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CGH Receives LEAP Award for Outstanding Performance in Finance and Strategy

CGH Medical Center recently received the 2017 LEAP (Lead, Excel, Achieve, Progress) Award from Strata Decision Technology at Lift, the annual Strata Decision Technology (Strata) Summit for healthcare planning and performance in Chicago.

The LEAP award recognizes healthcare organizations for outstanding performance in the areas of finance and strategy to benefit both their organization and the community that they serve. The award honors exceptional healthcare organizations that have used StrataJazz® to solve real world problems related to financial analytics, business intelligence and decision support. CGH Medical Center and Aurora Healthcare were selected as recipients of the 2017 LEAP award.

In response to a desire to improve our existing financial reporting processes, the Accounting department implemented a dynamic planning approach, often referred to as "beyond budgeting". They leveraged StrataJazz to support this transition and were able to reduce the amount of time they spend on budgeting by close to 50%.

CGH also used StrataJazz for Decision Support to help attain a Volume Decrease Adjustment (VDA) of approximately \$950,000 for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). A VDA is a payment adjustment granted by CMS to Medicare dependent hospitals such as CGH when these providers experience a decline in discharges greater than 5% in any given year due to an unusual circumstance or occurrence that is externally imposed and beyond the hospital's control. Qualifying for a VDA requires the analytical capabilities to determine the proper reimbursement amount and StrataJazz was used to aid in the process of determining the root cause of the decline.



Strata Decision
TECHNOLOGY



CGH Dixon Medical Center Welcomes **Chloe Payne, MD** (Dermatology)

We are pleased to welcome Chloe Payne, MD to the Dermatology department at CGH Dixon Medical Center. Dr. Payne received her MD from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and her undergraduate degree from Stevenson University in Baltimore. She completed her Dermatology residency at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, where she was also chief resident. Dr. Payne is accepting new patients at both CGH Dixon Medical Center and at CGH Main Clinic.



To schedule
an appointment,
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Culture of Caring

One Mission. One Vision. One Team.

COMMUNICATION

"Be careful of your thoughts; they may become your words at any moment."

When we begin with empathy, assume positive intentions and listen to understand, we build strong relationships through healthy communication.

United Way Chili Cook Off



Congratulations to the CGH team for winning 3rd place and Best Campsite awards at the United Way Chili Cook Off on Saturday, October 7!



The CGH team included Kris Gallardo (HIM), Peggy Montgomery (Transcription), Matt Reed (IT), Vicki Velasquez (Transcription), Anita Schryver (Dietary), Nancy Gehrke (Dietary), and Corinne Abell (HIM).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FAIR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

**Classrooms 1 & 2,
Ryberg Auditorium • 7am - 6pm**

Again, this year we will have various stations to review your role in Emergency Management events, including evacuation plan and devices, communications, incident command structure, patient treatment areas, family waiting area, patient tracking, decontamination, and public information officer.

Attendance and documentation of all activities will complete your CGH 2017-2018 Emergency Management Mandatory Training Module.

Pink Heals Tour Stop

The Pink Heals Tour made a stop at the CGH Main Clinic parking lot on Sat., September 23 from 10:45 a.m. to noon.



Staff and members of the public visited, signed the truck and stopped by the CGH Booth.

CGH Health Foundation, CGH Women's Imaging Center and Northern Illinois Home Medical Supply was on site with support and goodies for visitors. They handed out special pink cookies, giveaways and had t-shirt sales from the CGH Health Foundation. The CGH Women's Imaging Center staff shared information about our women's services at CGH.

The Pink Heals trucks were on-site to sign, receive hugs and support and had t-shirts available for sale.

Pink Heals is a group of first responders that travel the country in Pink Firetrucks, who visit women on a tour to raise awareness, spread hope and bring healing to those with cancer. They visited women in eight local communities during the September 23-24 weekend.



UNDER THE PINK RIBBON

LIVING IN FEAR FOR 23 YEARS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH • NOON - 1:00PM

CGH Ryberg Auditorium • 100 E. LeFevre Road, Sterling, IL 61081

Please RSVP by calling Amanda Blaine at (815) 625-0400 x5575

FREE EVENT • BOX LUNCH SERVED • PUBLIC WELCOME

Hopping comes from four generations of breast cancer, with one survivor. She was 9 when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and at 33, she made the decision to have a double mastectomy, before she was diagnosed with breast cancer.



Disaster Drill • October 18

CGH Medical Center will be participating with area Whiteside County Agencies in an Emergency Preparedness exercise on Wed., October 18.



Other participants include the Whiteside County Emergency Management Agency, Whiteside County Community Health Center, and 22 area Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities.

