HDGH Says Thanks to over 350 Volunteers

Last Wednesday, our Volunteer Services department hosted an appreciation luncheon at Ambassador Golf Club for all of HDGH’s volunteers. HDGH is fortunate enough to have over 350 volunteers who dedicate their time to assist our patients, their families and our organization as a whole.

A special presentation took place to honour Fay Neil for over 45 years of volunteering. The following individuals were also recognized and presented with a pin for their volunteer hours:

- 500 Hours Award: Karen Allen, Bill O’Kane, Sharon Pattison, Renee Vanier
- 1000 Hours Award: Denise Girard
- 2000 Hours Award: Suzanne Aseltine, Margo Bailey, Kay Brown, Fay Neil
- 5000 Hours Award: Julia Ann Bonenfant
- 7000 Hours Award: Judy Menard

HDGH was also the recipient of a cheque for $74,000 from the Volunteer Association. The money was raised from the gift shop, coffee bar and vendor program.

HDGH would like to thank all of our volunteers for their many hours of volunteer work. Thank you for choosing HDGH!

HDGH goes green in support of Organ and Tissue Donation

April 19 – 25th is National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week and Hôtel-Dieu Grace is supporting this initiative by encouraging all staff, volunteers, students, physicians, patients and visitors to register their consent to be an organ and tissue donor. More than 85% of Ontarians are in favour of organ donation. However, only one in four Ontarians have registered their consent to donate. It only takes two minutes to register and HDGH has created an organization page to track the number of registrants we get.

Beadonor.ca/hoteliedugracehealthcare is the simple, electronic and quick way for you to register your consent for organ and tissue donation. It only takes a moment to register with results that will be long-lasting and positive. Register today!

Talent Call for HDGH Nurses’ Week Variety Show

If you love to perform in front of a live audience – this message is for you!

We are looking for 10 great Musical, Dance and/or Comedy Acts performed by HDGH Staff for our Nurses’ Week Variety Show.

The Variety Show will be held in the Brown Auditorium on Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

The Variety Show – a red carpet event, is being held in celebration of Nurses Week (May 11 - 17).

If you are interested in performing, please contact Nicole Williams at Nicole.williams@hdgh.org or call her at ext. 74120 by April 24, 2015.
Nominate a Nurse

National Nurses Week will take place this year from May 11th - 17th. The theme this year is:

**Nurses: With you every step of the way.**

As Nurses Week draws near, we wanted to make you aware that it is time to nominate our nurses for some very special awards. The Jeanne Mance Nursing Excellence Award, the Lori Dupont Bursary and the Founder’s Award will all be presented on Wednesday, May 13th at a joint Nurses Award Celebration with Windsor Regional Hospital held here in the Ken Lewenza Sr. Lobby. More information on each of the awards is provided below:

**Jeanne Mance Nursing Excellence Award**

Do you know a nurse who continually goes above and beyond to provide compassionate and professional care to his/her patients? Do you know a nurse who exemplifies our values of teamwork, compassion, respect and social responsibility? If so, please consider nominating this nurse (RN or RPN) for the Jeanne Mance Nursing Excellence Award.

The Jeanne Mance Nursing Excellence Award is the highest honour to bestowed upon a nurse and has a long history at HDGH.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, May 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the Nurses Week Award Celebration in the Ken Lewenza Sr. Lobby.

**Lori Dupont Bursary**

The Lori Dupont Bursary is a $5,000.00 bursary funded by Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare and Windsor Regional Hospital to assist RN staff with continuing education costs. The hospital is inviting all ONA staff members who are planning to attend education courses, conferences and workshops or who are working toward certification in 2015, to submit a bursary application by April 27th, 2015. Each successful candidate will be awarded up to $1,000.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, May 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the Nurses Week Award Celebration in the Ken Lewenza Sr. Lobby.

**New Founder’s Award**

This year we will be celebrating the special dedication and mission work done by our own nursing staff. The purpose of the Founder’s Award is to recognize an RN or RPN who represents our organizational mission to serve the vulnerable and marginalized persons in our community.

The recipient of this award will be given a $500.00 cash prize to be donated to the charity of their choice during our Nurses Week Award Ceremony on Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 in the Ken Lewenza Sr. Lobby.

Application forms for the above awards are available on the HDGH Intranet, from Unit Managers, or from Nicole Williams at Nicole.Williams@hdgh.org. All nominations must be submitted to Nicole by Monday, April 27, 2015.

Super Heroes Fun Day for JMCC

HCA Mindbox and JMCC are once again in super hero mode to host the 2nd annual **SUPER HEROES FUN DAY** on Saturday, May 30th ...it’s a few months earlier than last year but we want to get a head start on the numerous runs that take place across the city as we move into the summer months!

The day will include a run/walk/roll in Malden Park followed by lunch and fun (mini petting zoo, dunk tank, Zoo2You, kid friendly activities and more) back at JMCC. Please follow this link to register or for more information, www.superheroesfun.com.

The funds raised will be directed to the JMCC summer camp program!