

December 30, 2009

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following, who were recently named by Grateful Patients as

CHRISTUS Spohn Healing Heroes

Nutrition Services Department ~ South

Emergency Department ~ Shoreline

Radiology Department ~ Shoreline

Dr. Richard R. Evans ~ Shoreline

Dr. Anthony N. Hein ~ Shoreline

Elia Venne, RN ~ Shoreline

David Haley, RN ~ Shoreline

Dr. Rafael Berio ~ Shoreline

Mr. Marty Perez ~ Shoreline

Dr. Ray Graf ~ Shoreline

Dr. Marco Elizondo ~ Shoreline

ICU 1 ~ Memorial

Kathy Moloney, RN ~ Memorial

Sandy Wyatt, RN ~ Memorial

Jennifer Williams, RN ~ Memorial

Julie Williams, RN ~ Memorial

Mary Ann Chavez ~ Memorial

Jessica Frenchek, RN ~ Memorial

Carlos Herrera, RN ~ Memorial



The Staff at Laviana Plaza ~ Alice

Rosalinda Hinojosa, RN ~ Alice

Dr. Mauricio B. Teixeira ~ Alice

Dr. Usman Qureshi ~ Alice

Dr. Suraj Kamat ~ Alice

Dr. Alejandro Lopez, Jr. ~ Alice

\$4070 RAISED FOR HELPING HANDS THIS CHRISTMAS

Several associates supported Helping Hands and honored their friends at the same time by participating in the 2009 Holiday Card program. Donations were made in honor of friends and co-workers who received a Christmas card notifying them of the special tribute.

The Helping Hands fund began in 1990 and exists to help associates cope with unexpected difficulties or emergencies. Associates helping associates—a wonderful reflection of our mission and core values. THANK YOU to all who support Helping Hands throughout the year.

NEW EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDATION

The da Vinci Surgical Robotic System

With the help of the community—businesses and individuals, along with support from several grant funding Foundations, the revolutionary da Vinci Surgical Robotic System was ordered and has arrived at the Shoreline campus. The Foundation is still actively fundraising for the da Vinci along with the other components of the Cancer Center Renewal which include a Stereotactic Radiosurgery System, Healing Garden and renovations at the Cancer Center. We have a little over three months to finish raising the balance of the funds needed for the da Vinci and the rest of the project. The total Cancer Center Project is \$10.4 million and we have a little more than \$600,000 to go to reach our goal. Thanks to everyone who has supported the Cancer Center Renewal through donations or by supporting special events like the Golf Tournament or Lyceum. You can make a donation by logging on to the Foundation website at christusspohnfoundation.org or calling (361) 881-3505.



Instrument Techs, Ruth Usorio, Nancy Garcia, Albert Lopez and Stephen Plutz visit with Intuitive Surgical representative, Sean Wolfe during a demonstration of the remarkable new da Vinci System.

CoolGuard System for Cardiac Services

The Foundation purchased a CoolGuard system for the Memorial's trauma department in 2008 and has now purchased another system for use in Shoreline's cardiac unit. The CoolGuard system is a remarkable life-saving device that can reduce the body temperature to about 33°C/91°F which can help prevent neurological damage from swelling and can be used to help treat severe trauma, cardiac arrest and stroke patients. Experts say it slows the body's metabolic rate to buy time for doctors, reducing brain damage, swelling, pain, and helps accelerate the healing of damaged tissue.



Cardiac Educator, Kris Hungate, RN is the super user for the cardiac CoolGuard and is pictured here with David Shreckengost, RN and Norma Ruiz, RN