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CGH Health Foundation Assists with Birthing Center Purchases

A new fetal monitor and cart and infant security system are now in use in the CGH Birthing Center, with help from the CGH Health Foundation. The Foundation Board contributed \$32,326 toward the purchases.



From L-R, CGH Birthing Center RNs, Marcela Sproul, Melissa Cassens and Emily Mills

The fetal monitor is used when admitting C-section patients. Having a second unit reduces the need to move monitors, saves staff time and reduces potential equipment damage. The infant security system was replaced because the previous system had a lot of false alarms and limited radius for detection.

"We greatly appreciate the Foundation for considering us for their projects," said Kathy Milby, Director of Maternal-Child Services.

CGH Health Foundation | *You've Got a Friend!*



Grateful thanks to fellow CGHers for the amazing Silent Auction baskets you created and for helping us raise \$9,622 in our first ever CGH Health Foundation VIRTUAL auction!



MASK UP SAUK VALLEY!

Protect & Respect Our Community

#maskupsaukvalley
#strongertogether



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Employee of the Month



Doug Heeren
Systems Specialist
Information Technology (IT)



I live in: Dixon
Joined CGH on: May 12, 2014
Education: Hamilton Technical College, Associate's Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology
Family: Wife, Tammy; son, Reed; stepdaughters, Frankie and Rikki; grandchildren, Zayvin, Penelope and Genevieve
Proudest Achievement: Remodeling our home under the direction of my fabulous wife - the designer
Hobbies: Working on stuff around the house, cooking, shopping with my wife and spending time with my grandchildren

Doug is one of our biggest IT heroes for the ER. He always has such a great attitude whether we call him day or night with computer issues. He often comes directly to the ER to solve a problem if it cannot be resolved over the phone. He has even created training programs with print outs and pictures to assist us if we have future questions or issues that arise. We appreciate his hard work, knowledge, positive attitude and rockin' ponytail!

Doug has excellent customer service skills and will go the extra mile to make sure the user has all of the help that they need.

We congratulate him on being chosen August's Employee of the Month.

Purpose, Worthwhile Work, Making a Difference!

Derecho 2020



Thank you to all CGHers for their patience and dedication during the derecho power outage of 2020. The hospital was without power and fully dependent on generators for 33 hrs.

The majority of the outlying clinics lost power as did the clinics in town. Several were restored on Tuesday during the day, but the Main Clinic remained down for the duration that the hospital was without power. Other off-site buildings like the warehouse, Daycare and Patient Accounts, along with other facilities lost power after the storm.

We worked as a team to get information out early on Tuesday to our patients and staff regarding the extended outage, and fortunately we were restored at 11p.m. on Tuesday night which allowed us to reopen on Wed. We are still experiencing temporary outages at some of our off-site locations as ComEd makes repairs.

CGH Oncology Honors Chemotherapy Completion

CGH Main Clinic Oncology started a new tradition for patients upon completion of chemotherapy.

Patients receive a certificate of completion signed by the whole Oncology team, they ring the chemo bell and are given a commemorative keychain.

The keychain reads: "Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you know."

The keychains have been donated by the CGH Health Foundation.



Congratulations to CGH patient Eric Bergemann on finishing his chemotherapy.