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Catalyzing Change: Health Information Technology Week

National Health IT (NHIT) Week is a nationwide awareness week focused on the value of health IT. NHIT Week demonstrates the value of health IT in supporting healthcare transformation, expanding access to high quality care, increasing economic opportunity, and making communities healthier. Although NHIT Week is officially October 8-12, we have chosen to celebrate at CGH Monday, October 15 through Friday, October 19.



"At CGH our IT department supports various facets of healthcare transformation and access to high quality care. We currently have projects underway to improve quality reporting and interoperability," said Kevin Anderson, Director, Information Technology. "In addition, we have successfully provided telehealth with eICU, TeleStroke and TelePsychiatry for several years."

We have 21 full time and 2 part time employees in the Information Technology department and 7 full time and 1 part time employee in the Health Informatics department. We are two separate departments with IT focusing on our computer infrastructure and several of the smaller applications. Health Informatics' focus is on Cerner and supporting how that applications is built and used.

While the Health Informatics and Information Technology departments will have activities internally all next week, October 17 will be the day that we focus on sharing what Health IT is all about to the rest of CGH. This will include a short email to all users reminding them of Health IT week and a display at the cafeteria entrance during the lunch hour. Health Informatics and IT will also be sponsoring some games for all employees on October 18.

The IT department has also put together a FAQ that might help all users understand how to use their computers and how to get help. That FAQ can be found on Lifeline at <http://lifeline2016/dept/cis/SitePages/FAQ.aspx>. As a reminder, the IT Service Desk is available 24/7 at ext. 2407. There is also someone onsite Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and staff are on call outside of those hours.

On behalf of everyone at CGH, we'd like to celebrate our Health Information Technology teams for the work they do and value they bring to CGH!

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

IN THE RYBERG AUDITORIUM

**Tuesday, October 23
at noon**

**Wednesday, October 24
at 7:30 a.m.**

**Monday, October 29
at noon**

**Monday, November 5
at 2 p.m.**

United Way Chili Cook Off



Congratulations to the CGH team for winning the Best Campsite award at the United Way Chili Cook Off on Saturday, October 6! The spooktacular CGH team included Kris Gallardo (HIM), Peggy Montgomery (Transcription), Matt Reed (IT), Vicki Velasquez (Transcription) and Sherry DeWalt (Health Foundation).

Celebrate Healthcare Security & Safety at CGH

Healthcare Security & Safety Week **2018** TRUSTED PARTNERS in Healthcare

During Healthcare Security and Safety Week, October 14 -20, and throughout the year, the International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety (IAHSS) is proud to celebrate the role of healthcare security and safety professionals in serving healthcare facilities, personnel, patients and visitors.

The theme for Healthcare Security and Safety Week 2018 "Trusted Partners in Healthcare" recognizes the importance of security and safety in healthcare and acknowledges the strong commitment, diligence and care officers display in their practice and profession.

"Our security officers really deserve acknowledgement for the service they provide and recognition. They have a tough job and provide a valuable service to our organization," said Ryan Venema, Director of Pre-Hospital Care and EMS Chief.

Celebrate Healthcare Security and Safety Week 2018 and highlight the important role of Healthcare Security and Safety Officers and their contributions to the success of patient care in healthcare environments. Healthcare Security and Safety Officers maintain the safety and security of personnel, patients, visitors and facilities and are often the first and last contact patients and their families have during their visit.

UNITED WAY AGENCY FAIR

FOR STAFF OF CGH MEDICAL CENTER, CGH MAIN CLINIC & CGH HEALTH CLINICS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 • 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM • CGH RYBERG AUDITORIUM

- JOIN US TO MEET THE AGENCIES AND LEARN ABOUT HOW THE UNITED WAY HELPS OUR COMMUNITY.
- BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!
- IF YOU DONATE, OR CURRENTLY DONATE, AT LEAST \$2 PER PAY PERIOD, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR CHOICE OF A CGH GIFT.

NEW FAIRSHARE GIVERS

IF YOU ARE A FIRST-TIME GIVER, BECOME A FAIR SHARE GIVER (1% OF YOUR TOTAL SALARY OR 1 HOURS PAY PER MONTH) OR INCREASE YOUR GIVING BY \$1 PER PAY PERIOD, YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE BLING LANYARD, KOOZIE, OR LIGHT UP PEN



Your current payroll deduction renews unless you would like to add or change it.

Thank You

Thank you for everyone's prayers and kind words while Terri Miller and I were recovering from surgery. She and I are both back to work and doing well! Special thank you to the Wound Center, Alaina Burtlow, Kami Shank, Sherilyn Winstead, and Serena Lahey for taking care of things while we were gone.

