May is Staff Appreciation Month!

Message of Thanks From Kevin Callahan, President & CEO

As we observe staff/volunteer appreciation month, I want to personally express my gratitude to all of you for the work you do on behalf of our patients and their families. I am proud and honored to work with a team of more than two thousand amazing people who put our patients at the center of everything you do.

Throughout the year, whether through patient letters or conversations with patients, I am made so aware of the outstanding clinical care they received, the kindness and compassion with which they were treated, the extra step someone took to help ease their anxiety, and more. Further, I know the foundation upon which we care for our patients encompasses in no small way the care we give to each other - whether it is donating Earned Time to a co-worker in need, picking up a shift for someone who is sick or experiencing a family emergency, or pitching in to help out during times of heavy workloads. It is all of these things that make our organization special, and it is your presence and leadership that makes it so. Thank you for your enduring contributions. I hope you enjoy the activities we have planned for you this month, below.

EMPLOYEE & VOLUNTEER SERVICE RECOGNITION

• May 6 - 17: Staff who are observing five year anniversaries (hire dates between 5/1/13 and 4/30/14) should pick up your gift from the organization ($50 VISA gift card) in the Human Resources suite at Exeter Hospital during regular business hours. Names of five year staff are posted on the Staff Appreciation section on the home page of The Pulse Intranet site.

• Tuesday, May 7: A Service Recognition Awards dinner was held at the Exeter Inn for staff observing 10 year anniversaries (hire dates between 5/1/08 and 4/30/09). See photos inside. Names of 10 year staff are also posted on The Pulse.

• Wednesday, May 8: Exeter Hospital and Rockingham VNA & Hospice volunteers were honored during an appreciation breakfast event at the Exeter Inn. See photos inside.

• Friday, May 17: A Recognition Awards dinner for staff observing service milestones of 15 years or more will take place at Wentworth By The Sea in New Castle. Names of staff being honored are also posted on The Pulse. Continued on back

Best wishes to Pat Tracy, RN (center), Pre-Admission Testing (PAT), Exeter Hospital, who retired last month. At a reception in her honor, Pat received a VISA gift card in appreciation of her 35 years of service. She is pictured with Barb Bruno, Clinical Practice Leader, PAT, and Brian Campbell, V.P., Ambulatory Services.

Best wishes to Carol Naumann-Frock, RN (left), Professional Development Specialist, Exeter Hospital, who retired last month. At a reception in her honor, Carol received a gold bracelet and a table in appreciation of her 24 years of service. She is pictured with Donna McKinney, V.P., Acute Care.
Exeter Hospital and Rockingham VNA & Hospice Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Best wishes to Lillian Walker (center) who is retiring after 25 years of volunteering for Exeter Hospital. She is pictured with Annie Harris, Director, Volunteer Services, and Kevin Callahan, President & CEO.

Health Care Career Exploration Day - Sponsored By Human Resources/Employment

Thanks to all staff who participated in this successful event for local students.
Congratulations to all staff observing 10 year service anniversaries this year!
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**APPRECIATION BUFFET FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS — Thursday, May 9, Exeter Hospital Café**

*Provided by Food Services. Complimentary for staff and volunteers, courtesy of senior management.*

- A continental breakfast will be available in the café that morning, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- The buffet will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and also available to third shift staff the night of Thursday, 5/9 (morning of 5/10), from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
- Menu includes: choice of entrées (BBQ pork tips, turkey burger, grilled chicken breast, or garden burger); Asian kale salad; three bean salad, corn bread, baked beans, corn on the cob, chocolate ganache cupcakes (gluten-free dessert available).

**WEEK 1 (MAY 6 - 9) RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**MONDAY, MAY 6 — $25.00 Dunkin’ Donuts gift card**

Core: Haley Colman, Rebecca DuBois, Megan Goodwin, Rachel Matson

EH/EHR: Mary Briggs, Denise Desruisseaux-Chasse, Paula Fougere, Kathleen Kelly (Women’s Imaging)

RVNA&H: Anne Bergan, Nicole Cailler, Victoria Londergan, Amy Tower

**TUESDAY, MAY 7 — 2 passes to O’Neil Movie Cinemas in Epping**

Core: Pam Jackson, Doug Vermette

EH/EHR: Cheryl George, Rosanne Swanson

RVNA&H: Martha Carlson, Marion Estabrook

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 — $50 Visa gift card**

Core: Delores Woodbury, Julee Kelly

EH/EHR: Meghan Desfosses, Debbie Pevear

RVNA&H: Patricia Gauron, Corey Mastin

**THURSDAY, MAY 9 — $100 Visa gift card**

Core: Maria Crowell, Jodi Labrecque

EH/EHR: Eric Davis, Wendy Porter

RVNA&H: Tracy Poirier, Robyn Collett

**WEEK 2 RAFFLES (MAY 13 - 16)**

To enter, send an email by Friday, 5/10, to healthreach@ehr.org including your name/dept/company/phone number and the prize(s) in which you are interested.

- **MONDAY, MAY 13:** One employee will win four passes to the Exeter Health Resources & Affiliates Family Fun Day at Canobie Lake Park on Saturday, June 8. Includes park entry, rides, and an all-you-can-eat cookout. See flyer on the Events & Perks page of *The Pulse* or click here for more info.

- **TUESDAY, MAY 14:** One employee will win two tickets for the bus trip to Fenway to see the Red Sox vs. Angels on Friday, August 9. Includes transportation and game tickets. See flyer on *The Pulse* or click here for more info.

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15:** One employee will win two tickets for the bus trip to Foxwoods on Saturday, October 19. Includes transportation, $10 slot vouchers, and buffet. See flyer on *The Pulse* or click here for info.

- **THURSDAY, MAY 16:** One employee will win two tickets for the bus trip to New York City, Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22. Includes transportation and hotel, double occupancy. See flyer on *The Pulse* or click here for more info.

**Join Us For These Fun Employee Trips/Events At Discount Prices!**

**Saturday, 6/8 — EHR Family Fun Day at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH.** $20/person (kids under 3 are FREE) includes entrance to park, rides, and all-you-can-eat cookout. See post on *The Pulse* or click here for more info. (Transportation is on your own.)

**Friday, 9/20 to Sunday, 9/22 — New York City.** $425/person includes bus transportation and hotel accommodations at the Sheraton Times Square (double occupancy — no exceptions). See post on *The Pulse* or click here for details.

To register with credit card payment, or for more info, call 580-6668. Questions may be directed to Clavigne@ehr.org.

**Staff Kudos**

Congratulations to Sarah Stevens, RN, Exeter Hospital, who was recently promoted to the position of Clinical Practice Leader for the Intensive Care and Progressive Care units. Sarah previously held the position of Clinical Leader.