

THIS WEEK

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



Left: Felicia A. Murphy is presented with the Employee of the Month certificate for November by Mr. Adler Voltaire, CAO and is congratulated by Ms. Daphne Yaun, H. R. Director.



Right: Felicia is pictured sitting in front of a group of co-workers from the Admit/Registration Department who were on hand for the celebration.

Felicia Murphy was recognized last month as Employee of the Month for November. Co-worker Tonya Howard nominated Felicia by writing, "Felicia is always willing to help anywhere she is needed. She knows how to multi-task. Felicia has worked late without ever complaining and she is the 'go to person' whenever there is a problem. Felicia always performs her duties with a smile and maintains a positive attitude at all times. It has been a pleasure to work with her. Ms. Felicia Murphy truly exemplifies our Core Values. Felicia's immediate supervisor, Marilyn D. McClain and Department Director Melissa Barras were in concurrence in this nomination.

Congratulations Felicia!

Employee Assistance



Irene H. Williams,
Counselor Human Resources
Employee Assistance
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Hours of Operation:
8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.
Accommodations for
emergency appointments
can be made.

Irene H. Williams, the Employee Assistance Counselor is now located in the Hutchinson Building, Room 121. Services are free and confidential and include: Management Consultation, Counseling and Referrals for Housing, Stress Management, Anger Management, Family, Conflict Resolution, Intervention and Management of Aggressive Behavior Instructor (I.M.A.B.), Health and Wellness Programs, Occupational and Career Counseling.

As the Employee Recognition Chairperson, I invite you to complete the forms for Employee of the Month Nomination. There is an electronic version of the nomination form. Please e- mail me with a request of the form. This year is coming to an end, and the Medical Center of Louisiana family has been blessed with dedicated employees and staff. The Employee Recognition Committee would like very much if you would assist us throughout the new year by nominating deserving employees for the "Employee of the Month" program. The Employee of the Year is selected from the twelve honored employees.

"The Holiday Blues!"

Do you suffer from the "blues" during the holiday season?
Join us at a free informative session to learn about this condition.
When: Monday, December 8, 2008 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Hospital Educational Development/ HIS Classroom.

Topics:

Budgeting & Shopping
"Do I have to buy expensive gifts?"
Handling the guilt of not being ready for the Holiday.
Resources for Home Buying
Understanding your Credit Report
Bereavement and Depression during the Holidays.

For More Info: Call 903-1085 or 579-3453

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HOP Holds Remembrance "Celebration of Life"



*THIS WEEK
thanks
Peggy Vicknair
for her
assistance!*



Above:
Brian Bode, LCSW,
fondly remembers a
patient that passed
away.

A "Celebration of Life" ceremony was held at the HIV Outpatient Clinic (HOP) to remember patients and staff that have lost their battle with HIV/AIDS. This is the first time since before Hurricane Katrina that the clinic has recognized those that have passed away. As part of the ceremony a live tree was decorated with individual ornaments. Staff members spoke of specific individuals who had touched their hearts and poems written by a deceased patient were read.



Above, center: Staff remembers patients that have lost their struggle with HIV/AIDS by placing ornaments on a live tree. Pictured from left to right: Laura Finnegan, Cheri Culver, Darlene Robertson, Dr. Besch, Audrey Savoy, Sheryl Wilson, and Linda Tyler.

Below: Dr. C. Lynn Besch, HIV Division Director, discusses how HIV/AIDS related stigma within the medical community has lessened in the last 10 yrs.



Become a Nurse Preceptor

Jessica Gelpi (below left) is from the most recent group of nursing students to have had their clinical preceptor experience at Interim LSU Public Hospital. Jane Decuers, RN is seen showing Jessica equipment used by a sexual nurse examiners, (S.A.N.E.) The preceptor program is so successful that recently the curriculum was changed to increase clinical hours from 96 to 180. This was done since the clinical experience has been well



Nursing student, Jessica Gelpi (L) with Jane Decuers, R.N.

received by the students and volunteer nurses. To illustrate, Sheri Pellagalle, RN (not pictured) wrote, *"the student is an asset to the nursing profession! I've enjoyed my preceptor experience VERY much!! Thank you for this opportunity."* With the increased hours in the clinical area, the students gain experience and confidence.

We need additional nurses to become preceptors to help guide our students from LSU School of Nursing to a successful career in nursing. The State Board of Nursing regulations require preceptors to have a BSN and two years experience.



Nursing student, Daphne Milton (L) with Nina Harris, RN Preceptor.

If you are interested, contact:

John Jones, RN, MN, NEA-BC Director of Clinical Affiliations
504- 903-3711.

Pain Management

CME (as well as hospital-required in-services) are available for MCLNO physicians on Web In-service. Go to www.webinservice.com/lisu. Log on and then Self-Enroll E-Learning. Select facility—Physicians and then self-enroll for the module(s) that interest you. Completion is recorded in your e-learning transcript.



