karen needed to hear about the freedom of forgiveness.*

**Sarah**, at age 17, attempts suicide for the second time. She insists on taking the feeding tube out of her nose, because she is sure God is tired of her and her problems. *Sarah needed to know God does not get weary or tired and that his mercies.*

**Pauline** becomes a Christian on a medical mission's trip, but comes home to face her mother's unexpected and untimely death. Anger at God keeps her from eating much for 3 ½ years. *It took her 250 days in treatment before she was ready to ask the question, "Why does God allow suffering?"*