DAISY AWARD WINNER, KATRINA EMERY
Katrina Emery, R.N., was recently recognized with Mercy’s DAISY Award at a surprise ceremony Nov. 10 on 7 South (Telemetry), with her children, several of her colleagues and Mercy nursing leadership in attendance. Katrina was nominated by the spouse of a patient, to recognize the compassionate care and attention to detail she exhibited when caring for the patient following surgery.

Following is an excerpt from the nomination form: “Katrina not only showed great compassion for my husband, but showed great attention to detail to ensure his recovery and safety. She went out of her way to make him feel as comfortable as possible. She told us both to let her know if there was anything she could do for either one of us and made us feel that she truly cared about us.”

Find out more about the Daisy award or submit a nomination at mercy.dm/daisy.

WHITE COATS ARE A REMINDER TO SERVE WITH COMPASSION AND PURSUE EXCELLENCE
This fall, students of the Mercy College School of Nursing Bachelor of Science (BSN) program were part of a new rite of passage into the medical professions as they put on white coats. This first-time ceremony is part of a national initiative sponsored by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and The Arnold P. Gold Foundation (APGF). The ceremony is to encourage nursing students to make a career-long commitment to provide compassionate care as a registered nurse.

Medical schools have included White Coat Ceremonies for some time. In addition to the coats, BSN students also recite an oath and receive a special pin to remind them of their pledge to deliver high quality care.

AACN leaders say nurses have the greatest opportunity to instill compassionate care into health care. They say nurses spend the most time with patients and can include “humanism” to help realize the best possible outcomes for patients.

The White Coat Ceremony will be celebrated twice a year when students start their clinicals. Students will wear their white coats in clinical experience.

A new tradition has started for Mercy College School of Nursing BSN students. More than 80 new BSN students took part in the school’s first White Coat Ceremony.
CHISTMAS IN THE CHAPEL

Relax, reflect and enjoy the spirit of the season during the annual “Christmas in the Chapel” event on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. in the Our Lady of Mercy Chapel on central campus. The songs, scriptures and celebration will last less than 30 minutes, making this event ideal for those who wish to enjoy a festive break and remember the reason for the season. All are welcome to attend, or watch the event on Mercy’s channel 4.

PEDICATRIC PATIENTS RECEIVE SPECIAL GIFT

Iowa Wild hockey team members Zach Palmquist, Colton Beck and Nick Seeler visited Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics on Monday, Dec. 11, to deliver huge teddy bears to pediatric patients. Thanks to the support of the community, the bears were collected at the Iowa Wild game on Dec. 10. Our pediatric patients enjoyed receiving new cuddly friends!

THANK YOU MERCY FAMILY!

Combat Hunger
15,000 lbs. of food and $1,155 was collected.

Shoes That Fit
827 needs cards were fulfilled and an additional $722 was donated.

WHAT’S UP?

KNITTED HATS DONATED AS A REMINDER TO FIGHT THE FLU

In 2014, Verla Kellar’s 14-year-old granddaughter, Amber, passed away after a five-day stay in Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics’ Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), fighting the flu. To help raise awareness on the importance of getting the flu vaccine, Verla and her family donated 300 knitted hats as part of the Fight the Flu campaign. Babies in Mercy’s Mother/Baby Unit will receive the hats, which also include Amber’s story and information about the flu for new parents. Thank you to Verla and her family for these wonderful hats!

Verla Kellar and her daughter donated 300 knitted hats to raise awareness for the Fight the Flu campaign.

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