Mission: Provide excellent health care by promoting wellness, education and healing through trusting relationships.
Vision: To be the regional center of excellence in health care to support the communities we serve.

Good Samaritan Acute Rehabilitation Earns CARF Accreditation

CARF International announced that Good Samaritan has been accredited for a period of three years for its Rehabilitation program. The latest accreditation is the sixth consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has awarded to Good Samaritan. For the second time, the Rehabilitation Center also achieved a Three-Year Accreditation for stroke care.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization’s substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

“Our Inpatient Rehabilitation Center works endlessly to provide the best, state-of-the-art care to benefit our patients,” said Rob McLin, President and CEO of Good Samaritan. “The team is always willing and excited to learn more and provide better care and therapy techniques to patients.”

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. The accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

“Receiving our accreditation from CARF illustrates the passion we have for providing the best care to our patients,” stated Stephen Wissel, Director of the Rehabilitation Center. “Good Samaritan’s Rehabilitation Center provides our patients with excellent outcomes, enabling most to return home after a major health care crisis.”

The Rehabilitation Center treats more than 100 stroke patients every year and one of the department’s main goals is to increase the awareness of stroke symptoms, even in the younger population. The quicker the patient gets access to care, the better chance there is for recovery. The Rehabilitation Center promotes the following national stroke emergency FAST campaign:

F – Does one side of the FACE droop?
A – Is one ARM weaker than the other?
S – Is SPEECH slurred?
T – TIME…If you observe any of these signs, get help immediately.

For more information on CARF, visit www.carf.org.

For additional information, contact Good Samaritan’s Rehabilitation Center at 812-885-3601.
December’s Shining Star is
Christina Lafferty, RN

The December Shining Star is Christina (Chris) Lafferty, Oncology Nurse Navigator. Chris had stopped by her mother-in-law’s house to check on her when she heard a crash outside. She went out to check and there was an accident involving a motorcycle. The female passenger was laying on the pavement and Chris, being a nurse, immediately took action. She spoke with the woman and asked her if she was hurt anywhere. The woman replied that she was “burning.” Chris asked bystanders if anyone had a blanket to put under the woman. Someone gave her a jacket, and with the help of another person, they gently put the jacket under the woman to keep her from getting burnt from the hot pavement. Chris also checked on the woman’s husband who was also involved in the accident. She stayed with the couple until the EMT’s arrived and informed them of what happened. Chris is always foremost a nurse when someone is in need. She does not hesitate to help others and is definitely a Shining Star.

The November DAISY Winners are Brittany Mowery & Traci Shoulders

Brittany Mowery and Traci Shoulders, Registered Nurses on 3GM, were nominated for the DAISY Award by a patient’s wife. During the final days of the patient’s life, Brittany and Traci’s care made a large impact. They were a part of the team that helped to clean and make the patient more comfortable while he was in the hospital. The patient’s wife wrote that, “as I watched them work, it was like a team that knew what the other person needed. They talked softly and went on treating him with respect. I knew as I watched they were ‘angels’ taking care of him.” Brittany and Traci kept checking in on the patient and his wife, and was there until the end. Their help and support went above and beyond, and eased the worry of the wife during the difficult time.

Exciting New Features Coming to MyChart

There are some exciting new features available now in MyChart to make the patient experience more convenient. In addition to being able to see test results, message your physician, and request prescription refills, you are now able to conveniently pay your bills through MyChart in the Billing Account Summary option.

Even though radiology and lab values are automatically downloaded into your MyChart account, there are times you may want access to other records that physicians dictate, such as an office note, Discharge Summary, etc. You can call our HIM Department at (812) 885-3371 and have these documents pushed into your MyChart account. Once these documents are in your MyChart account, they will be available to you for 30 days so it is advisable to print and/or save these documents. On My Way and pre-scheduling labs at Good Samaritan, MCV and the Medical Arts Building through MyChart will be go live on December 17.

Another exciting feature coming to MyChart is direct scheduling. We currently have direct scheduling with our Breast Care Center for mammograms and Dr. Gatchalian and Dr. Avena’s office is trialling this from an office standpoint. The hope is to get this pushed into other offices the first of the year. Direct scheduling will save you time by being able to pick the date and time of your appointment in MyChart at your convenience. This avoids having to call the office to schedule your appointment.

