HONORING MERCY’S 2015 CAREFUL NURSING AWARD WINNERS

The 2015 Nursing Professional Development Ladder (PDL) portfolios demonstrated the high quality of nursing care at Mercy. Congratulations to the following Careful Nursing award winners for their exemplary work in the Careful Nursing dimensions:

- **Therapeutic Milieu**: Patricia Hensley, NICU
- **Practice Competence and Excellence**: Jennifer Mockus, CSICU
- **Management of Practice and Influence in the Health Systems**: Laura Obley, NICU
- **Professional Authority**: Anna Valdez, Central Campus Birthing Center

Careful Nursing evolves from almost 200 years of nursing practice by the Sisters of Mercy. In support of the Sisters’ legacy, our nurses use the Careful Nursing Model to help frame a remarkable Mercy Experience in the care provided to everyone we serve.

As a result of continued research by Therese Meehan and colleagues from Dublin, Ireland, and University of Wellington in New Zealand, the Careful Nursing Model continues to advance and evolve. More information is available about Careful Nursing on MercyNet.

*Jennifer Mockus, RN, CSICU, (center), was recognized in the area of Practice Competence and Excellence. She is joined by (l-r): Mary Brown, chief nursing officer; Felicia Miedema, associate chief nursing officer; Suzanne Tovar, former unit director; Julie Weldon, RN educator; and Wendy Miller, associate chief nursing officer.*

*Patricia Hensley, RN, NICU, (front left), was recognized for nursing excellence in Therapeutic Milieu, and Laura Obley, RN, NICU, (front right), for Management of Practice and Influence in Health Systems. Joining in presentation of the awards were (l-r) Wendy Miller, associate chief nursing officer; Mary Brown, chief nursing officer; Dawn Schwartz, unit nursing director; Julie Weldon, RN educator; and Felicia Miedema, associate chief nursing officer.*

*Anna Valdez, RN, Mother/Baby, (center), was recognized for nursing excellence in Professional Authority. Presenting her with the award were (l-r): Mary Brown, chief nursing officer; Julie Weldon, RN educator; Patti Anderson, unit director; and Felicia Miedema, associate chief nursing officer.*
**MERCY VERIFIED AS LEVEL II ADULT AND PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER**

Mercy’s dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients of all ages has formally been recognized by the American College of Surgeons with the recent verification as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center. Mercy was also re-verified as a Level II Adult Trauma Center.

The verification process confirms Mercy has the resources and expertise needed to care for all trauma patients – including 24-hour immediate coverage by trauma surgeons and other health care specialists. Mercy also has the area’s only pediatric board-certified neurosurgeon and two trauma fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeons. Other specialists include emergency medicine, anesthesiology, radiology, critical care, rehabilitation and plastic and reconstructive surgery providers.

“Mercy Trauma Services has always provided exceptional care, but this validates our dedication to having the best trauma care available to patients of all ages, 24/7,” said Dr. Willie McClaren, trauma medical director at Mercy. “Members of the community can trust Mercy will provide outstanding care for injured patients.”

The Mercy Trauma Center is part of the Mercy Emergency Department located on the north side of Mercy’s central campus. The Mercy Emergency Department provides care to more patients than any other hospital in the state of Iowa.

**MISSION ON THE MOVE PROJECTS FLOURISH**

Cold weather didn’t stop the warm-hearted Mercy Family from helping people in need throughout the community! Special thanks go out to those who responded so generously to our Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service activities by preparing breakfast casseroles and hard boiled eggs to be served by the Salvation Army. Through our efforts, we distributed approximately 800 aluminum tins and filled vans to the brim with food for future meals for the homeless. This effort translates to feeding warm food to more than 5,000 people in need.

“Working within the community to help people in need is a wonderful tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” said Jacquie Easley, Mercy’s director of diversity services. “To have this level of participation from the Mercy Family is a testament to the organization’s commitment to extend our mission beyond the walls of the hospital.”

In addition, many Mercy staff donated new sweatshirts, sweatpants and socks for our patients who may be in need as they leave the hospital. These items are greatly appreciated as well!

Feeding the hungry and clothing those without protection are key to the Mission of Mercy. Again thank you for your generosity and commitment to serving the vulnerable of our community.

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**CELEBRATE NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH**

Since 1970, January has been designated as National Blood Donor Month to remind the public about the importance of donating blood. This is also a time to thank blood donors for the vital role they play in providing a safe and adequate blood supply to hospitals within their communities.

In honor of National Blood Donor Month, Mercy is teaming up with LifeServe Blood Center to host a blood drive on Friday, Jan. 29. The blood drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Tower Auditorium at Mercy’s central campus. Appointments can be made by emailing mackerman@mercydesmoines.org or walk-ins will be permitted as the schedule allows.

**Live up and DONATE BLOOD**

Friday, Jan. 29
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
East Tower Auditorium
Mercy central campus

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Mercy Family members provided enough warm food to feed more than 5,000 hungry people in need. Omar Pedraza Ramirez, courier, helps load up food for delivery to the Salvation Army.