Pain Management The Online Series

Pain is one of the most common reasons patients seek medical attention, and is a symptom that is encountered by every physician, crossing all medical specialties. According to American Pain Society estimates, 75 million people are partially or totally disabled by pain and 45 percent of all Americans seek care for persistent pain at some point in their lives.

- Module 1: Pathophysiology of Pain and Pain Assessment**
- Module 2: Overview of Management Options**
- Module 3: Barriers to Pain Management and Pain in Special Populations**
- Module 4: Assessing and Treating Pain in Patients with Substance Abuse Concerns**
- Module 5: Assessing and Treating Pain in Older Adults**
- Module 6: Pediatric Pain Management**
- Module 7: Assessing & Treating Persistent Nonmalignant Pain: An Overview**
- Module 8: Assessing and Treating Persistent Nonmalignant Pain: Common Persistent Pain Conditions**
- Module 9: Assessing and Treating Neuropathic Pain**
- Module 10: Overview and Assessment of Cancer Pain**
- Module 11: Cancer Pain: Pharmacotherapy**
- Module 12: Management of Cancer Pain: Other Analgesic Approaches and End-of-Life Care**

Modules Release date, September 2007.
Expiration date, December 2009.

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National Influenza (Flu) Vaccination Week December 8 - 14

Receiving the Flu Vaccine is the number one strategy in preventing the Flu. Other control measures include implementing standard and droplet precautions for infected individuals, and Respiratory Hygiene / Cough Etiquette. Refer to policy 2.00 "Standard Precautions" and 11.00 - Isolation Precautions, in the Infection Control manual for a review of the process. Protect yourself and our patients "GET Vaccinated"

Luke's House, a free clinic for the homeless, is seeking volunteers for their Tuesday night clinics. Volunteer nurses, EMTs, social workers, psychologist, psychiatrists, and pharmacists are needed. Volunteers to work registration, be greeters and offer general help are also in need. Clinic hours, Tue. 6pm-8pm. If you are interested please contact: Tom Grissom **504-444-7879** or email lukeshouseclinic@gmail.com

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Christmas Giving



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helping homeless veterans

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A special note:

Lane Carson, Secretary of LA Department of Veterans Affairs, will attend Stand Down 2008 as the event is kicked off, 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10. Mike McNaughton (LDVA veterans outreach coordinator) and Alainna R. Giacone, Press Secretary LA Department of Veterans Affairs will accompany the Secretary. They will have a table with literature outlining VA benefits and services. Veteran Service Officers, representing LDVA, are scheduled to be on hand both days of the event.

Thanks to all of you who have donated and plan to donate to this effort.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to

Joan Heck and Jay Buras who each donated \$250.00. Their combined \$500.00 will allow us to purchase 100 blankets, caps and more for the homeless veterans.

With the other money raised, useful items will be purchased. More details on this as they develop.

Others who have given include:

Joyce Williams and her department.

Yolanda McPherson Lloyd

Nick Nichols

Others who have donated and are assisting in collecting funds are: **Stacy Wisniewski, Felicia Gary, Tracy Narcisse and Bernice Duplessis.**

If I've missed listing your name please contact me.

If you wish to give please contact me or one of the names in listed in green.

**Thank you for your caring and charitable spirit!
Our employees are truly special people!!!**

December Blood Drive

Date: Monday, Dec. 15th

Time: 10 am—4pm

Location: Interim LSU Public Hospital (basement/in the back of the cafeteria.)

Bloodmobile will park by Ambulatory Clinics, 1450 Poydras Street.

Donors will receive a free cholesterol test and the choice of a: Travel Mug or Family Blood Coverage.

Don't forget to bring your ID and eat a good meal before donating. Thank you!

The Trauma Services in conjunction with the Louisiana State Police (Troop B) will deliver toys for Christmas to the Pediatric patients at Tulane and Children's Hospital. Santa will be on hand to deliver the toys on December 22nd. Any donations of new unwrapped toys or money/gift cards will be appreciated and can be brought to the Trauma Committee Meetings on Dec. 8th or 15th, or the Trauma office on 7th Floor, (C701).

Thank you, Dan P. Kiff, RN, MN, Trauma Program Manager 903-3789



From: Rev. Jerry Bass, Chaplain
(O) 903-3175 or 903-6705 (B) 213-1652

- ~ Roman Catholic Mass has been suspended each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. until further notice.
- ~ A Christian Interdenominational Service is held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the hospital Chapel, 2nd floor.
- ~ The Spiritual Care Summit, 2009 will be held February 1-4 at the Resort & Convention Center Walt Disney World, Florida.

Who should attend? Care providers in all human service settings interested or engaged in the provision of spiritual care – including: nurses, social workers, physicians, bereavement counselors, psychologists, administrators, parish clergy and all spiritual care practitioners.

Visit www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org for up-to-date program & registration information.



*THIS WEEK
thanks
Laurie L. Smith
for her
assistance!*