June 8, 2015

Dear Colleagues:

We are in the final stretch of the 2015 OUR Place Employee Giving Program and are eager for you and all of our colleagues to participate. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. If you haven’t yet made your contribution, please consider what Maine Medical Center means to you and your family and make your donation today.

There are thousands of stories of employees who not only work at MMC, but trust their loved ones’ care to us.

Sally Whitten, Director of Pulmonary Medicine, has worked at Maine Medical Center for 30 years. Gary, her husband, has significant chronic health issues related to diabetes. Gary and Sally have spent many anniversaries, birthdays, and other holidays at various departments throughout the hospital.

“We’ve visited the Cath Lab, the Diabetes Center, MMP Surgical Care, the OR, ED, R3, R4, P3CD, R9West, PACU, Rehab Medicine, Radiology, and more,” says Sally. “When Gary is admitted to MMC, he receives excellent medical care and I receive a great deal of support from my MMC friends. I know that my annual contribution to OUR Place helps ensure that expert medical treatment remains available to every family in our community.”

We invite you to think about your own story and your connection to MMC. Please consider the comfort of knowing that Maine Medical Center is here when you need it and make your donation to OUR Place before this Friday, June 12. One-hundred percent of the money raised is reinvested in OUR people, OUR patients, and OUR place.

Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation to OUR Place this year. We are proud to be your colleagues and thank you for all that you do to support OUR Place each and every day.

Sincerely,

Janice Siegle and Joanne Chapman
Co-chairs, 2015 Employee Giving Program

OUR Place Gets Personal: Sally Whitten’s Story

Sally Whitten stands next to the many MMC pins she has collected during her 30 years at the hospital.

Sally Whitten

BBCH Ranks as a Best Children’s Hospital in National Survey

The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital (BBCH) at Maine Medical Center was ranked for the second year in a row in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospitals national survey for Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes.

BBCH is certified by the American Diabetes Association and has the only diabetes education program in Maine that is dedicated to the care of children and adolescents. Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes specialists at BBCH work with patients on issues with growth, puberty, thyroid, calcium, and adrenal glands.

The hospital is also home to Northern New England’s only Gender Clinic and works with a specialized team of medical, social, and psychological support to help patients and families.

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Anthony Karabanow, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Partners Hospital Medicine. He comes to Maine from Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Board certified in Internal Medicine, Dr. Karabanow completed his residency at University of Wisconsin Hospital/Clincs and received his medical degree from University of Connecticut Health Science Center. He has additional training in tropical medicine and continues to provide medical care in the developing world.

When not at work, Dr. Karabanow enjoys yoga, hiking, and dog walking.

Amina Qazi, D.O., FACC, has joined Maine Medical Partners — MaineHealth Cardiology. Dr. Qazi received her medical degree in 2003 from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship and residency at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and fellowship training in cardiovascular disease at MMC. Her clinical interests include general clinical cardiology, cardiac critical care, diagnostic cardiac catheterization, nuclear imaging, and echocardiography. She serves as governor for the Maine chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Qazi, who will see patients in the practice’s Scarborough office, enjoys linguistics, reading, and figure skating. She is fluent in Pashto and Urdu.

MMC’s long-term employees with milestone anniversaries were honored last Thursday in Portland with dinner and a recognition ceremony. Hundreds of employees attended Honor Night, including Care Management’s Nancy Waters (35 years at MMC), shown here with Rich Petersen, MMC President and CEO, and some excited colleagues.

See more photos on the MMC Intranet and watch the Honor Night video on MMC’s YouTube page.