TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO
NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR THE 2016 SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARD

Today is the last day to nominate someone who inspires you for the Spirit of Mercy Award, created to recognize Mercy colleagues who exemplify Mercy’s Mission and Vision.

The process for nominating a colleague was recently simplified to better assure everyone can easily nominate someone they think lives the Spirit of Mercy values. Complete instructions are on the form included in the link below.

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– Jan Fick, NICU nurse

Nominations will be reviewed by a team representing the Mission Advisory Committee and the Staff Advisory Council. Four finalists will be selected and recognized at the annual staff service awards dinner on April 28. From these four, the 2016 Spirit of Mercy Award Winner will be announced and awarded with a trip to Ireland to visit the original House of Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy International Centre!

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY!
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NB7H53G

CELEBRATE DONATE LIFE MONTH!

Each year in April, we celebrate Donate Life Month, to raise awareness of eye, organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Join us for these upcoming special events!

Flag Raising Ceremony
Friday, April 1
10 a.m.  Mercy West Lakes
Noon  Mercy Central Campus
Join us around the flag pole at each location to honor those who have given to save others.

Ecumenical Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Wednesday, April 20
Noon-1 p.m., East Tower Auditorium
Attend a service celebrating life through donation and transplant. Refreshments will be provided.
Each year the National Patient Safety Foundation sets aside time to highlight and recognize the importance of patient safety. This year, Mercy is celebrating National Patient Safety week with the theme United in Safety. When we are united in safety, we can renew our shared commitment to practice behaviors and techniques proven to prevent and reduce errors and harm to our patients, therefore creating a safe workplace. Below are a few highlights from our SafetyFirst program:

- We started our SafetyFirst journey in 2012. Safety is important to our Mission – our commitment to quality care that is safe, personalized, comprehensive and collaborative.
- In April 2015, we started a Safety Coach Program. These individuals are a valuable asset in our journey to high reliability.
- Our Leadership Rounding to Influence (RTI) has started. The purpose of the RTI is to ensure the use of our error prevention tools in our everyday work. Our leaders are engaging staff in conversations about their knowledge and use of our error prevention tools.

As we recognize National Patient Safety Week and celebrate our success during the last few years, it’s important to keep our goal in mind – zero events of preventable harm by 2020. Together, United in Safety, we can accomplish this goal!