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.

Celebrating National Hospital and Nurses Week...Kind Of

The month of May is usually spent celebrating Hospital and Nurses Week. We typically have a picnic, softball tournament, scavenger hunt and other fun activities. But things are just a little different this year.

This doesn’t mean that we can’t still show our appreciation for each other this month, or any month for that matter. A simple “thank you” or “I appreciate you” can go a long way. Now more than ever we need each other to get through the day. We need to be able to depend on our co-workers and make sure they know they can depend on us.

We have always talked about the unknown future of health care, even before COVID-19. But now more than ever, the future of health care truly is unknown. This global pandemic has brought new challenges that we have never faced before. But it has also given us the opportunity to build teamwork and be innovative in our approaches to patient care. Every day there are stories of how one department helped another or how a community business donated a meal to our employees to help them get through their day. It is easy to see the bad news every day on social media, in the news and talking to people in the community. But it is important to not lose sight of the good happening around us as well.
The May Shining Star Winners are Andrea Mumma and Jacqueline Overton

Andrea Mumma, PTA, and Jacqueline Overton, COTA, had a patient on Inpatient Rehab who attends the KCARC Night to Shine every year. The patient told her evaluating occupational therapist, Denise Memering, that she was disappointed she would not be able to go to the event this year because she couldn’t go shopping to get a dress due to her hospitalization. Denise knew the patient was going to be discharged in time to make the event, but not buy a dress, which she shared with Andrea and Jacqueline. Andrea and Jacqueline went shopping on their own time to see if they could find a dress, but was not having any luck. They shared this information with Barb Toole, Social Worker, who reached out to someone she knew who worked at Illusions. The employee agreed to come in on her day off, pulled some dress options, and gave them a discount for the Night to Shine event. Andrea and Jacqueline took their patient out to lunch and then went to Illusions to find a dress. The dress was paid for by generous donations from various staff members on the Rehab unit and they also plan to donate some sparkly jewelry for the patient’s big night.

The April DAISY Award Winner is Shawna May

ER Nurse, Shawna May, noticed her patient’s daughter was in distress because the orthopedic physician that day was going to release her mother to go home. Shawna asked the physician to reevaluate the patient and the decision was made to admit the patient for pain management. This made the patient and her daughter feel much better about their situation and were very appreciative for Shawna’s care and diligence.

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

Employee Anniversaries
Physician Anniversaries
New Hires
Promotions

May Celebrations

- Employee Health and Fitness Month
- Mental Health Month
- Stroke Month
- National Nurses Week
  May 6 - 12
- National Hospital Week
  May 10 - 16

To help families during COVID-19, Food Services is now offering family meals to go! Each night you can call to order a take-home meal for four for only $20. The meals will be ready by 3:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and must be pre-ordered by 9 a.m. the day of pickup. The menu changes each week and may include items such as: baked spaghetti, chicken and noodles, country fried steak, grilled chicken, fried catfish and more.

To see the first menu option, click HERE. To place your order, visit the Beacon homepage and click in the Cafeteria Carry Out section.
Please give a warm welcome and congratulations to our Graduate Nurse Externs!

The following nurses have accepted positions and will be starting their nursing career at Good Samaritan. In the list below, 14 are currently employed as a Student Nurse Extern or Patient Care Tech.

**Emergency Services**
- Natasha Gadberry - Vincennes University
- Megan Heath - Lincoln Trail
- Andrea Tennis - Vincennes University

**2GM - ICU**
- Taylor Buck - Vincennes University
- Mikayla Burch - Vincennes University
- Blair Evans - Vincennes University
- Hannah Mills - Vincennes University
- Paige Ruppel - Vincennes University
- Ann Stoops - Vincennes University
- Fallon Wagner - Wabash Valley College

**3GM - Medical / Surgical**
- Elizabeth Cambron - Vincennes University
- Ashlynn Carter - Vincennes University
- Christina Clements - Vincennes University
- Tasha Cummings - Vincennes University
- Alexandra Fulling - Lincoln Trail
- Diamond Hinkle - Indiana State University
- Lindsy Jones - Vincennes University
- Leslie Kroft - Vincennes University
- Tia Pierce - Vincennes University

**4GM - Surgical Unit**
- Megan Funk - Vincennes University
- Kasie Gher - Olney Central College
- Emma Reel - Vincennes University
- Halen Revalee - Lincoln Trail
- Allison Wheeler - Vincennes University

**5GM - OB, Labor & Delivery**
- Natalie Sherwood - Indiana State University
- Alexandra Worland - Vincennes University

**LaSalle Behavioral Health**
- Bonita Mayhall - Vincennes University

Please give a warm welcome to our Student Nurse Externs. The following individuals have successfully completed their first year in a nursing program. They will be expanding their knowledge and skills while working beside one of our Staff RNs.

**Emergency Services**
- Jennifer Fredrick - Vincennes University
- Mekayla Wolfe - Indiana Wesleyan

**2GM - ICU**
- Kira Meese - Lincoln Trail
- Amber Pfoff - Vincennes University
- Shelbi Pipes - Vincennes University

**3GM - Medical / Surgical**
- Kacie Berry - IECC Frontier Community College
- Bryce Bilskie - Vincennes University
- Faith Blair - Vincennes University
- Sabrina Byrd - Vincennes University
- Okechi Emeka-Egwim - Vincennes University
- Mary Marley - Vincennes University
- Daysha Shelton - Vincennes University

**4GM - Surgical Unit**
- Madeline Halter - Indiana University
- Katelyn Lawson - University of Southern Indiana
- Amanda Morse-Mitchell - Vincennes University

**LaSalle Behavioral Health**
- Abigail Love - Vincennes University

**Inpatient Rehab**
- Kelsey Daniel - Vincennes University
- Lynn Morris - Vincennes University
- Brisia Rodriguez-Garcia - Vincennes University

**HR Specialist**
- Laura Hazelman
  - lhazelman@gshvin.org
- Jennifer Reno
  - jreno@gshvin.org
Emotional Support

During these difficult times, some of you may be feeling stressed and need emotional or mental support. The Samaritan Center has multiple options for employees.

Emotional Wellness Helpline
Call 812-886-6590 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to speak to a therapist. They will provide support to any individual that is seeking help.

COVID Support Group
The support group is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. Employees can call anonymously to ask questions and have a discussion with Samaritan Center staff and other callers. The number to call in is 866-516-3949. The pin number is: 4632977#.

Crisis Hotline
A crisis hotline is available 24/7 if you feel you are in danger to yourself or others. Please call 812-866-6800 if you need help.

Chaplain Support
Hospital Chaplain, Trevor Murry, is also available for any type of emotional support. You can reach him by calling 812-885-3190 or emailing tmurry@gshvin.org, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For after hours, email Trevor or contact the switchboard at 812-882-5220.

UMR Support
You can receive emotional support from UMR by calling their helpline anytime at 866-342-6892. This 24/7 Optum Help Line is staffed by professionally trained mental health experts, free of charge and open to anyone.