

Sisters of Charity Hospital Monthly Minute

News and announcements for associates, patients, and their families

September 2021

Love Award Recipients

We're proud to announce our recent LOVE Award recipients! Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to demonstrating our core values everyday!

Main Street Campus



Precious Debose,
Cooks Assistant,
Dietary Services

Precious was nominated by Glenn Koehler, RN Ambulatory Surgery.

"Precious is one of a kind...Always cheerful. The grill is her domain. She prepares food with her special touch and caring attitude. She's a gem in the SOC Cafeteria."



Mary Ann Cotroneo,
Senior Mammography
Technologist, Piver
Center

Mary Ann was nominated by a patient via CHEER.

"Mary Ann has done my mammograms a few times and I was very happy to have her again. She conducts herself in a warm, efficient manner, and makes what is a stressful experience for me, into a friendly, but professional procedure. Mary Ann treated me as if I was her only patient."

If you would like to nominate someone for the LOVE Award, visit CHEER and select the LOVE award recognition option.

Do you have news that you would like featured in the Monthly Minute?

**Email Carrie Sette-Camara
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Gift to Sisters Hospital Foundation in Memory of Dr. Kamal D. Toubaf



Dr. Tourbaf's family gathered around 'Susie,' the simulation robot, a gift from Canisius College



Dr. Tourbaf on the rooftop of Sisters Hospital, 1964

The family of the late Dr. Kamal D. Tourbaf recently gathered in Buffalo for a celebration of his life. As part of the weekend celebration, the family visited Sisters Hospital to make a significant gift to Sisters Hospital Foundation in memory of their father and grandfather.

Dr. Tourbaf passed away peacefully on July 11, 2021 in Jamesville, NY. He was born on February 25, 1932 in Azerbaijan and received his medical degree from Tehran University School of Medicine. He specialized in the fields of Hematology and Oncology. Dr. Tourbaf spent decades working at ECMC and the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and ended his nearly 50-year medical career working at Sisters of Charity Hospital, where he served for more than 25 years. He loved to teach and mentor medical residents and touched many people with his patient, kind and compassionate bedside manner and teaching style.

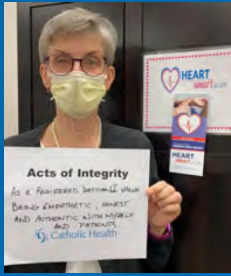
The \$25,000 gift will be earmarked for the Resident Education Program, specifically to endow the training room that will house the simulation robot, 'Susie,' that was recently received from Canisius College. Hospital administration and staff who worked with Dr. Tourbaf gathered in prayer and remembrance and were on-hand to demonstrate live training sessions.

We are thankful to the Tourbaf family for their generosity that allows us the opportunity to house and facilitate the most up-to-date in teaching technologies. We are also grateful for our partnership with Canisius College and their interest in furthering the education and opportunities that we are able to offer to our residents.



Mission News

Core Value: Integrity



Ann Marie Smokowski, Outpatient Dietician, RD, DCES, CDN MCCC

The next core value we will be focusing on is integrity. Having Integrity is to be honest, transparent, and accountable. It's our moral compass that guides us to do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

How do you demonstrate integrity? We encourage you to share an examples by taking a photo of yourself, a colleague or with your team, using the integrity signs given to your manager or copies can be found on the Mission bulletin board. **Text the pic to (716) 225-4054 or email to esanborn@chsbuffalo.org and we will share it to encourage and foster integrity at SOCH.**



Pictured L to R: Aaron Chang, SOCH President & Esther Sanborn, VP, Mission, preparing for a FeedMore WNY food delivery.



The need for home-delivered meals continues to grow as the WNY population ages. FeedMore WNY is experiencing unprecedented growth in demand. Additional volunteer support is needed to ensure our homebound neighbors receive nourishment and companionship. Catholic Health is part of FeedMore WNY's Adopt-A-Route program. Adopt-A-Route volunteers take turns delivering meals during their lunch hour on a weekly basis. If you are interested, click on the Mission Tab on the CH Intranet page to sign up or call or email Esther Sanborn at (716) 225-4054 or esanborn@chsbuffalo.org



SAVE THE DATE: Fall Memorial Services

- Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm SJC Fall Memorial Service at Queen of Martyrs Church
- Monday, October 25th at 7pm MSC Fall Memorial Service via Webex from Marillac Chapel



Congratulations to Our Daisy Award Recipient



The DAISY Award is a national award program that was established to celebrate the extraordinary compassion and skillful care nurses provide their patients and families every day. Ashley Drzymala, RN, SJC, Hall 4, was nominated by her co-worker, Brian Tichy, for the compassionate care she provided to a end of life COVID-19 patient and for also being the communication liaison for the patient's family as they could not be their loved one's side. The patient's family commented on how much this meant to them during a very difficult and emotional time.

Welcome Dr. Praba Jeyalingam, MD

The M. Steven Piver Center for Women's Health & Wellness is pleased to welcome Praba Jeyalingam, MD, to its practice. Dr. Jeyalingam is an experienced GYN surgeon who completed a fellowship in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and specializes in pelvic reconstruction, pelvic organ prolapse, fibroids, endometriosis, ovarian cysts, tubal reversal, and abnormal uterine bleeding.



Did you know that the Pharmacy in the MSC lobby is open to patients, associates and the public? Discounted pricing on medications is available for patients that do not have insurance or their coverage does not pay for certain medications. The pharmacy is also "preferred in network" for prescription copay savings for associates that have the IHA First Choice plan and it's easy to transfer prescriptions, no more stopping at the drugstore on your way home. Money-saving discounts on over the counter items are also available to associates. The Pharmacy will be providing flu vaccinations once the supply arrives this fall, no appointment necessary. **Hours: Mon - Fri: 10am - 6pm • Sat: 11am - 3pm • Sun: Closed**

Fall Food Trucks at MSC

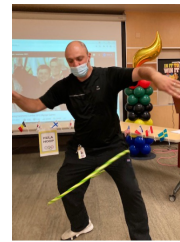


Get outside and celebrate fall with food trucks! Food Trucks will be located outside of MSC associate cafeteria entrance (Parking lot AP-4) and will be on-site from **11:30 am - 1:30 pm** on the following dates:

- **Thursday, Sept. 30: OPA Greek Eats**
- **Thursday, Oct. 7: Cheesy Chick**



SOCH Olympic Spirit Wrap-Up



Both SOCH campuses celebrated two weeks of Olympic sized fun this past August, complete with some friendly, fund-raising competition. Departments faced off in a "Heavyweight Coin Collection" to benefit the Helping Hands fund. Environmental services at MSC lead the way coming in with 62.5 pounds in coins! Collectively, 230 pounds in coins was collected and \$1,025 was raised. Thank you to all who got into the team spirit and helped to raise money for a fund that helps so many!