Jennifer Tompkins
Wound Healing Center

Pediatric PT Donation



Four-year-old Johnny Loos, CGH pediatric physical therapy patient, relaxes on the new crash mat purchased recently with a gift to the CGH Health Foundation. The Sterling Kiwanis Club donated \$300 to purchase much needed items to assist with treating our pediatric patients, including the mat, lycra swing, scooter board and chewy tubes for speech therapy. With him are from left, Erika Smith, speech pathologist, Shawna Kester, physical therapist, and Lindsey Fiorini, physical therapy aide, all of whom work with Johnny.

Healthcare Food Service Workers Week



In October 1989, President George Bush announced the first annual "National Health Care Food Service Week," to observe the contributions of professionals in the health care food service industry. The week of observation, October 7-13, reaches out to professionals such as chefs, dietitians, and food service staff who not only

keep waistlines in check, but who provide delicious and health conscious meals for health care facility patients and staff.

From the preparation to the delivery of foods at CGH, our Dietary department professionals often work behind the scenes, but play an integral role in the nourishment of staff and patients. Thank you to our Dietary staff for all that you do!



Pictured above are members of the CGH Dietary department.

Save Lives - Donate Blood



Michelle Nelsen (Cardiology) and Connie VonHolten (Population Health) are saving lives one drop of blood at a time!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the CGH and Selmi's sponsored Blood Drive on October 4. Save the date for our next blood drive on December 6.

October New Employees



Front Row L – R: Jasmine Corral (Phlebotomist, Laboratory); Josie Frias (CNA, Critical Care Unit); Maddy Blanton (Food & Nutrition Assistant, Dietary); Sam Sneek (EMT-B, Pre-Hospital)

Back Row L – R: Cade Tessmann (File Destruction Clerk, HIM); Trisha Shuck (LPN, Family Practice-Sterling); Lisa Garcia (EMT-B, Pre-Hospital); Aubree Johnson (Occupational Therapist, Home Nursing)



Front Row L – R: Leah Landis (Medical Technologist, Laboratory); Elizabeth LeClair (RN, Medical Floor); Sarah Bruckner (RN, Pediatrics)

Back Row L – R: Turner Garcia (File Destruction Clerk, HIM); Teri Mylan (Security, Per Mar); Janette Rugh (Recall Letter Processor, CPFS); Whitney Phillips (RN, Float-Clinic)

Schedule Your Mammogram



Be aware that most breast cancers do not produce symptoms. Early detection is the best protection! Sock it to cancer by scheduling your mammogram!

Breast cancer is the second most common form of cancer in women. You can take control of your breast health by following a healthy lifestyle

and by having regular clinical exams, mammograms, and self-exams.

Female employees that have their mammogram appointment during the month of October will receive a FREE pair of Live, Love, Hope cushioned ankle socks.

Call (815) 625-0400, ext 5550 to make an appointment!

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Employee of the Month



Deb Sigel

PTA, Physical Therapy



I live in: Tampico

Joined CGH on: April 27, 1994

Education: Blackhawk College and Clinton Community College

Family: Husband, Michael; sons, Josh (22), Kevin (20) and Kyle (20)

Proudest Achievement: Being a mom, having a great close family and keeping my faith

Hobbies: Spending time with family, watching a good movie, keeping up with the latest news, and working on projects around the house

Deb is deserving of this nomination because she is a kind, caring person who puts her patient's needs above her own. Deb is a team player and will assist other staff in any way possible. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to accommodate whatever tasks are thrown her way. She has gone above and beyond in her role as a PTA to make patients feel at home. Her coworkers respect and look up to her. Deb is the best! The PT department would be lost without her!

~ Jodi Rank and Katie Nauman

We congratulate her on being chosen October's Employee of the Month.

Purpose, Worthwhile Work, Making a Difference!

Hospital Happenings

CGH MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER

Masquerade
Experience the Frenzy!

\$5 Jewelry and Accessories SALE

Thursday
November 1st
7am - 6pm

Friday
November 2nd
7am - 3pm

CGH Medical Center
Ryberg Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE!



CGH Health Foundation
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

7 am - 1pm
CGH Ryberg Auditorium

Help support the
CGH Health Foundation
Women's Health fund

If you are able to donate goodies to this bake sale, please contact:

Barb Brady at ext. 3223 or barbara.brady@cghmc.com

Lori Cavazos at ext. 3001 or lori.cavazos@cghmc.com

Amanda Blaine at ext. 5575 or amanda.blaine@cghmc.com



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