

William Marks

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In addition to his current role at HCMC in downtown Minneapolis, Marks is active in the community, serves on the board of directors for Twin Cities' Metro Meals on Wheels, and is an adjunct clinical instructor for the University of Minnesota Department of Food Science and Nutrition. Some of the accomplishments of Marks and his team at HCMC include becoming the first hospital in the nation to eliminate all trans fats in all used food products; becoming the first hospital to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to children under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Summer Food Program, serving 3,100 meals each summer; significantly increasing patient satisfaction with meals; and implementing source-separated recycling, directing 72 tons of organic waste into composting and out of traditional waste streams.