Michelle Gallagher to Lead HDGH Team in iClimb

Thank you to Michelle Gallagher, a social Worker in Intensive Family Services at the Regional Children's Centre for coming forward to be Captain of our HDGH team in the iClimb for United Way on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at WFCU between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Our team will climb 1,000 steps alongside other workplace teams and raise funds to support United Way Mental Health and Counselling Programs in our community.

To register online go to: www.weareunited.com/iclimb and join the team (Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare) or call Michelle at ext. 74057 or email her at michelle.gallagher@hdgh.org. Minimum pledge for workplace teams is $50 per person. Pledge forms available on the website. The deadline to register is Monday, February 23, 2015.

HDGH Welcomes New Policy Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming Amanda Oliveira who joined our team as Policy Coordinator on Monday, January 12, 2015.

In this new role at HDGH, Amanda will be reviewing existing policies and procedures as well as working with staff to create new policies & procedures to make sure all are up-to-date, based on best-practice and reflect our patient population. To do this, Amanda will be meeting with managers and directors to review and make changes where necessary. Once this is done, Amanda will develop a listing of all HDGH policies and procedures to be posted on the hospital intranet for easy access by all staff.

Prior to joining our team, Amanda was employed at the Ouellette Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital for the past 12 years, as a frontline nurse in Telemetry, ICU, and most recently as a professional practice leader for acute care.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to work with Shannon Tompkins and the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare team. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with the team to create easy access to HDGH policies and procedures,” said Amanda.

Amanda is located on the 2nd floor, East Wing of the Casgrain Building and reports to Shannon Tompkins, Director of Risk Management and Chief Privacy Officer.

“If you have any questions about any of our policies, call Amanda at ext. 74113 or email her at Amanda.oliveira@hdgh.org.

KISS Band Impersonators Visit Palliative Care Patient at HDGH

HDGH patient Jeffrey Rankin (front centre) and the staff on the Palliative Unit enjoyed a visit recently by the KISS impersonator band. Jeff’s long time friend, Dr. David Mady arranged to have the Kiss impersonators make a surprise visit fulfilling Jeff’s 50th birthday wish.
In Honour of the Ones We Love Gala to Support HDGH

In Honour of the Ones We Love are hosting their 17th Annual Gala Dinner at the Ciociaro Club on February 7, 2015. The event which will honour John Moceri, Holden Jacob Kisch and Olga Rea, will include champagne and hors d’oeuvres by Koolini, gourmet dinner, a martini bar, silent auction and raffle, along with music and entertainment by Ciao. Tickets are $125 per person. Proceeds from the Gala will benefit Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare for patients and family services, Windsor Regional Hospital and Kids Beating Cancer.

For tickets or information, call Anita at 519 966-2960, 519 791-8633 or email Anita at Anita@InHounour.ca.

Kathy Quinlan New Project Coordinator Accreditation, Quality & Safety

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Kathy Quinlan, who joined our team as Project Coordinator Accreditation, Quality & Safety on Monday, January 12, 2015.

In this new role, Kathy will be reporting to Marg Campigotto, interim Chief Nursing Officer and Executive Director Patient Experience and Transition. She will be working closely with Sarah Sasso and Keesha Bellemore in Organizational Development as well as directors and owners of the ROP’s (required organizational practices) to see where we are in the process to meet all of the standards required for our upcoming Accreditation scheduled to take place in June 2015.

Kathy will also be working closely with Shannon Tompkins and the Quality Improvement Team to enhance quality and safety throughout the organization.

Prior to accepting this position, Kathy worked as a nurse at the Ouellette Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital for 27 years, 19 years as a frontline nurse in Neurosurgery and as manager of Neurosurgery, Neurology and EEG for the past eight years. She was also project coordinator for developing a palliative care consult team for the hospital.

“I am very excited to be here and look forward to working with everyone here at HDGH,” said Kathy.

Kathy’s office is located on the second floor, East Wing, Casgrain. You can reach her at ext. 74111 or email her at Kathy.quinlan@hdgh.org.

Congratulations to our STAR Recipients for December

The Special Thanks and Recognition (STAR) Program was introduced by Employee Wellness to provide an opportunity for us to recognize employees and physicians for exceptional performance and dedication to HDGH.

Please join us in congratulating the following staff who were nominated and presented with a STAR pin and a letter from Janice Kaffer, President and CEO during the month of December:

Christina Mailloux, Slavica Radonic, 2South; Linda LeDuc Wilson, RCC; Tazdia Burnett, Brittany Giovasky, Inpatient Rehab; Bonnie Oriet, Shipping/Receiving; Chris Kerester, Kim Lavin, Gord Smith, Michelle Hatton; Problem Gambling; Patty Lauzon, Nancy White, Donna Keegan; Withdrawal Management; Candy Fung, Inpatient Rehab; Tina Lauzon; Housekeeping; Carlo Giovanatti, Macielj Jaglarz, Physiotherapy; Alison Stoll, Felicia Maguire, Lorene Dietrich; Environmental Services; Dave White, OT Outpatient; Sara Deluca, Acquired Brain Injury; Teri Woodrow, Patricia Stollar-Garlick, Rehab 4; Shannon Larocque, Rehab 3; Cindy Dwyer, Spiritual Care; Sandra Mosco, Monchita Flores-Apigo, 3North; Cathy Tavares, 3South; Jillian Lanoue, Sheila Bennett, 2North.

All Staff Invited to Sign Up for Second Chance CPR Classes

Second Chance CPR will be offering two hour CPR classes throughout 2015 for ALL staff needing initial certification or recertification. Six dates have been pre-booked for the year and each class will run for two hours.

The classes will be held in the Chrysler Room, Emara Building. On each date, classes will be offered at three different times. You can sign up for the 0730 - 0930h class; the 1230 – 1430h class or the 1530 - 1730h class on the following dates:

February 11, April 8, June 10, August 5, October 7 and December 9, 2015

The two hour class was developed by Second Chance along with Windsor Regional Hospital based on Heart and Stroke Guidelines and accommodates all staff needing initial certification or recertification. Six dates have been pre-booked for the year and each class will run for two hours.

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In order to guarantee a spot in any class you will need to call Second Chance and speak with Caitlie, their receptionist. She will then book you in for that date and class time. The phone number for Second Chance is (519) 977-7017, ext. 3 for all hospital staff. If no one is in the office to take your call, please leave your name, phone number, unit/area you are working on, and which date and time you would like to take the class and they will call you back to confirm.

The class maximum is 15 people and the minimum is five. If the class you have booked does not have the needed amount of people than you will be notified by the company that the class time has been cancelled. You will then need to either book a different time or a different date. If you have registered for the class and do not show up, and or did not cancel through the company you will still be required to pay for that class. For more information on Second Chance you can check out their website at www.2ndchancecpr.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sarah Picco, Clinical Practice Manager, Complex Continuing Care at ext. 72242 or email her at sarah.picco@hdgh.org.