

## Nursing update



### **We're among the best and so are you!**

We recently learned that Via Christi Hospital St. Francis and Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph are among the elite group of hospitals nationwide to receive a Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence Award from Healthgrades. To make that list, hospitals must be in the nation's top 5 percent for having the lowest risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates across at least 21 of 32 common conditions and procedures.

"This award reflects the work that you do every day as nurses, with our teammates, to keep our patients safe and ensure that they are receiving the highest quality care," says Carla Yost, system chief nursing officer. "Your individual efforts are collectively helping us move the needle in making quality improvements.

"The award also reflects the day-to-day dedication you've demonstrated during this even worse than usual flu season," says Carla. "You have truly stepped up—floating to other units and extending your shifts and picking up extra ones to fill in for a sick teammate."

On behalf of the entire Nursing leadership team, thank you, thank you, thank you!

### **Volunteers needed next weekend for Women's Fair**

Via Christi will have a big presence at next week's Women's Fair and volunteers are needed to do blood pressure checks at the Via Christi booth during the three-day event held each year at the Century II Expo Hall.

Helping out at the event is a lot of fun and a great way to fulfill your Professional Development Program requirements.

You'll receive two free passes to the event along with a pair of flashing red glasses as Via Christi joins the American Heart Association and Go Red for Women—and provide potentially life-saving information to the hundreds of women stopping by our booth.

Times that still need to be filled are as follows: 3:15-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16; 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 2:30 – 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17; and 10:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 2:15-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18. Please email [roz.hutchinson@ascension.org](mailto:roz.hutchinson@ascension.org) or call her at 316-719-334.

### **Free tickets for Via Christi Night at WSU Women's Basketball**

As a Via Christi associate, you can get two free tickets for the WSU vs. Houston Women's Basketball game that tips off at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, just by showing your badge at the ticket office. Plus all girls 17 and under get in free that day and additional tickets for other family members can be purchased for just \$5 each.