Miracle on Taylor Street

We greatly appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of employees who helped make Miracle on Taylor Street come true for the less fortunate during the holidays. We distributed more than 570 gifts! We would like to thank our volunteers for donating their time and bringing the spirit of the holidays to the communities we serve. We’d also like to recognize David Rubio (Accounts Receivable), who organized a separate donation of nearly 100 gifts to the Children’s Hospital University of Illinois, and James Ryan (Radiology) and the Information Services Department for their generous gift card donations. On behalf of UI Health, we thank you for contributing to our mission!

Pilsen Ribbon Cutting

UI Health celebrated a ribbon cutting for the Pilsen Family Health Center Lower West on Dec. 7. Around 100 members of the UI Health, UIC, and Pilsen communities were on hand for the ceremony at the new Pilsen center, which opened in October. Special thanks to Clinic Director Rita Smaw and all the Pilsen Center staff for the successful event! We are proud to be serving this community.

Visit us at our new URL: UIHealth.Care
The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit celebrated its annual “Santa Day” on Dec. 14. No family plans to have a baby in the hospital over the holidays. The NICU’s annual tradition of having Santa visit the babies brings happiness and joy to what can otherwise be an extremely emotional time. Thank you to nurse Kathy Ceranec and the rest of NICU staff who make this special day happen year in, year out, and to Shelly Shimon Photography for donating her time and service!

Illinois DocAssist, a service from the Department of Psychiatry, helps primary care clinicians screen, diagnose, and treat the mental health and substance-use problems of children, adolescents, and women in the perinatal period, through training, consultation, and referral assistance. Illinois DocAssist’s consultation support includes telephone and on-site practice consultations, workshops, and referrals. For more information, visit psych.uic.edu/DocAssist

Chicago magazine listed 20 UI Health physicians in its annual “Chicago’s Top Cancer Doctors” list. The list of 385 physicians, covering 41 specialties, were chosen by their peers as the best cancer doctors in the six-county Chicago area. Visit the UI Health website to see the full list of recognized doctors. Congratulations to them and their departments on this distinction!
UI Health invites all providers, administrators, and staff to the weekly workshop on MACRA-MIPS. In this workshop, a brief summary of the updates in quality payment for performance legislation and programs will be discussed. The workshops are held every Friday at noon in Hospital Conference Room 1130.

Three UI Health pharmacies received accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC): Wood Street Pharmacy, Oncology Clinic Pharmacy, and Eye & Ear Infirmary Pharmacy. ACHC reflects an organization’s dedication and commitment to standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care. These pharmacies provide specialty medications and services to patients, students, and employees with complex chronic diseases.

Au Bon Pain opened Jan. 9 in the OCC! This customer-friendly café is dedicated to providing meaningful, flavorful, high-quality, and healthful food. Au Bon Pain offers everything from healthy food options, to comfort food, to indulgent treats. They have future plans to add additional seating outside, so customers can enjoy the weather as it warms up. Additionally, the new vestibule in the northeast corner of the lobby will be opened seasonally for warmer weather. Hours of operation are 6:30 am to 7 pm.

CARE Award
Kim Andrews – Care Coordination
Nisanth Kaithakot – Radiology
Kim Lee – Family Medicine
Eileen Rabor – Maxwell Street Physical Therapy
Linsey Thattil – PICU
Tareg Qtami – Human Resources

Brand Champions
Zulma Matias, Luis Soto, Teresa Garcia, & Hilario Lechuga from Financial Case Management

RISING STARS: DECEMBER 2016

UPCOMING EVENT | Feb. 14-21: Heart Failure Awareness Week
Welcome to UI Health / New Hires for December 2016

Allen, Ronda
Radiology
Mile Square — Back of the Yards
Mile Square — Cicero

Alvarez, Liliana
Mile Square — Back of the Yards

Angulo, Maria Isabel
Family Medicine

Arias, Amy
8W Bone Marrow Transplant

Aroeloa, Alejandro
Facilities Management Admin.

Avery, Ava
Clinical Practice & Professional Development

Berttino, Kimberly
Care Coordination

Boyle, Penny
8E Adolescent Psychiatry

Bricc, Luke
Clinical Decision Unit

Bridges, Raquel
Physical Therapy

Brown, Lydia
Emergency Services

Caballes, Cid Lord O.
Facilities Management Admin.

Cahue, Arturo
Clinical Decision Unit

Cainis, Christian
Anesthesiology

Casper, Amanda
8E Adolescent Psychiatry

Cordero, Julie Lourdes
Surgical ICU

Costa, Adekunbi T
Surgical Services (OR)

Crosby, Starr
Dermatology

Dimitropoulos, Vassilios
Mile Square Health Center

Faulkner, Tamara
Psychiatry

Fernandez, Lizabeth
Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Garcia, Sandy
COM Pediatrics

Garduano, Marco
Cranofacial

Gartner, Sven
7W Organ Transplant

Gartzke, Natasha
7E Step Down

Gillland, Cheryl
Cancer Center

Haynes, Tonya
Radiology

Hogan, Karinna
Mile Square — South Shore

House, Deja
Pharmacy Practice

Jarrett, Jennie
7W Organ Transplant

Johnson, Sharonda
COM Pediatrics

Jones, Connie
UIC Police Department

Jones, Deonta
Facilities Management Admin.

Jones, Monica
Mile Square Health Center

Jones, Yasmine
8W Bone Marrow Transplant

Keo, Victoria
Dialysis

Khranilov, Jane
Heart Center

Leal, Berenice
Facilities Management Admin.

Lopez, Melchior
Materials Management

Macaranas, Emmanuel
Occupational Therapy

Maddock, Carolyn
Ambulatory Services Admin.

Medossa Vieyra, Cynthia
Human Resources

Muench, Branden
Emergency Services

Muir, Tricia
Department of Medicine Admin.

Navarrete, Annabel
Peditrics ICU

Odenwald, Stephanie
Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences

Olivas, Monica
Cancer Clinic

Parker, Eun Jo
7E Step Down

Pinter, Albert
Cardiothoracic Surgery

Potts, Nicholas
8E Adolescent Psychiatry

Rajani, Alisha
7W Organ Transplant

Ramirez, Rosa
Ambulatory Off-Site

Randle, Meltem
Interventional Radiology

Ratliff, Brett
Information Services

Reed, Steve
UIC Police Department

Reitzel, Sara
7W Organ Transplant

Restrepo, Oscar
Cranofacial Center

Sabella, Dulce
Orthopedic Center

Sciammarella, Esther
Department of Medicine

Slatton, LaChristina
Otolarynology

Smith, Christopher
UIC Police Department

Thompson, Alissia
Pastoral Care

Tyler, Brenda
5E Ortho

Warne, Michael
Mile Square Health Center

Wheaton, Bertha
Women and Family Nursing

Williams, Angel
Psychiatry Center

Wilson, Laticia
Facilities Management Admin.

Yee, Janet
Bed Control

Zhour, Minnie
Anesthesiology

Fit Flex of the Month / How Do You Stay Healthy?

“I am a part of our department’s active Bicycle Officer program. Each opportunity I am granted to jump on the bike at work or at home, I seize it! Also, our Officers at UICPD, including myself, consistently exit the squad cars and walk throughout all buildings on campus, which helps burn lots of calories.”

Terry Williams
Officer
UIC Police Department

“Morning workouts are the best, whether it’s running a few miles or lifting weights, it’s all a great way to start my day. When it comes to eating healthy, I still eat what I like but try to make healthier adjustments. Like opting for whole wheat pizza crust and adding spinach as a topping. I’ve found that little changes can go a long way.”

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