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March is Social Work Month



GIVE SPECIAL THANKS to our hardworking social workers this month.

Social Work

In March we celebrate National Social Work Month to recognize social work professionals who are improving society by working and advocating for individuals in need. Observing National Social Work Month gives us the opportunity to show our support and appreciation of these dedicated professionals.

More than 600,000 people in the United States hold a degree in social work. Social workers can be found in schools, hospitals, mental health facilities, senior centers, corporations, and even the military. Whatever the problem, social workers have the right education, experience, and dedication to help people help themselves whenever and

wherever they need it. For more information visit www.socialworkers.org.

A huge thanks goes out to our social workers here at GRH-S for all of the hard work that they do:

John Rechtzigel, Catherine Davis, Mercedes Byrd, Julie Chanin, Buddy Carter, Jeanette Washington, Sean Nixon, Jamie Smith, Amber Luxford, Lisa Nash, Keith Trawick, Fannie Smith

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To the Staff of Georgia Regional Hospital at Savannah;

Thank you for all that you have done. Hard times have now turned into times of pride. All this we managed with you by our side, nor could we otherwise this course have run. Kindness is not tender on demand. You gave with love, not merely out of duty, our days are daily burnished by that beauty. Upon your love we four now stand proudly.

-Gwen Coney and Son Charles Hills and Family

“Once again the Hills Family thanks you all for contributing to our needs to better our future livings and new home of Savannah. It is a true blessing to be able to give thanks to a group of wonderful individuals. Thanks again.”

Love, Charles Sr., Monique, Charles Jr. and Monischa Hills

IN THE NEWS



Dr. Prather Accepts Award

Clinical

We are proud to note that our Clinical Director Dr. John Prather was presented an award by Roslyn Carter at the Georgia CIT Awards Banquet for his outstanding service to the CIT Program. Dr. Prather expressed his appreciation to John Richards and Diane Reeder for their help in his mission.

The Crisis Intervention Team Program trains police units in the correct responses to mentally ill individuals in crisis situations. Many NAMI groups in Georgia have been actively involved in this training. In addition to Dr. Prather, other GRH-S staff, Drs. Marquardt, Negrone, Pellicano and D'Alesandro have been involved in teaching.

Celebrate Doctor's Day



Clinical

National Doctors' Day is always March 30 and provides a time for people to show appreciation to the doctors who care for them or their loved ones.

The first Doctors' Day observance was March 30, 1933, in Winder, Ga. The idea came from Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Chad Almond, and the date was the anniversary of the first use of general anesthetic in surgery. (On March 30, 1842, Dr. Crawford Long of Barrow County, Ga., used ether to remove a tumor from a patient's neck.)

The Barrow County Medical Society Auxiliary proclaimed the day "Doctors' Day," which was celebrated by mailing cards to physicians and their wives, and placing flowers on the graves of deceased doctors, including Dr. Long.

Please take time to show appreciation for our doctors this March 30.

Medical Staff

- Dr. Michael Amburgey
- Dr. InTai Cheong
- Dr. Neal Cobb
- Dr. Kab Kim
- Dr. Sandra Ligneel
- Dr. Manuel Martinez
- Dr. George Negrone
- Dr. Jesus Ortiz
- Dr. Ed Pellicano
- Dr. John Prather
- Dr. Suseela Vajrarakur

- Dr. Heather Hall
- Dr. Travis Henderson
- Dr. Dilraj Mann
- Dr. Kennedy Okere
- Dr. Stinson Tilelson
- Dr. James Waller

Lakeside Doctors:

- Dr. Chrissie Clure
- Dr. Khoa Vo

Nurse Practitioner

- Naomi Ryan, NP

On Duty Doctors (ODs)

- Dr. Darshan Acharya
- Dr. Gary Dent
- Dr. Thomas Earwood

Clinical & Anatomic Pathology

- Dr. Jane Jennings



THE SECURE UNIT CELEBRATES with a program which includes songs, poems and monologues.

Black History Celebrated

Holiday

a life dedicated to peace and justice.

“Remember the past, but live for a better tomorrow” was the theme of this year’s Black History Month Celebration on the Secure Unit. The program was dedicated to civil rights pioneer Coretta Scott King who is being honored as a champion of human rights and for

The program on February 15, at 12:00 noon included the Negro National Anthem, The Pledge of Allegiance and several solos and poems. Participants included both staff and clients. Following the program everyone was invited to share a home cooked meal.

The Recovery Care Unit observed the holiday as well. *‘Let ev’ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.’* Chorused clients and staff alike as Unit 5 celebrated Black History month. The February 23 event included poems, songs, speeches and prayers in commemoration of African American history and heritage performed by clients and staff.

