



The power of one

If you ever wondered how much of a difference one person can make in the lives of those receiving care at Via Christi, you need look no further than Sonia Barron, who for the past years has served as a housekeeper on 7N.

In the Environmental Services area at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis, you'll see numerous cards from patients and patient families about Sonia displayed on the department's "Wall of Honor."

"Everybody always comments on Sonia when we do rounding," says her supervisor Concepcion Vela, who describes Sonia as being as conscientious about her interactions with patients and families as she is about keeping their rooms clean and infection-free. "Her attitude is always positive and people remember her for her kindness."

Says system CNO Carla Yost, who recently attended an EVS associate potluck: "Seeing the cards and reading how Sonia and her colleagues have impacted those in our care was so impressive. It really does reflect the power that each of us has to make a lasting impression."

Time to celebrate you!

In May, Via Christi Health will celebrate associates' contributions to person-centered care throughout our hospitals and clinics during Nurses Week, May 6-12, and Hospital/Healthcare Team Week, which begins May 8. Nursing associates may wear a solid color-of-their-choice shirt under their scrubs, from 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, until 7 a.m. Friday, May 15. Other activities include food trucks offering entrees and dessert in Wichita, ice cream sundaes being provided in Pittsburg and a cook-out in Manhattan.

In Wichita, Via Christi Nursing will recognize their clinical and non-clinical teammates as part of the noon Mass at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis on Monday, May 8, and the noon Mass at Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph on Wednesday, May 10. Prayer services will be held at noon at Via Christi Hospital St. Teresa, Behavioral Health and Rehab Hospital. In Manhattan, a special noon prayer service will celebrate associates' service on Friday, May 5; in Pittsburg, a special all-associate noon Mass will be held in the chapel on Monday, May 8.

Also, if you haven't reserved a table for the Wednesday, May 10, Clinical Excellence Day, please do so now so we can determine whether there is sufficient interest in holding the event again this year. Simply mail colleen.pate@viachristi.org and let her know whether you'll be participating in the 7:30 to 9 a.m. event at the Guadalupe Conf. Room at St. Francis or the McNamara Conf. Center at St. Joseph. Watch the Source for a complete list of activities celebrating you and your teammates during this special week!