United Way Recognizes MMC With UNITED We Thrive Award

Maine Medical Center was among seven organizations and community leaders honored by the United Way of Greater Portland during its annual UNITED We Thrive Award Luncheon on April 23.

MMC received the ADVOCATE award in the large organization category. The award is given to those who speak out on behalf of or educate others on issues in one or more of United Way’s focus areas of education, financial stability and health.

MMC was recognized for three initiatives to increase access to health care. The first is the Preble Street Learning Collaborative and Homeless HealthPartners, partnerships with Preble Street to bridge priority gaps in healthcare services for greater Portland’s homeless population.

The second is the CarePartners program, in which primary and specialty care providers and hospitals donate their services to eligible low income and uninsured Mainers. CarePartners also helps assess whether those patients might be eligible for other assistance programs, enrolls them in prescription assistance as needed and provides general case management and coordination with community resources.

Finally, the hospital’s department of vocational services provides employment services to youth and adults with disabilities and technical assistance and training to community rehabilitation agencies, employers and schools.

“Maine Medical Center’s collaborative work and innovative programs to improve the health of our community exemplifies the power and impact of partnership,” said city councilor Spencer Thibodeau, an attorney at Verrill Dana and United Way of Greater Portland Board member.

Deb Deatrick, who recently retired as Senior Vice President for Community Health at MaineHealth received the Andrews Volunteer Award for her dedication and contributions to the mission of United Way and the cause of caring for others.

Join MMC’s Active Commuter Challenge Starting May 1

MMC’s Commuter Choice program has a new commuter challenge for MMC, MMP and MaineHealth employees who live in greater Portland and like to be active.

Participants who commute by walking, running, biking or other human-powered modes can compete for prizes by logging their commutes at www.gomaine.org or on the Go Maine app.

Colleagues with the most trips logged, most miles logged and the biggest reduction in CO2 will win gift cards. All participants are eligible for a raffle drawing, too.

Anyone with questions should contact: commuterchoice@mmc.org.
MMC Recognizes Colleagues at Employee Appreciation Week

Employees celebrate with sports gear, fun hats, ice cream and giveaways from April 22 - April 28