On Unit 4 special thanks to Jimmie Bartley and Joyce Morris of Activity Therapy for coordinating this special event. Thanks are also extended to all staff and event participants. On Unit 5 special thanks are extended to Therapy Mall staff Lee Marsh and Gretta Green, Activity Therapy staff Rick Petrea and Jeni Riggs, Behavior Specialist Larry Edge and Recovery Care Unit staff.



Shirley Laster

Retirement

It was nearly twenty-seven years ago when Ms. Shirley Laster was applying for jobs around Savannah and was hired as the Assistant Painter in Maintenance at GRH-S. She might have been retiring from a position at Hunter AAF if they called her back first. Fortunately, GRH-S was quicker and placed her as assistant to Dan O’Conner. “He taught me a lot including perseverance” said Ms. Laster, who stuck with her position to prove to herself that she could do it. She has since been promoted to Head Painter.

Ms. Laster will fondly remember the kind and loving spirit of her co-workers. “I couldn’t ask to work with a better crew,” she said. “I just want to say I will miss everyone. Working here has been an experience and I have learned a lot. It was a blessing.”

Enjoying one day at a time, including spending time with her grandchildren and taking a vacation are Ms. Laster’s plans for retirements.

Congratulations are extended to Ms. Shirley Laster on her retirement after nearly 27 years of dedicated service. Her date of retirement is set for 5/1/06.

Meet Nichole Buck, Social Work Student

Social Work

Georgia Regional Hospital at Savannah not only provides care and services to the mentally ill, it also acts as a training tool for many students in the medical field. Ms. Nichole Buck has been a social work intern with GRH-S since August 2005 while she is completing her degree at Savannah State University. Her internship has provided her the opportunity to apply her studies in a acute psychiatric setting, as well as develop her understanding of the mental health population.

Ms. Buck sent us the following bibliography: Hello my name is Nicole Buck and I am in my final

year of the MSW program at Savannah State University. During my career as a student, I have participated in many activities related to the field of social work. These experiences include traveling to Atlanta to participate in Lobby Day. This trip gave me the opportunity to see the relationship of law making in regards to everyday social work. Also, I have participated in the Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah’s Annual Conference. This conference not only exposed me to current clinical issues in social work but also gave me the chance to network with professionals. I have also represented Savannah State by doing a presentation on

our Research Methods II class at the Historical Black Colleges and Universities Conference this past fall. I am on the clinical track with hopes of going into private practice once I am able to get my clinical licensure. I hail from the state of Michigan and obtained my undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in psychology. My professional interests include individual counseling with the severely mentally ill population and children.

Lakeside

I would like to say thank you to my friends and coworkers at Georgia Regional Hospital and my work family here at Lakeside. You have my heartfelt gratitude for all the calls, cards, gifts, flowers and especially for your prayers. Many of you told me you were praying for me and I could actually feel those prayers before and after surgery. I think they made a significant difference in how well my recovery has gone. Having been blessed with excellent health all my life made this emotionally charged time even more traumatic. Words cannot express my appreciation for your concern and support. Friends, family and God's healing are some of life's greatest blessings. I feel truly blessed.

Jane McGibony, Education Supervisor
Lakeside Center

Admissions

Admissions would like to welcome new employee Bridget Stephens. Bridget will be working on the 11 PM to 7 AM shift.

Medical Records

I would like to thank a few people for helping out Medical Records with the transcription. They are Joyce Fraser, Marie Blake, Pat Williams and thanks to Dorothy Lloyd for trying. Please highlight that we thank Carol Sellers for her hard work and for coming in almost everyday and sticking with us to the end. She is a trooper.

Merline Minott
Director of Health Information Services

Monitoring and Evaluation

I would like to thank my employee, Ms. Pat Williams, for going that extra mile and helping out Medical Records Department when they needed clerical assistance in completing the physician's transcriptions. Medical Records, in going through their own transition, was behind on their transcribing of consumer's medical information due to shortage of staff.

Kelly Gray

Unit 5

Dear Mrs. Javis,
We, the 7 to 3p shift on Unit 5 are going to miss you very much. We know that this change is better for you, but will still miss you. We love you and wish you good luck "Little Big Momma".
The 7 to 3p Shift

Procurement

Congratulations to Bobbie Marmolejo on her retirement. All are welcome to a reception held in her honor in Serendipity on March 23 from 2 to 4 PM.

Classifieds

1998 VW Cabrio Convertible. Only 51,000 miles... Great interior/exterior condition. New brakes, clutch. \$7000—MUST SELL. and COLD A/C! 912-238-4321 after 5P!

