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## **BJC Healthcare named Pattonville Partner of Year**

BJC HealthCare School Outreach and Youth Development was recently named the Pattonville School District School-Business Partner of the Year for its support and services to Pattonville children. Each year, the Pattonville School District honors local businesses that take the lead in partnering with the district to help provide a better education for its children.

“BJC has long been a supporter of the students of the Pattonville School District,” said Patty Gould, Pattonville’s director of school-business partnerships. “Their interest and caring attitude toward the well being of children and teaching them life-long skills is endless.”

This past year BJC, in collaboration with Missouri Baptist Hospital, brought a nutrition and exercise program to the fourth- and fifth-grade students. “Fun”tastic Nutrition taught students the need for good eating habits and exercise. Vitamins and minerals, restaurant eating and healthy snacks also were covered. A registered dietician from the BJC Outreach and Youth Development program taught these classes.

Other programs that taught nutrition facts included the Sneakers program and an after-school program, Star Trackers. Each program taught the importance of making healthy food choices, exercise and self-esteem. All these programs were provided at no cost to the district or the students.

BJC also has provided a hands-on Safety Town at Parkwood Elementary School, Health and Science Career Days to the middle schools and ongoing opportunities to Pattonville High School students to job shadow at BJC facilities.

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