

Nursing update



Nurses Week: A time to celebrate you!

In keeping with tradition, special Masses and prayer services recognizing nurses and their clinical and non-clinical teammates will be held during Via Christi's annual Nurses Week celebration, May 6 – 12, which coincides with Healthcare Team Week. Go to the Source for times and locations throughout the week.

This year, each hospital unit will be holding drawings for a chance to win a pair of specially designed compression socks celebrating the profession of nursing.

In addition, cookies will be delivered on all hospital units and a small commemorative item delivered to all nurses serving at Via Christi Hospitals and Via Christi Clinics.

You're also invited to take part in all the Healthcare Team Week fun that has been planned by location, for which you'll find details on the Source.

Going the extra mile

A woman who was heading back to Minnesota with her husband in their motor home when he became sick and needed to go to the ER recently sent an extremely positive note about their stay. All of the staff they encountered in the ER, she says, treated them "very well and professionally, especially Danna (Abu-Jamileh) in the ER and a resident, Dr. Hartpence."

That exceptional care continued once he was admitted to the hospital and transferred to the 7th floor, she said, noting in particular the care provided by Chelsey Hilley, RN; Morgan Stanhope, PCT, and Marc Swink, LPN.

She especially wanted to thank Facilities staff, who helped them get their motor home parked and connected to an outlet so she could see at night and their food in the fridge cold. Jeffrey later found her so that he could introduce her to Security staff members, who provided transport back and forth to the couple's RV.

"We think this is beyond expectations and were amazed at the kindness," she wrote, describing the hospitality and care we'd all want for ourselves and our loved ones, particularly when far from home. Great job!

More kudos

Congratulations to Reva Kassik, RN, at Via Christi Clinic, recognized this week as the KSN Nurse of the Month. Her anonymous nominator noted her passion for Nursing and teaching and the respect that generates from patients, physicians and peers!