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March is Mental Retardation Awareness Month

Awareness

Mental Retardation awareness is recognized each March to increase public knowledge of Mental Retardation, its prevention, and the needs and abilities of the seven million children and adults in the United States who have mental retardation.

The American Association on Mental Retardation defines mental retardation as "a disability characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills. This disability originates before age 18" (Luckasson et al., 2002). This means that a person with mental retardation has an intelligence quotient (IQ) of approximately 70 or less and that he or she needs support to take care of him or herself. Other terms are used for this condition in other countries. In the United Kingdom, for instance, the terms "intellectual disability" is used. Many people in the United States prefer this term.

For more information visit www.thearch.org.

RECOGNITION

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS!

Faithful Service Awards

30 YEARS

Janet M. Welch Staff Development

20 YEARS

Edward Heyward, III Recovery Care Unit
Jerusha L. Stacey Nursing Administration

Welcome

Nyeesha Boland	Mobile Crisis Response
Abdul El-Amin	Mobile Crisis Response
Sherico Greene	Acute Care Unit
Mitchelle Honore	Medical Records
Barbara Munro	Mobile Crisis Response
Cynthia Mustafa	Lakeside Center
Nikki Smith	Mobile Crisis Response
Patricia Speight-Oney	Mobile Crisis Response
Bridget Stephens	Admissions
Calvin Stephens	Food Service
William Bush	Acute Care Unit
Tobias Hunter	Acute Care Unit
Lonnie Hash	23 Hour Unit

Congratulations on Your Promotion

Franchon Jernigan Human Resource Management
Rose Mikell Acute Care Unit

RETIREMENTS

Kana Mutawassim

Secure Unit

Roberta Marmolejo

Materials Management

Congratulations on your retirement!

Stars and Superstars

The following staff were mentioned by clients on the January 2005 Patient Satisfaction Survey as “most helpful” to them. These surveys were completed by clients who were being discharged from Units 5 and 6. STARS are staff that were mentioned by at least one to four clients. SUPERSTARS are staff who were mentioned by more than four clients. Thanks and congratulations to all of you.



STARS

Carter, Robert
Edge, Larry
Fripp, Zelma
Gordon, Sarah
Jacobson, David
Johnson, Cynthia
Jones, Kelly
Jordan, Mary
Kearse, Denise
Kim, Kab
Ladson, Warren
Mike, Sylvia
Pellicano, Edward

Smith, Fannie
Bellinger, Sharon
Chanin, Julie
Gorini, Helen Mary
Moore, Evelyn P
Orear, Gary
Pinkney, Leona
Wallace, Lloyd
Moultrie, Nancy

SUPERSTARS

Bland, Kevin
Hawkins, Steffon
Kelly, Reginald

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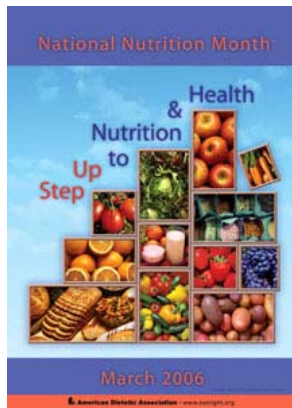
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March is Nutrition Month

Awareness

Sponsored by the American Dietetic Association, National Nutrition Month promotes the importance of nutrition as a key component of health and illustrates the flexibility of nutrition recommendations, dietary guidelines, and The Food Guide Pyramid as the framework for making daily food choices. For more information visit www.eatright.org.



New in HR

HR

Jamekia T. Powers

The Human Resource Management Department has seen several changes over the last few months:

We would like to welcome Colleen Hartman to the Human Resources Department. Colleen was promoted to Personnel Technician 2 (Payroll Transactions) on 12/16/05. Colleen has been with the hospital for 16 years. Colleen previously worked in Financial Services as a Budget Analyst, Paraprofessional. Colleen has 10 years of payroll/accounting experience and has taken courses in accounting at Savannah Technical College.

Lori Riddle, Personnel Technician 2 (Benefits), will be the new contact for employee benefits, worker's compensation and leave of absences. Previously, Lori was the Personnel Technician 2 (Payroll Transactions). Lori has been with the hospital since May 2004. Lori has over 10 years of human resources experience.

Chon Jernigan was promoted to Personnel Technician 2 (Recruitment) on 3/1/06. Chon has worked for the hospital since March 2004 (HR Program Associate). Prior to her position as a HR Program Associate, she served as an Office Manager with a local company. Chon holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education (Language Arts) and an Associate in Science Degree. Chon also served in the United States Navy as an Operations Specialist for 5 years.

We would like to welcome Tiffany Bostic as our new volunteer here in the Human Resource Management Department. Tiffany is currently a student majoring in Accounting at Savannah Technical College.

