Miracle on Taylor Street 2015
Thank you to everyone who made this year’s Miracle on Taylor Employee Holiday Gift Drive a success. Together we sponsored 68 families, 217 children, and 10 adults with a total of 410 gifts!

HEADLINES

CLINICAL DECISION UNIT (CDU) In February, UI Health will open the first phase of our new Clinical Decision Unit (CDU) on the 7th floor of the hospital. This 34 bed unit will be a centralized location to care for patients that are in “observation” status, meaning patients who do not meet criteria for inpatient admission but are not well enough to go home without further evaluation.

The CDU will help to improve:
• patient outcomes
• readmissions rates
• length of stay for observed patients

The first phase of the unit, consisting of eight beds, will open in early February. Additional beds will be opened in stages throughout the first half of calendar year 2016 until all 34 beds are operational.

SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS (STF) are employee incidents that not only relate to our zero harm organizational goal, but are also avoidable if everyone becomes more aware and takes pride in their work space. The biggest hazard related to STF are contaminants on the floor. This includes water, grease, oil, fluid, and food. Be sure to report all spills/liquids on the floor.

For Hospital: page 136-4512, 24 hours / 7 days a week
For OCC, EEI, NPI: page 136-4428, Monday - Friday 7 am - 1:30 am. Off hours, staff should be directed to use the Hospital Number.

EMPLOYEE EVENTS
January 24 - 30 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week
January 28 & 30 UI Health Employee Night with UIC Flames
February 4 Mission Gallery Unveiling & Employee Event
February 5 Wear Red for Heart Health
February 15 - 18 Heart Failure Awareness Week
UI Health welcomes our 1st baby of 2016, David! Born January 1st at 3:56 am.

The Rehab Unit on 5 East beat their previous record with 74 days without a fall! The multidisciplinary team implemented the use of a daily Key Performance Indicator (KPI) board that increased awareness and communication among the team and helped track their progress. The KPI board, along with root cause analysis of each fall, helped to identify strategies to prevent further falls. Great job everyone and keep up the good work!

Check out 6 East and their department employee recognition board! What a great way to encourage everyone to share positive experiences and highlight those who deserve it.

Congratulations to Cathy Lovely for being the first Brand Champion! The Brand Champion is an employee who is observed to be upholding UI Health Mission, Vision, and Values while being an advocate for the UI Health brand.

To nominate a Brand Champion, go to hospital.uillinois.edu/brandchampion
TAKING PRIDE IN OUR MISSION

GALLERY UNVEILING & EMPLOYEE EVENT

Thursday, February 4th

Gallery Unveiling / 1st Floor Hospital Hallway / 11 am
Employee Event / Room 1135 / 11:15 - 1 pm
CARE Award Winners
Dr. Ali Alaraj – Neurosurgery
Yehuda Isenberg – Organizational Development
Lucinda Jones – Environmental Services
Michael Lagatao – Surgical Services
Dr. Richard Stringham – Family Medicine
Elizabeth Wijangco – Radiation Oncology

CARE Award is given to those employees who have demonstrated the UI CARE standards of behavior and have gone out of their way to help a patient, staff member or visitor.

Daisy Award
November Winner:
Consuelo (Connie) Saucedo, 8 W Bone Marrow Transplant

The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Foundation was founded in 1999 to recognize skillful and amazingly compassionate care nurses provide for patients and their families every day.

UI CARE BEHAVIORS

Compassion
• Talk, Listen, & Learn
• Manage Up

Accountability
• Support Accountability and Teamwork
• Make People Feel Welcome

Respect
• Put the Patient First
• Maintain Appearance, Courtesy, and Environment

Excellence
• Reward and Recognize
• Create a Sense of Ownership and Pride

FIT FLEX OF THE MONTH / HOW DO YOU STAY HEALTHY?

“I made a commitment to stop using the elevator and to always take the stairs. I also use apps on my phone such as Fitbit and My Fitness Pal where I keep track of my daily activity and daily calorie consumption. I lost 52 lbs as a result of my efforts over the last year.”

Joel Karman
Associate Hospital Director

“I due to family history I have changed the way I eat to include more healthy snacks like fruit, and I limit the amount of unnatural sugar I eat to help prevent a heart attack and diabetes.”

Aide C. Pagan
Hospitality and Concierge Liaison