Also coming next year with a tentative release in February, is a redesigned home page for MyChart which will provide shortcuts with quick and easy access to the four activities you use the most. These shortcuts will be used in place of the current home page Quick Links.

For any questions regarding MyChart or to get signed up for a MyChart account, call (812) 885-3908 or email abushey@gshvin.org.
START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT WITH THE COMMUNITY GET FIT CHALLENGE!

Good Samaritan and the YMCA of Vincennes are inviting you to participate in a community-wide weight loss challenge. Individuals and teams of four can participate in this 12-week program, from January 4 to March 28. Each participant will receive guidance and information from dietitians, monthly exercise plans developed by certified trainers, helpful tips to promote mental health, and access to FREE recipes, fitness demonstrations and tips on decreasing stress. Members will also receive access to a community Facebook page and the option to purchase Day Passes at the YMCA of Vincennes at a discounted price. Attendees at this year’s weigh-in will be able to come and go as they please. Multiple stations will be set up for participants to visit in order to learn more about how than can be successful in the challenge. By visiting stations, participants can fill a punch card to enter into a door prize drawing for exciting prizes. Group exercises will be available for those who wish to participate at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. at the kick-off event.

Kick-off Event

Saturday, January 4

YMCA of Vincennes  |  2010 College Avenue
9 to 11 a.m. (EST)

The kick-off and final weigh-in events are mandatory for ALL participants.

Prizes

First Place Team - $1,000
First Place Male and Female - $250 Each

Second Place Team - $400
Second Place Male and Female - $100 Each

Third Place Team - $200
Third Place Male and Female - $50 Each

Our Sports Performance team will also be offering special discount pricing for personal and online training for Get Fit Participants!

PRIVATE TRAINING SESSIONS

- 30 Minute Sessions: $20 Each
- 10 - 30 Minute Sessions: $180
- 10 - 60 Minute Sessions: $250

ONLINE TRAINING

- $25/Month (Beginning on 1st or 15th)
- Requires first session to be face-to-face for FMS/goals, etc.

Early bird registration is $25 by December 20; after December 20, registration is $30 per person. Registration and payment can be done online by visiting communitygetfit.eventbrite.com. Day-of-event registration will be available from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on January 4. For more information about the challenge and other helpful links, please visit www.gshvin.org/getfit.

Free Holiday Fitness Classes

Good Samaritan Employees are invited to join Sophia Lane, Sports Performance Intern, for fitness classes during the holiday season. Classes will run from December 16 to January 10. Everyone is welcome to all classes at any stage in fitness. Modifications can be made. Classes are limited to 10 employees per class and they will take place in the fitness center classroom. To reserve your spot in a class, you must register with Susan Yochum in Employee Wellness by indicating which class you would like to attend and what day of the week. You must also sign a fitness class release form. Classes will be no longer than 40 minutes.

Register today by emailing Susan at slyochum@gshvin.org, or call extension 3316.

Click the links below to see the December New Hires, Promotions and Anniversaries.

Employee Anniversaries
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PATIENT EXPERIENCE SCORES

Third Quarter 2019

Congratulations to those areas who met or exceeded their patient experience goals in the third quarter! Full quarterly reports for each area can be found on the Good Samaritan Intranet under Department Links > Patient Experience. The following departments/units received the highest scores. To qualify for this recognition, the department needed 30 or more responses, and reached the goal in Likely to Recommend and Overall Rating.

**Outpatient**

Vincennes Orthopedics Therapy Clinic had the highest score for the Likely to Recommend patient survey questions.

Outpatient Surgery had the highest score for the Overall Rating and Likely to Recommend patient survey questions.

**Inpatient**

4GM Medical/Surgical Unit had the highest score for the Likely to Recommend patient survey questions.

Sleep Disorders Center had the highest score for the Overall Rating patient survey questions.

**Medical Practice**

Dr. Mayfield’s office had the highest score for the Likely to Recommend and Overall Rating patient survey question.

**Ambulatory**

Outpatient Surgery had the highest score for the Overall Rating and Likely to Recommend patient survey question.