The Human Resource Management Department would like to congratulate Mary Ann Noonan and wish her well in her new role as Budget Analyst, Paraprofessional in Financial Services.



Happy Birthday April!

April 1	Rose Mikell	April 18	Travis Henderson Heather LeBlanc
April 2	Willie Williams	April 19	Angela Buchanan Albert Holmes
April 3	Cherlyn Alexis	April 22	James Bell
April 6	Stacie Colello Mary Smith	April 23	Olivia Stark
April 8	Catherine Davis Jesus Ortiz	April 27	Patricia Speight-Oney
April 9	Thu Do		
April 13	Claire Hodges		
April 15	Geraldine Coleman Charles Li Barbara Pickett		
April 17	Carolyn Louper		

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR BIRTHDAY INCLUDED IN THE REPORTER PLEASE NOTIFY EDITOR TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO PUBLISHING. THANK YOU.

Spotlight On Human Resources

HR

Jamekia T. Powers

Suggestions or Questions

If you have any topic suggestions or questions, please submit them via e-mail or interoffice mail to Jamekia Powers in the Human Resource Department before the 20th of the month. We will discuss the topic or answer the question in the Human Resources Spotlight (no names will be used).

FREE Computer Classes

The Live Oak Public Library System offers a variety of FREE computer classes to the public. The following courses would be very beneficial for employees who are beginners: Introduction to the Internet, Windows, and E-mail. The public library system also offers introductory, intermediate and advanced courses in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://www.liveoakpl.org/Classes.htm> or call the main branch at 912-652-3600.

The St. Joseph/Candler African-American Health Information & Resource Center (AAHIRC) offers FREE computer courses at their mid-town location. For additional information, please call (912) 447-6605.

Please take advantage of the free computer courses!!!

EMPLOYEE SELF-SERVE

The Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the State Accounting Office have announced the launch of a web-based application that will allow employees to view, and in some cases, update their own personal information, such as address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts. Pay "stubs" will no longer be printed by DHR payroll. This service will be implemented April 01, 2006 (your April 14, 2006 pay stub), for employees of the Department of Human Resources. Employees will be able to view and print pay stubs, W-2 and W-4 tax data, as well as employee benefits information.

To begin using the self-service feature, employees must go to the Team Georgia Connection website and register. The internet address is: <http://team.georgia.gov/portal/site>. The Team Georgia Connection website offers State of Georgia information to include: benefits, education and training, self-service, policies and news and communications. You can access the Team Georgia Connection website from anywhere and any computer. To begin the registration process, click the "Register Now!" link in the middle of the page. This will take you to the page to enter your information (NOTE: A valid email address is required for registration). Please refer to the information that was distributed with your pay stub on 2/28/06. **You will only be able to access the self-serve feature (your personal Human Resource information) from a work site computer (until further notice).

Retirement Information

For service retirement, you should allow at least 45 days from the time the application is received by The Employee's Retirement System (ERS). Applications must be received at least 30 days prior to retirement, but not more than 90 days prior to the retirement date in order to receive your first check on the last working day of your retirement month. If not, your check will be delayed. For information on retirement, please visit the ERS web site at: www.ersga.org.

Retirees are eligible to continue their Health and Dental Benefits when they retire. If you have additional benefits such as Long-Term Care, Group Term Life Insurance (Employee, Spouse or Child), Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance or supplemental insurance (AFLAC, Chesapeake and Colonial), you must request Conversion and Portability information and forms so that you can individually continue your coverage. You can request forms from the insurance carrier or contact the Human Resource Management office (requests for forms or information on the conversion/portability of supplemental insurance should be directed to the insurance carrier only). Some forms are also available on the Georgia Merit System web site at: www.gms.state.ga.us.

The computers in the Human Resource Management Department will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. If you require computer access outside of these hours, please contact your supervisor.

V3- Health Plan Administration System (STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN)

The new V3—Health Plan Administration System, which will be administered by the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP), will roll this summer (exact date will be given at a later time). This new system will allow employees to manage their own health plans by: reviewing current or historical information, submit address/telephone number changes, request qualifying event election changes, review

plan information, check on the status of documents, and review direct pay bills. The system is web-based, secure, user-friendly, and the application will be available to employees 24/7.

With the new system, student/dependent status updates must be completed online and supporting documentation must be forwarded to State Health Benefit Plan immediately. If student/dependent status updates are not completed by the required deadline, then you will have to wait until Open Enrollment (October) or until you experience a qualifying event to add your student/dependent back onto your coverage. We will provide further information as it is received. Reminder: Open Enrollment occurs in the Fall (October/November). We are on a January 1 to December 31 benefit plan year.

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March 16 from 7am to 4 pm

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