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Dear LHS counselors:

I am contacting you in hopes that Aurora Medical Center of Manitowoc County can help your students with interest in the field of physical and occupational therapy or sports rehabilitation on their journey into the profession.

One of the best ways to be successful in a career is gaining meaningful experience and networking with influential people. Little options currently exist for high schoolers or early post-secondary schoolers to gain meaningful experience in physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), or sports health at this time which may deter highly qualified students from pursuing this rewarding career path. Aurora would like to provide that meaningful experience and networking opportunities in a unique and more in-depth way.

PT and OT careers have a very promising outlook nationwide. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment of physical therapists and occupational therapists are expected to grow 25% and 21% respectively over the next 10 years, much faster than growth for other occupations. The job outlook in Manitowoc County for PT and OT is also very promising.

Qualities important to success in these careers include high levels of compassion, interpersonal skills, resourcefulness and time-management.

Please reach out to any students who may be interested in volunteering in one of our outpatient locations and/or our hospital location with the physical therapy, occupational therapy or sports health departments and ask them to contact Patty LeClair, volunteer coordinator, at 794-5115 or myself at 793-7579 to discuss how a volunteer opportunity can help them along their career path. Volunteering in the PT and OT department will provide experience interacting with patients and families, maintaining a clean and orderly treatment area, using therapy specific equipment and interventions, and much more. Ideally, we'd like to have a commitment of 50-100 hours or more over the tenure of their volunteer experience and we are VERY flexible with days of the week and times of the day. The number of hours per week is also extremely flexible.

Sincerely,

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