RECOGNITION WEBSITE PROMOTES LIVING UP

The ability to recognize colleagues connects staff members to one another, to specific departments and to our entire organization. The new Mercy LiveUp Recognition website gives staff a platform to widely recognize coworkers in your own department, across departments and at off-site locations.

Through the website you can recognize colleagues by sharing examples of how someone at Mercy has gone above and beyond to serve others. When posting a recognition, it is important to include specific details, just be sure your submission does not include any protected health information (PHI).

When recognizing a colleague, you have the option for the recognition to be shared publicly for others to view, or privately. Visitors to the website can view, “Like” and comment on recognition a colleague has already received.

Each month, all colleagues recognized will be entered into a sweepstakes. Ten lucky winners will be drawn and awarded points to redeem for merchandise on the recognition website.

Check out the new recognition website at: mercydsmliveup.isrewards.com. To log in, enter your username (Lawson #) and the preset password (“Mercy”) for initial sign-in. Once you log in to the website, click on the “Programs” tab and then “Recognition” to recognize a colleague.

To locate your Lawson # - enter into “Inside CHL” hover cursor over “Pay & Benefits,” and click on “HR Payroll Connection.” In the upper right hand corner on the HR Payroll Connection home page is your Lawson # (in parenthesis beside your name).

If you have any questions regarding this new recognition program, please contact Susan Schrader, sschrader@mercydesmoines.org.

RED HATS FOR BABIES IN HONOR OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH

In honor of American Heart Month, babies in our Mother/Baby nursery and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit all received red hats on Monday, Jan. 30. February is American Heart Month and these hats were given to help raise awareness of congenital heart defects, a common birth defect. The units will continue to hand out red hats to babies born this month. Thank you to the American Heart Association for donating these adorable red knit hats for the babies at Mercy!
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON MERCY’S CENTRAL CAMPUS

Beginning Monday, the portion of 5th Ave. between the West Entrance and the helipads will be closed to through traffic. This closure is taking place to accommodate the placement of a 300-foot crane needed to lift and place a new air handling unit on the roof. This project is part of the renovations taking place in the medical imaging department.

During the road closure, the West Entrance, West Entrance valet service, and entrances and exits from the West Parking Ramp and West Employee Lot will remain open and accessible. Crane operations will be visible from windows on the west side of the West Building windows and staff and patients may hear some minimal noise. There should be no other impact on services. The road closure is expected to last approximately one week.

STAFF OPEN FORUMS SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 8

Mark your calendar and plan to attend a Staff Open Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 8. This is your opportunity to ask questions and receive organizational updates from Mercy President Bob Ritz.

The forums will take place at 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the East Tower Auditorium at Mercy central campus, and by video conference to Mercy West Lakes - Cownie Conference Room. Forums will also be available by video conference to Centerville for the 10 a.m. session. Skiff will not have a live video conference of the forums, but will receive a DVD of an open forum session to view. Each session will have door prizes and refreshments!

DEADLINE EXTENDED! ACT NOW!

The deadline to take the CHI and Dignity Health Culture Survey has been extend to the end of the day, TODAY. If you have not done so already, please take a few minutes to complete the survey and offer your candid feedback. Your responses are strictly confidential.

CHI and Dignity Health launched this survey to gather and assess its employees’ views of their organizations’ cultures, as well as the desired future culture of a potentially-combined organization.

To take the survey, please visit https://ohi-survey.com/wix/p48527483.aspx.

$75 CALCIUM SCORING HEART SCAN

Knowing your risk for heart disease is the first step in prevention. In celebration of American Heart Month, Iowa Heart Center is offering its calcium scoring heart scan screening for only $75 (regularly $99) in February. This screening consists of a quick, painless CT scan of the coronary arteries (called calcium scoring) and an in-depth risk assessment with a nurse practitioner specializing in cardiology if requested (recent lipid panel must be available).

Calcium scoring is for men and women age 75 and younger and is not for people with known heart disease or prior positive score. People must have two or more risk factors for heart disease to qualify for the scan. This offer is valid for employees and the general public for tests scheduled on or before Feb. 28 (subject to availability).

The score, along with other risk factors, provides a picture of future risk for heart disease while there’s still time to do something about it. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (515) 633-3700 or visit www.iowaheart.com.

FOOD as Medicine

HOW GREAT FOOD JUST HAPPENS TO BE GOOD FOR YOU!

Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 | 6 p.m. | Des Moines University
Student Education Center Auditorium | 3300 Grand Ave., Des Moines

Join Tulane University’s Timothy S. Harlan, M.D. (a.k.a. Dr. Gourmet) and Chef Leah Sarris for a free community education event on Friday, Feb. 3, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Des Moines University Student Education Center Auditorium, located at 3300 Grand Avenue in Des Moines. This program is sponsored by the Iowa Heart Foundation, Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines, Iowa Heart Center and Des Moines University. Heart healthy snacks will be provided by Whole Foods Market.

This free event is open to the public. For more information, or to register, please call (515) 633-3555 or visit iowaheartfoundation.org.

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