2017 Our Place Employee Giving Campaign Kicks Off

A message from Sally Whitten and Marge Schmitt, Co-chairs, 2017 Employee Giving Program:

Today marks the launch of Maine Medical Center’s annual OUR Place Employee Giving Program.

We invite all employees to express pride and ownership in MMC by participating in this effort.

Working side by side with our colleagues every day, we witness acts of kindness to patients, to their families and between our coworkers. Employee Giving can be one of your acts of kindness today.

Last year more than 2,400 of our colleagues made donations to OUR Place! One hundred percent of the money raised is reinvested in OUR people, OUR patients, and OUR place. Funds raised through Employee Giving benefit all of us as every improvement or advancement made throughout the organization increases the quality of care we provide all of our patients.

This year only, our MMC and MMP colleagues have a unique opportunity to strengthen OUR Place for years to come by designating the first $25 of their Employee Giving donation to The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital specialty license plate.

This will help us collect the last few hundred sign-ups required by the state of Maine to get this plate on the road!

Once available statewide, this plate is expected to raise more than $200,000 of much-needed funds each year to benefit our youngest patients. For as long as vehicles are required to have license plates, this plate will continue to generate funds for the sick and injured children of Maine – for generations to come!

Giving to the OUR Place program is easy. You can make a one-time donation with cash, credit card, or through payroll deduction, donate PTO hours or participate in biweekly payroll deduction. You can donate online or fill out a pledge form and send it to the Philanthropy Office. We also invite you to visit us in the MMC Main Lobby Monday – Friday, Noon – 1 p.m., through June 9 to make a donation in person.

Don’t forget to check the box to sign up for the BBCH specialty license plate!

Every donor will receive either an OUR Place t-shirt or an OUR Place tote bag.

We hope you will join us in participating in Employee Giving. Thank you for all that you do to support OUR Place every day!

2017 Employee Volunteerism Survey

This is a reminder to all colleagues to please take the Employee Volunteerism Survey that was emailed to everyone on May 10.

Survey results will help us develop new community service opportunities as well as a community service recognition program.

The survey is only two questions and responses will be anonymous.
MMC’s Nursing Excellence Awards began in 2002 as a way for our nurses to recognize their peers. The nominees are nominated by their peers annually between January 1 and March 1. Selection Teams for each of the awards consist of previous recipients of the awards, a co-chair representative from one of our Nursing Councils, a member from the Nursing Professional Excellence Council and other staff from MMC, depending on the award.

Maine Medical Center 2017 Nursing Excellence Award Recipients

**Clinical Nursing Excellence**
- Amanda Bennett, R2
- Amanda Chaves, CICU
- Giavanna Chefalo, R6/B2
- Leslie Knight, ASU
- Theresa McKay, PICU
- Emily Schwarz, Gibson
- Diana Verrill, R9W

**Nurses as Teachers**
- Gail DiFiore, CCPD
- Brandi Lovering, R2
- Kristen Taylor, P6

**Nurses as Teachers & Laura Vogel**
- Karen Norton, L/D

**Nursing Research & Innovation**
- Michelle Creech, Nutrition Services
- Jessica Dreves, PICC Line
- Carrie Strick, R3
- Sharon Tate, Nutrition Services
- Beth Thivierge, PICC

**Quality**
- Scott Evans, NICU