



Entire women’s and children’s department praised for Job Well Done

Cindy Holloway, director of women’s and children’s services, was asked by the Nacogdoches County Hospital District Board of Directors to nominate an employee from her department for A Job Well Done for September - a request she could not bring herself to fulfill. “My immediate thought was how can I possibly pick just one person? These past several months have been filled with a myriad of heroic efforts, selfless giving, answered prayers of every kind for every situation,” she explained.

With that in mind, she nominated her entire department and included the physicians, midwives and nurse practitioners for good measure. “This has been a great year for the Memorial women’s and children’s department,” she said. “What a great honor to receive recognition for being one of the Best Maternity Care Hospitals of 2020 by Newsweek Magazine for extraordinary service to mothers, newborns and families in our community and also for receiving the 2020 5-Star award from Healthgrades. These awards are not due to the contribution of a single person, but to the talent and dedication of an entire team.”



Acknowledging that 2020 has been fraught with fear of the unknown, concern for the wellbeing of loved ones, and an emotional and physical fatigue from our daily struggles, Cindy recognized the rock solid attitude of her crew. “In these ever changing times, this department has been unwavering in its mission of administering the best patient care possible. With unyielding compassion and care this team has ministered to those who are fearful of delivering a new life into a world of uncertainty yet filled with the excitement of what is to come. We are gifted with a truly amazing team of devoted professionals.”

Chaplain honored by board for Job Well Done

The Nacogdoches County Hospital District Board of Directors recognized Chaplain Richard Harris for a Job Well Done for October in last month’s regular board meeting. They recognized the chaplain’s tireless efforts on behalf of our patients and staff. Chaplain Harris is widely heralded as an immeasurable blessing to Nacogdoches Memorial patients and families. He has the difficult job of being there when bad news is delivered, helping in organ donation conversations, facilitating the filing of advanced directives and mentoring the spiritual well-being of staff members. Chaplain Harris dispatches those duties with a grace and compassion that can only be heaven-sent, yet humbly gives all the glory to God. We are blessed by his servant’s heart.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, except for the parade...

From the stacks of toys and gifts we collected for Love In the Name of Christ's Shared Blessings event to the massive tree in the lobby and the festive door decorations going up, Memorial is proving that the COVID Grinch can't totally steal our Christmas spirit. COVID Grinch can, however, keep us so busy that we don't have time for everything we want to do, namely the hospital Christmas parade. We've had so few departments enter the competition that we've decided to call off the 2020 Christmas parade. Hopefully 2021, will be better!



The next time you have occasion to eat dinner at The Fredonia Hotel, make sure you thank them for treating our hard-working staff on Thanksgiving Day. It was a generous gesture that was truly appreciated!

Joint commission-required glucometer training overdue



If you haven't done the annual glucometer training required by Joint Commission, it's passed time to get it done. This is mandatory training for nurses, nurse techs, EMTs and anyone else who has to operate this equipment and it was overdue at the end of last month.

So if you have yet to accomplish your training, it's time to call Susan Patterson in education services at ext. 4147 to make arrangements to catch up.

**Ho-Ho-Ho
Holiday Food Truck Friday
TODAY!**

Dec. 11

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blount Park

Senor Pete's

Shali's Indian Kitchen

Big Fella's BBQ



Ann Scott trying to solve mystery of unsigned card

During her recent retirement party, director of nursing Ann Scott received a very nice gift accompanied by the card to the left. The card was from the MD Anderson Cancer Center's Children's Art Project, but was unsigned. So Ann has no idea who the giver of the gift was. She reached out for help in locating the gift-giver, so that she could thank them properly. If you sent the gift or know who did, contact Kim Barton at ext. 4124 or bartonk@nacmem.org and the information will be relayed to Ann.