Thank you to everyone who donated to the MaineHealth United Way Food Drive! Your donations support those in our community who need a little extra help.

Now, get ready for our annual MaineHealth United Way 2018 Campaign. Join us Friday, Sept. 14, in Portland’s Monument Square for the United Way of Greater Portland sculpture contest and campaign kickoff. Watch as the MaineHealth sculpture created from your food donations is unveiled (don’t worry, the food will still be donated!), and join our cabinet to ring in the 2018 campaign.

Then look for an email from United Way on Sept. 14 with your personalized pledge link. This year, help us achieve our goal of $352,000 in donations.

Kathy Recknagel is named as an MMC Healthcare Hero!

Congratulations to Kathy Recknagel, RN, in the MMC Family Center, for receiving recognition as a Healthcare Hero! Kathy was nominated by a former patient, who wrote:

“Kathy was AMAZING! She was my nurse for two of three nights after my delivery. She was the most caring, nurturing, and professional nurse we had. Great sense of humor too! If we return, I’d request her. Truly a special person!”

Healthcare Heroes, a program through the Philanthropy Department, provides an opportunity for patients and their families to honor someone at MMC or MMP who had a meaningful impact during their experience with our hospital.

Lisa R. Thomas, MD, has rejoined Maine Medical Partners — MaineHealth Cardiology as an attending cardiologist.

Dr. Thomas is a longtime member of the greater Portland medical community, originally as a partner for 12 years at Maine Cardiology Associates.

She then served for three years as an attending cardiologist at Maine Medical Partners, followed by three years at Mercy Cardiology.

Dr. Thomas is a Vermont native and a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Vermont College of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency, chief residency and cardiology fellowship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

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David Polisner, MD, has joined Maine Medical Partners – Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Polisner will be working in area nursing homes where MMP provides patient care. He received his medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School and completed his residency at University of North Carolina Hospitals. Prior to completing his geriatrics fellowship at MMC, Dr. Polisner served as Medical Director, Hospital Medicine Service and Chief, Division of Inpatient Medicine at Mercy Hospital in Portland. His clinical interests include comprehensive geriatric assessment and long-term care of older adults. Outside of work, Dr. Polisner enjoys spending time with his family, summers on Sebago Lake and coaching his two boys in hockey and baseball.

Christopher Adams, MD, of Spectrum Healthcare Partners, PA was newly appointed to the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff. Dr. Adams received his medical degree from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and will provide anesthesiology and perioperative medicine care.

Joshua Sinkin, MD, of Coastal Women’s Healthcare was newly appointed to the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff.

Dr. Sinkin received his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and will provide obstetrics – gynecology care.

Julien Wonderlick, MD, of Spectrum Healthcare Partners, PA was newly appointed to the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff. Dr. Wonderlick received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine and will provide vascular & interventional care.

MMC Colleagues Recognize Each Other With Moments To Shine

Katherine Mullen received recognition from Suzanne Kirkwood for Patient Centered
Kat spent a great deal of time today helping one of our young patients overcome his anxiety and distress so that he could get his first radiation treatment. Kat had him laughing, joking and willing to get his treatment. She did a great job today helping us get our patient to agree to be treated.

Mary Jo Stanton received recognition from Denise Owens for Ownership
Thank you, Mary Jo, for taking the time to help the PICU set up the EEG Machine and write out tip sheets for our two week education blitz. Your positive attitude and excitement for sharing your knowledge is very much appreciated.

Lisa Gunn received recognition from Kristie Worster for Respect
You have set a wonderful example in the office the last few weeks with your thoughtful and mindful approach to patients and their unique needs. You are kind and compassionate, and you are a stellar example for all those around you as you have a non-judgmental viewpoint, see people through a lens of past experience and understand the core reason people seek services here.