



Mercy Family Center Receives MGMA Award, \$1.4 Million Grant



Mercy Family Center in New Orleans recently received the Fred Graham Award for Innovation in Improving Community Health from the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) for its Project Fleur-de-lis™ program, a school-based mental health program for children who have been exposed to traumatic events as a result of natural and man-made disasters.

The ministry also has been named the recipient of a grant totaling nearly \$1.4 million over the next four years to continue providing mental health services through Project Fleur-de-lis™. The grant establishes Mercy Family Center as a Community Treatment and Services Center in the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

Oklahoma Pharmacy Program Recognized as ASHP Best Practice

Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City was one of six facilities recently honored with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Best Practice Award. The award recognizes outstanding practitioners in health system pharmacy who have successfully implemented innovative systems that improve the quality of patient care and demonstrate best practices in health system pharmacy. Mercy Health Center was recognized for its Pharmacy Fall Prevention Program, which includes classifying patients' medication according to fall risk and daily pharmacy medication review.

St. Edward Mercy Opens New Neurosurgery Suite



A ribbon cutting marked the opening of a new neurosurgery suite at St. Edward Mercy Medical Center in Fort Smith, Ark.

St. Edward Mercy Medical Center in Fort Smith, Ark., recently opened a new neurosurgery suite. The suite contains state-of-the-art technology, additional space allows for two neurosurgeries to be performed at the same time and all digital X-ray studies may be accessed and utilized during surgical procedures to improve efficiency.

Mercy Hospitals Named Consumer Choice



St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo., and St. Edward Mercy Medical Center in Fort Smith, Ark., both were named Consumer Choice Award winners in their markets by the National Research Corporation. This is the fifth year in a row St. Edward Mercy has received this honor and the fourth year in a row for St. John's. The award is based on consumer preference responses in the following categories: best doctors, best nurses, best image and reputation, and best overall quality.

Mercy Philanthropic Activities Help Local Communities



(left to right) Donn Sorensen, St. John's Clinic executive vice president; Walt Gaska, MD, medical director, St. John's Foundation for Community Health; Doug Pitt of the Jolie-Pitt Foundation; and Tony Shaloup of the Springfield Public Schools Foundation.

In Springfield, Mo., St. John's Clinic Force for Good physicians and co-workers recently presented a \$50,000 check to the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools' Care to Learn fund, which supports schools and students in meeting basic needs such as food, health, transportation and hygiene. This \$50,000 will become a \$250,000 donation in April, thanks to matching funds offered by the founders of the program, local businessman Doug Pitt, the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, local philanthropist Jim D. Morris and a private donor.

Mercy Health Foundation of Northwest Arkansas recently held its 15th annual charity ball and fundraiser. More than \$450,000 was raised to benefit future projects and fund charity care provided by Mercy's facilities in Northwest Arkansas. In addition, \$45,000 that was raised in a 10-minute period will be used to purchase two VeinViewers. VeinViewers are machines that allow the veins of a patient to be clearly seen so the nurse can find the best vein to start an IV and limit the number of sticks to the patient.

St. John's Mercy Medical Group Opens Walk-in Clinic

St. John's Mercy Medical Group has opened St. John's Mercy Care Now, a new walk-in clinic specializing in non-emergency medical care in Union, Mo. It is staffed by a certified nurse practitioner specially trained and experienced in non-emergent medical care.

Leadership Changes

Mindy Burdick has been named president of Mercy Memorial Health Center in Ardmore, Okla.



Mindy Burdick

Chris Crain has been named executive vice president of clinical care initiatives for St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.



Chris Crain

Lyn Hurst has been named vice president of human resources at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.



Lyn Hurst

Tracey Moffatt has been named executive vice president of clinical performance and chief nurse executive for St. John's Mercy Medical Center.



Tracey Moffatt



Kim Onesko

Kim Onesko has been named vice president of post-acute physician services for St. John's Mercy Health Care.

Mercy Appoints New Board Member

The Sisters of Mercy Health System (Mercy) has appointed Reginald R. Mebane to the board of directors of its sponsoring body, Mercy Health Ministry, for a three-year term. Mebane is the chief operating officer, SES, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases in Atlanta. He previously served as chief operating officer for FedEx Trade Networks Transport and Brokerage Company and as chairman of the Memphis Health, Education & Housing Finance Board. Mebane holds bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tenn. In addition, he taught in the MBA program at the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, N.Y.



Reginald R. Mebane

New Fort Smith CEO Named

Jeffrey A. Johnston has been named president and chief executive officer of St. Edward Mercy Health System, Fort Smith, Ark., effective Dec. 1, 2008. He previously served as chief operating officer at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City. In this position, in addition to having responsibility for operational areas of the hospital, he provided executive leadership for Mercy Health Network, a 52-member integrated physician network. From April 2006 to April 2007, Johnston also served as interim CEO of Mercy Health System of Oklahoma. He joined Mercy in 2001, serving in the role of senior vice president—operations at Mercy Memorial Health Center in Ardmore, Okla. Johnston holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., and a master's degree in business administration and hospital and health administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati.



Jeffrey A. Johnston

Oklahoma Heart Hospital Receives Third Consecutive Press Ganey Award

Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City has received the 2008 Summit Award from Press Ganey for maintaining patient satisfaction rankings at or above the 95th percentile for three consecutive years. This is the third year in a row that Oklahoma Heart Hospital has received this honor. Oklahoma Heart Hospital was one of only 48 hospitals in the world to receive the award. Press Ganey is Mercy's patient satisfaction survey vendor.



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