The scenario will be a chlorine release which will force evacuation of many of the LTC facilities. Manikins and "paper patients" will arrive at CGH for decontamination and treatment. The exercise will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. and will continue for a couple of hours. CGH will set up the new Zumro tent for decontamination in the west ambulance bay, and will set up the Minimum Treatment Area. Observers are welcome to watch the tent setup and decontamination process.

Congratulations

Charley Brenn Nares daughter of Ryan and **Ashley Nares (Urology)** was born on October 9 at 11:17 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 inches long.



Thank You

I would like to thank the CGH Employee Caring Fund for the garden plaque I received for my Grandmother's passing. It will serve as a wonderful reminder of a great woman. I would also like to thank my co-workers for the beautiful lantern they sent to her visitation. I am lucky to work with such thoughtful and caring people.

Cathy Dane
Wound Healing Center

Recently my dad, Tom Baker, was in the hospital for 20 days. He had a terminal illness. My parents always wanted to make it to their 50th anniversary on December 1. But that wasn't to be sadly . . . The CGH Employee Caring Fund heard this from the nurses and got my parents a wonderful "50th anniversary cake" and a beautiful gift and they celebrated in my dad's room. It meant more to my mom than they could know. And, after my dad passed, the CGH Caring Fund sent me a beautiful memorial standing plaque with flowers that said "Loving Father". I just want to say Thank You.

I also want to thank EACH and EVERY doctor (especially Dr. Maini and NP Stefanie Woodfall), nurse, CNA, dietary aide, social worker, housekeeping and the list goes on. Each and every one showed compassion, understanding, patience and empathy during the most difficult time ever. They were there each and every time we called. They took care of ALL of us, not just my dad. This meant SO MUCH to my entire family.

Darci Schmitt and the entire Tom Baker Family
Pulmonology

Way to Go!

Tracey Aude, RN, MSN, CNP
(Welcome to Medicare) recently passed her National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME) exam.

Congratulations, Tracey!

Tracey Aude

OCTOBER 2016

Employee of the Month



Jennifer Jellerichs
Office Coordinator, Cardio & Cath Lab



I live in: Sterling

Joined CGH on: September 10, 2011

Education: Associate Degree from Sauk Valley Community College

Family: Jessie (significant other); Jaydon (son); Isaiah and Inez (step-daughters); and Tatum (step-grandson)

Proudest Achievement: This award and the birth of my son

Hobbies: Love being outdoors and hanging with my family and dogs

Jennifer is an amazing co-worker to have and she goes out of her way to make anyone who crosses her path feel important. She is easy-going and accommodating with staff and at all times eager to help anyone in need. Even when things may get complicated she is continually flexible and composed with a huge smile on her face. The patients adore her because she is so sweet and kind to them. She is definitely the "go to girl" whenever someone has a question. Jennifer is such a wonderful participant of our team and we are fortunate to have her!

~ Cardiology Department

We congratulate her on being chosen October's Employee of the Month.

Purpose, Worthwhile Work, Making a Difference!

Hospital Happenings

Women's Health Screenings: Myth vs. Fact

Join **Dr. Keith Martin**, CGH Gynecologist, and **Sara Smith, APN, CNP**, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, for this free Growing Healthier Program on **Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m.** in the Ryberg Auditorium. Learn about what screenings you need to have and when you should have them.

To register, call (815) 625-0400, ext. 5716 or visit www.cghmc.com/growinghealthier.

Employee Influenza Clinic

The employee influenza vaccination clinic will be held on the following dates:

October 24	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Employee Pharmacy
November 7	1-3 p.m.	Employee Pharmacy
November 9	4-6 p.m.	Employee Pharmacy
November 21	1-2:30 p.m.	Employee Pharmacy
November 30	1-4 p.m.	Employee Health, HR

The community flu clinic in Internal Medicine at the Main Clinic will continue to accept walk-in employees on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the month of October.

Evacuation Device Training Sessions

Evacuation device training sessions are open to all staff. Sessions will be held on **October 18 at 8 a.m.** in the **OB Classroom** and on **October 25 at 7 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.** in **Classroom 1**.

Baking for Hope

Help us celebrate Sweetest Day!

Fri., Oct. 20, 2017
7 am-1pm
CGH Ryberg Auditorium

If you are able to donate goodies to this bake sale, please contact:
Barb Brady at ext. 3223 or barbara.brady@cghmc.com
Perri Plog at ext. 5522 or perri.plog@cghmc.com
Amanda Blaine at ext. 5575 or amanda.blaine@cghmc.com

30 CGH Health Foundation
Your partner in good health
#30CGHHF #PearlAnniversary #PushingForwardTheLives

We will also have single stem roses, carnations and small bouquets available for purchase!

All proceeds to benefit CGH Health Foundation