SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARD CO-WINNERS: COMPASSION AND EXCELLENCE X 2

The Mercy Family is made up of thousands of amazing people who share the core values of Reverence, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence. In fact, the nominees for the latest Spirit of Mercy award were so exceptional, the award went to two people – Dwight Diltz and Rania Robb.

As the plant operations lead at Skiff Medical Center in Newton, Dwight’s work touches the lives of patients, visitors and colleagues on a daily basis, and it is a responsibility he takes very seriously. Co-workers say Dwight sees each interaction with people as an opportunity. They say no matter the task, he works to understand the issue or resolve the problem. He consistently goes above and beyond to improve a patient’s experience or give staff members what they need to care for others.

With his goal to serve others to the best of his ability, Dwight always finds a way make a positive impact. Dwight says he chose his career, but with all he does for Skiff, colleagues seem to think his career chose him.

Rania Robb is a familiar face in the world of children at Mercy’s central campus. She is a child life specialist in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) working with children and parents when they are the most vulnerable. Those who work with Rania say she has a gift of putting children and parents at ease thanks to her natural ability to see herself in a mother’s or child’s place. She creates a trusting bond with the patients and their parents to help families through difficult times.

Colleagues say Rania is a team player who believes in the strength of working together. She sees positive energy from a united effort. Some say watching Rania at work defines her commitment to serve others and her love of her profession.

Congratulations to Dwight and Rania for living the Mercy Values and helping make patient care at Mercy exceptional without exception.

CANCER SURVIVOR WALL DISPLAYS UPDATED, THIRD DISPLAY ADDED

Mercy Cancer Center is excited to unveil updated cancer survivor wall displays at its West Lakes facility and outside of the inpatient cancer treatment area on 8 South at central campus. In addition, a third display has been added on level C in the Medical Plaza, outside of Mercy Cancer Center Radiation Oncology. The new displays were installed June 7.

The survivor wall was created in 2013 to serve as a tribute to the patients who have fought to overcome cancer, as well as an inspiration to those currently battling the disease. Marget Kirby, an ovarian cancer survivor, is one of the survivors featured in the new display. The photos of cancer survivors were an inspiration to her during her cancer fight and she was honored to be included.

“When I was in the hospital, my husband and I would go for walks. My big goal was always to make it as far as the pictures of other cancer patients. I got a little bit of power from looking at them. I hope my story can do that for someone else,” she said.

Four cancer survivors are profiled in the new display. Profiles are expected to be updated every six months. Survivors were nominated by one of their physicians, and then interviewed and photographed. The survivors’ stories can also be found at mercydesmoines.org/survivorstories.
One hundred-eighty cancer survivors and their guests braved 95-degree temperatures to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day® at Principal Park on Sunday, June 4. Each year, Mercy Cancer Center invites cancer survivors to take part in a special event in honor of Cancer Survivors Day, a celebration of life held in communities worldwide on the first Sunday in June. For the first time, Mercy Cancer Center teamed up with John Stoddard Cancer Center to invite survivors from both treatment programs to enjoy lunch and an Iowa Cubs baseball game with others from central Iowa.

On National Cancer Survivors Day®, thousands gather across the globe to honor cancer survivors and to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be fruitful, rewarding, and even inspiring. This annual occasion provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of cancer – including America’s more than 15.5 million cancer survivors – to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize those who have supported them along the way.

A total of 681 people enjoyed lunch and an Iowa Cubs game Sunday, June 4, in honor of National Cancer Survivors Day.