Physiotherapy Month celebrated at HDGH

HDGH celebrated Physiotherapy Month with information displays set up in the Emara Building and the Tower building last week. The displays included free information handouts and brochures related to physiotherapy and the conditions treated by our physiotherapists at HDGH as well as complimentary pens and sticky notes.

Probert Classic June 5th- Tickets on sale June 3rd in cafeteria

Please join Tierney Probert in the cafeteria on Wednesday, June 3rd from 12:15 to 1:00 to buy your tickets for the Probert Classic on June 5th! The cost is $5 per person.

Tickets available for HDGH

Dragon Boat Team Pasta Dinner

Dragon Boat Team also known as the Dieu-ey Ta-tas is holding a Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Good Time Charly Bar and Grill (4715 Tecumseh Road East). Tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased on 3 North, 2 North or 2 South in the Emara Building or at Good Time Charly Bar and Grill. Tickets include pasta dinner and entertainment.

For more information contact Lucy Balkwill at lucy.balkwill@hdgh.org.

HDGH Food Drive for Downtown Mission

Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare is proud to sponsor a Food Drive in support of the Food Bank at the Downtown Mission. The Food Drive will run from Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 12, 2015.

Securing healthy and nutritious food, and feeding those in need, has always been a big part of the Downtown Mission. Right now the shelves in their Food Bank are almost bare. They need our help!

Some of the food items they are in need of include: beans, cereal, peanut butter, tuna, canned vegetables, canned soup just to name a few. They can use just about any nutritious, non-perishable food items – they are low on just about everything!

If you would like to donate any of the above items, please drop them in one of the following collection boxes: outside the Courtyard Cafe in the Tower Building; in the lobby of the Emara Building and the lobby of the Huot Building at the RCC any time between June 1st and June 12th.

Thank you in advance for your support!
TNI Plant Sale

Thanks to all staff who supported the TNI Plant Sale last Friday. According to sale organizer Kris Gosselin, an OT in TNI, staff were extremely supportive and generous. In fact, she said some made donations without even taking a plant. For that Kris wanted us to thank everyone and let you know how much your support was appreciated. If you missed the sale, you can contact Kris at ext. 77820 to arrange to purchase a plant.

Kelly Hanson, OT/PT Assistant, Kris Gosselin, OT, Tierney Probert, Co-Op Student and Jean Kalbfleisch (Kris’s mom) show off some of the plants for sale

Strategic Advisory Committee - Call for Members

The strategic advisory committee is an advisory committee to the President and Chief Executive Officer that assists in setting and maintaining the strategic directions in alignment with the mission, vision and values of the corporation. Once approved by the Board of Directors, the strategic advisory committee will support the President and Chief Executive Office in monitoring progress against the plan and make recommendations regarding updates to the strategic directions.

The committee will be co-chaired by a member of the HDGH board and a staff member. We are looking to recruit the following:

• One medical staff representative (non-board member)
• Two staff members from across the corporation, one of whom shall be Co-Chair
• One member from HDGH leadership forum group

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email your name, contact information and answers to the following questions to Nicole Williams at nicole.williams@hdgh.org by Friday, June 5, 2015.

• Why would you like to be part of this committee?
• What experiences or skills do you feel you possess that would make you a good member of this type of committee?

HDGH and OPP Launch Second Mental Health Response Team in Essex County

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the Ontario Provincial Police and Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare officially launched a Mental Health Response Unit (MHRU) in Leamington.

MHRU is a program that combines resources of both organizations to better serve residents of Leamington with mental health concerns.

The MHRU provides an integrated approach to responding to individuals who may be suffering from a mental illness or find themselves in a severe distress situation and whose needs are not being effectively met within the current system. This collaborative initiative, put forth by the OPP and the Community Crisis Centre at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare is aimed at addressing gaps in existing crisis services. The program is supported by Leamington District Memorial Hospital and the Erie-St. Clair Local Health Integration Network.

Too often, there are individuals who come to the attention of police and emergency room personnel at a point where hospitalization or incarceration are seen to be the only options to intervene – options which rarely offer a solution that would allow the individual an opportunity for longer term change.

MHRU pairs a specially trained, plain clothed, police officer with a hospital mental health crisis worker who work together to meet with a vulnerable individual. It’s a pre-emptive approach in attempting to engage with an individual to assess their needs before their concerns or issues escalate.

Referrals to MHRU are accepted from anyone who is concerned with another person’s mental health status or psychological situation.

If you are an Essex County resident looking to make a referral, please contact Essex County MHRU assessment/intervention by sending the information to: county.coast@hdgh.org or leave a message at (519) 723-4600.

June is Brain Injury Month

For Brain Injury Awareness Month, June 2015, the Ontario Brain Injury Association is launching “I AM THE FACE OF BRAIN INJURY.”

This new and important message about brain injury and concussion was created by individuals living with brain injury to raise awareness about this often invisible disability. Click here to watch the video: http://youtu.be/SPlxS5Fbdlw.

For information on how HDGH plans to promote Brain Injury Awareness Month check out next week’s edition of E-Connect.