MERCY HEALTH NETWORK EXPANDS TO INCLUDE WHEATON IOWA

The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters finalized an agreement making Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Iowa (Wheaton Iowa) part of Mercy Health Network (MHN) effective May 1.

Wheaton Iowa is a faith-based 511-bed, not-for-profit, comprehensive health care provider offering acute levels of medical care at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls, and Mercy Hospital in Oelwein. Its services in the region also include Covenant Clinic, with more than 107 primary care and specialty providers; Covenant Foundation; Sartori Health Care Foundation; and Mercy Hospital Foundation.

“As an Iowa-based health care system with access to two national sponsors, MHN is positioned to best meet the needs of patients, families, employers, insurers and communities throughout the state,” said Dave Vellinga, president & CEO of MHN. “Together, we strive to be the premier health care system offering the highest value to those we serve by improving quality of health care, increasing accessibility of care, enhancing services to patients and their families and reducing costs.”

Wheaton Iowa’s operations are strategically positioned to strengthen Mercy’s network of hospitals and clinics, and enhance our ability to provide continuity of care throughout Iowa for patients, payers and employers. With the addition of the Wheaton Iowa facilities, MHN has 42 hospitals representing more than one-third of the hospitals throughout the state, expanding our regional network of health care services to meet the growing needs of patients and families across Iowa and the region.

You can learn more about Wheaton Iowa at www.WheatonIowa.org.

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TO OUR GREAT MERCY NURSES!

DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK, MAY 6-12, Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines offers special recognition to our nurses and the many roles they play – caregiver, advocate, teacher, encourager. Across Mercy, our nurses coordinate care to improve patient outcomes in all settings, and assure a remarkable Mercy Experience for everyone we are privileged to serve.
Performance Culture Assessment (PCA) extended to May 16

The Performance Culture Assessment (PCA) has been extended, and will now be closing on Monday, May 16. All colleagues who were on staff as of Dec. 31, 2015, should have received an email from HealthStream (our third party survey vendor) with a link to the confidential survey. If you have not, please contact Susan Schrader at sschrader@mercydesmoines.org. Share your thoughts! Your input is important and valued as we work to create a Remarkable Mercy Experience, not only for our patients and visitors, but for our colleagues too!

Good things happen when we all participate . . . .

Your opinions matter! Here’s why:

“Mercy staff are best able to generate ideas about how to created a Remarkable Mercy Experience for us all – staff, visitors and patients. It’s great to watch our ideas grow into new processes or improved ways of doing things.”

Lacey Galetich, Mercy – West Lakes Recovery Room

“Mercy’s leadership team has committed to improving our culture by sharing the Remarkable Mercy Experience training with us. I believe the PCA is the best way to give our feedback on that commitment.”

Bob Timmerman, Mercy Clinical Laboratory

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 100 GREAT IOWA NURSES HONOREES

Congratulations to our honorees named to the 100 Great Iowa Nurses list for 2016.

Dennis Cochran
Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines

Teresa Coulson
Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines/Iowa Heart Center

Charleen Ostrem
Mercy Clinics

Twelve additional nurses from Mercy Health Network hospitals were also among the honorees this year. They are: Sandy Cupples, Knoxville Hospital & Clinics; Cory Fleege, Mercy Medical Center – Dubuque; Kim Jones, Grinnell Regional Medical Center; Shelly Klinkhammer, Mercy Medical Center – Dubuque; Janet Lacey, Grinnell Regional Medical Center; JoEllen Steil, Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa; Jessica Sullivan, Decatur County Hospital; Sally Swenson, Dallas County Hospital; Brian Teeter, Monroe County Hospital; Nicole Tucker, Mercy Medical Center – Clinton; Sandra Van Cleave – Mercy Medical Center – Sioux City; and Susan Wierenga, Mercy Medical Center – Clinton.

WHAT’S UP?

STAFF RECRUITMENT EVENT MONDAY, MAY 9

Mercy’s Human Resources department is hosting a special recruitment event on Monday, May 9, from 4-7 p.m. in the East Tower Auditorium at Mercy central campus. This event will focus specifically on hiring nurses and patient care technicians. Tell your friends and family about this opportunity and encourage them to apply and work for Mercy to help us live up to our vision to provide a Remarkable Mercy Experience to everyone we are privileged to serve.

The evening event features:

• On-site interviews for all areas, with special emphasis on Telemetry and Critical Care positions;
• Free valet parking;
• On-the-spot job offers and pre-employment screenings;
• Hiring managers available; and
• New unique pay programs and scheduling options.

Gift cards will be given to the first 25 applicants who provide a resume at the event. Applicants who are unable to attend the event are encouraged to call an HR recruiter at 247-3100, or visit our website at www.mercydesmoines.org/careers.

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