

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

Cares for Kids Radiothon Raises Funds and Spirits for The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital



The annual Cares for Kids Radiothon took over The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital (BBCH) Thursday, March 10.

The Radiothon raises money every year for the hospital to better serve patients and families. The three-day fundraiser was broadcast live on 107.5 Frank FM, 99.9 The Wolf, and WGME-13, and featured the stories of patients and families cared for by BBCH.

This year's "Disney" theme had everyone from volunteers to patients dressing up in mouse ears and wearing their favorite character shirts in the BBCH Atrium.

Pictured: WGME-13's Kim Block, left, interviewed patient Emma, center, and Emma's mom Lynn, right. Emma is currently being treated for cystic fibrosis at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

'Sound Ears' Lead to Sound Sleep For Patients

You may have seen Sound Ear wall units (pictured, right), recently popping up around the hospital. Each Sound Ear monitors noise levels, so staff can see when noise on the unit goes above a certain decibel or conversations are a little too loud.

The use of Sound Ear is one of the ideas that came out of the Silent Hospitals Help Healing (SHHH) initiative that MMC launched in 2011. Noise can be a major stressor for patients, especially when it impacts their ability to rest or sleep at night. Studies have shown

that a restful environment promotes healing.

"The overall response to the Sound Ears from staff has been positive," says Jeff Gregory, Patient Experience Project Manager, Center for Performance Improvement. "It's important to keep up awareness of the Sound Ear so it doesn't become just something else on the wall."

Does your unit need a Sound Ear? Contact Bill Horton in EVS. Clinical Engineering can help you with set up and calibration.



The Sound Ear monitor lights start at green, then turn yellow and red as noise levels increase, reminding staff and visitors to lower their voices and refrain from creating excessive noise for the comfort of patients.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



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15 Years



Blue Butterfield
15 Years



Tina Merrill
15 Years



Veronica Labbe
10 Years

40 Years

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35 Years

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30 Years

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25 Years

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