CAREFUL NURSING AWARD

At the Nov. 3 Nursing Management Council meeting, the 2016 Careful Nursing Awards were awarded to nurses who have demonstrated excellence through their Nursing Professional Development Ladder portfolios. Pictured above from left to right are: Mary Brown, VP and CNO; Megan Wiebers, Mother/Baby; Tiffany Beyer, 8 North; Michelle Rothmeyer, Birthing Center; Alyson Stark, Mother/Baby.

The Careful Nursing Award is an opportunity to recognize nurses who show excellent nursing practice in one of the four Careful Nursing Dimensions – Therapeutic Milieu, Practice Competence and Excellence, Management of Practice and Influence in Health System and Professional Authority. The award is in its third year of operation at Mercy.

Recipients of the award were selected as Nursing Professional Development Ladder portfolios are reviewed by the Nursing Professional Development Committee. Nurses who exceed the portfolio expectations were moved on to consideration for the four Careful Nursing Awards. The portfolio data of those exceeding the expectations were blinded and kept confidential as they went through the next level of review. Top portfolios were identified in each of the four dimensions. The 2016 award winners are:

Therapeutic Milieu: Megan Wiebers – Mother Baby Unit
Practice Competence and Excellence: Tiffany Beyer – 8 North
Management of Practice: Alyson Stark – Mother Baby Unit
Professional Authority: Michelle Rothmeyer – Birthing Center

MEET OUR LATEST SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARD WINNER!

Every Day offers a new challenge for Wendy Miller, RN-MSN, associate chief nurse, and she really enjoys that! It is this positive outlook that played a role in her being named the latest Spirit of Mercy Award winner.

“Fortunately, I have a fantastic team that works hard to do as our call states, and by demonstrating Mercy’s Core Values, you can be sure we are making the best decisions for our patients and staff,” Wendy said.

Wendy, who has been with Mercy since June 1998 when she started as a staff nurse on 7 South, strongly believes that Living Up is a concept that combines all of the stories of how we do our work every day. To her, it’s what make us unique and great.

“Every person employed makes a difference and ALL are counted on to provide a Remarkable Mercy Experience,” Wendy said.

In her time away from Mercy, Wendy keeps busy with her family – step-sons Austin and Caleb, and daughter, Ava – ages 21, 19 and 8.
**GAME TO BENEFIT MERCY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL & CLINICS**

On Friday, December 16, the Iowa Energy are hosting the “Hoops for Kids” basketball game when they take on the Reno Bighorns at 7 p.m. Prior to the game, eight children selected by Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics staff will be recognized. Additionally, the Energy will be auctioning their limited edition jerseys from the game, and proceeds will benefit Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics. Staff from Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics will be at the game to promote our pediatric services.

Mercy Family members can receive up to four free tickets for this game by visiting https://Groupmatics.Events/MercyDec16 and entering “mercy” in the promo code.

**NURSING BRAS AT LITTLE MIRACLES BOUTIQUE**

DID YOU KNOW the area’s largest selection of high-quality nursing bras resides right here in Mercy? Little Miracles Boutique has a wide range of brands and sizes of nursing bras, which you can get measured right on spot and have the privacy of a fitting room to try on. You don’t even need to have delivered at Mercy to purchase a nursing bra.

Brands of nursing bras are: Medela, Bravado, LaLeche League, QT Foundations, CAKE Lingerie, Royce, Elila, Coobie, and YooToo.

Nursing tanks are also available and those brands are: LaLeche League, Bravado and Rumina.

Little Miracles Boutique is located on the second floor of Mercy’s East Tower.

**NEW NICU DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED**

**RACHEL EVANS MSN, CNL, RNC-NIC, C-NPT**, is the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) director. She started at Mercy in 1994, as a unit secretary in the NICU, and has advanced her career through numerous promotions and education. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Grand View College in Des Moines in 1998, and went on to earn her Master of Science in Nursing from Grand View University in Des Moines in 2014. Most recently, Rachel was the clinical resource nurse in the NICU. Additionally, she advanced the clinical nurse leader role in the NICU, and served as the NICU transport team coordinator.

Rachel can be contacted at x-84000 for any questions or concerns regarding the NICU. Congratulations to Rachel on her new role!

**THANK YOU MERCY FAMILY!**

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$30,880

Mercy Family donations provided more than 1,200 children with shoes, coats and boots. This was a record year for Mercy donations to Shoes That Fit!

6,563 lbs.

of food (9,301 meals) and $958 was collected for Combat Hunger.