RUAN NEUROLOGY, DR. HUGHES RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Congratulations to both Dr. Bruce Hughes, neurologist, and Mercy Ruan Neurology Clinic on receiving two prestigious awards from the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society – Upper Midwest Chapter.

Mercy Ruan Neurology Clinic has been named a Corporate Stars Award Sylvie recipient by the National MS Society – Upper Midwest Chapter, which commemorates the clinic on its above-and-beyond contributions in 2016 to advance the mission of the MS Society to better the lives of those affected by MS.

Dr. Hughes has been named the recipient of the Healthcare Professional of the Year Starfish Award to commemorate not only his devotion to his patients as a knowledgeable and caring physician, but also to the MS Society.

Mercy Ruan Neurology is a top sponsor of Taste of Generosity, an annual fundraising event of the National MS Society – Upper Midwest Chapter. Dr. Hughes is a leading participant in the Bike MS: Iowa Ride, as well as many other community events, and does a remarkable job engaging the health care community to get involved. Congratulations, Dr. Hughes and Mercy Ruan Neurology Clinic!

MARCH IS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKER MONTH

This year, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will celebrate National Social Workers month in March with a special “Social Workers Stand Up!” campaign. This campaign will highlight the value of the profession while educating the public about the need and importance of utilizing services provided by social workers.

At Mercy, a total of 18 medical social workers serve our patients at a variety of locations, including central campus, West Lakes, behavioral health, home care, hospice, palliative care and our Accountable Care Organization (ACO). Medical social workers support patients and families coping with chronic, acute or terminal illnesses by providing education, counseling and referrals for other services within the community.

Take a moment to thank our medical social workers for the important role they play in providing a Remarkable Mercy Experience each day.
SKIFF NAMED AMONG TOP 100 RURAL HOSPITALS

Skiff Medical Center is one of only three Iowa hospitals to be named to the 2017 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in the U.S., according to The National Rural Health Association’s Rural Health Policy Institute, iVantage Health Analytics and The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

Hospitals named to this list are top performers in managing risk, achieving higher quality, securing better outcomes, increasing patient satisfaction and operating at a lower cost than their peers, according to the report.

The top 100 hospitals named on each list outperform peers across each pillar of the Hospital Strength INDEX, including quality and outcomes, patient and safety satisfaction and costs and charges measures.

JOIN MERCY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL & CLINICS AT KIDSFEST THIS WEEKEND

Mercy Children’s Hospital and Clinics (MCHC) is a proud sponsor of Iowa’s largest children’s festival – Kidsfest – taking place this weekend, March 3-5, at the Iowa State Fairgrounds’ Varied Industry Building. The event features free entertainment, games, bounce houses and exhibitor booths. Proceeds from Kidsfest benefit the programs of Children & Families of Iowa. Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics will have volunteers in attendance to provide health education, apply MCHC tattoos, and handout giveaways. Learn more at http://cfiowa.org/events/kidsfestdetails/.

INAUGURAL COLORECTAL CANCER CONFERENCE MARCH 11

Mercy Cancer Center will hold its first Colorectal Cancer Conference on Saturday, March 11, in the East Tower Auditorium at Mercy central campus. This one-day conference is designed for health care professionals who want to explore new opportunities in the diagnosis, staging, epidemiology trends, treatment and survivorship of colorectal cancer. The registration fee is $50 and includes CEUs, materials and refreshments. Find out more at mercy.dm/CRE-conference.

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