Another patient profusely thanked his chaplain at the luncheon, “This program is different. No other hospital has a program like this, with people who care.”

Community Healthcare Chaplain Anita Osei with a patient affectionately known as ‘Pops’.

University Hospital’s Familiar Faces program gathered with its first group of eight program graduates, at a small luncheon to celebrate their achievements in the program. Familiar Faces is a first-in-the-nation model developed here at University Hospital, which builds upon the experiences learned from other community health programs. The program exclusively utilizes trained chaplains in the traditional Community Healthcare Worker role, to help empower patients to address the root causes of their health issues. At University Hospital, the program has been running since February, with Community Healthcare Chaplains Angela Brooks-Wright and Anita Osei.

One Familiar Faces patient had been visiting the University Hospital emergency room more than 10 times every month to receive his regular dialysis treatment. Through the mentoring and assistance of his Community Healthcare Chaplain, that patient now receives his dialysis at an outpatient center with transportation assistance to and from those appointments. That patient has not returned to the University Hospital Emergency Department.

The new date for the 8th Annual University Hospital Classic & Dinner is Thursday, July 25. Sponsored by The Foundation for University Hospital, the outing at Crestmont Country Club in West Orange had to be postponed in June due to heavy rain. Be sure to show your support for UH on July 25!
EMS EARN GOLD PLUS

Our EMS team has earned its sixth consecutive Gold Plus Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition Award from the American Heart Association. The AHA each year recognizes the critical role of EMS in the system-of-care for patients suffering cardiac emergencies through its Mission: Lifeline® program. The EMS response often sets the course for the patient’s outcome. Gold Plus recognition signifies a commitment to providing guidelines-based care while meeting high standards of performance.

EMS (AGAIN) WINS FIGHT FOR AIR CLIMB

The University Hospital EMS Department for the third consecutive year successfully defended its first place finish in the Fight For Air Climb fundraising event sponsored by the American Lung Association. Our EMS team raced up 27 floors and 504 stairs at the One Gateway Center building in Newark competing against other teams of first responders.

2019 HUMANISM AWARDS

UH Chaplain Helen Kurzcynski and Mirna Matos, a night nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, were presented this year’s Lester Z. Lieberman Humanism in Healthcare Awards. Sponsored by the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, the award recognizes the “humanism,” or compassion, that healthcare providers demonstrate in their interactions with patients and families.

Kurzcynski was recognized for being available at all hours to support patients and staff, and for reinvigorating the pastoral chaplaincy role at UH. She was nominated by Chief Experience Officer Joan Dauhjare, and Kitty Donohue and Rick Remington from Public Affairs.

Matos was nominated by Dr. Lois Greene for having achieved the highest skill level in the care of neonatal infants, some of whom weigh under one pound at birth. “She often is the first to identify early symptoms in a preemie baby that result in early interventions or lifesaving surgeries,” said Dr. Greene.

The awards were delivered in surprise presentations by Acting CEO Judy Persichilli and members of the executive staff.
University Hospital celebrated National Nurses Week, one of the biggest events of the year, with a host of events, treats and honors. The theme for 2019 National Nurses Week, sponsored by the American Nurses Association, was “4 Million Reasons to Celebrate.” Nicole Sardinas, Director of Education and Professional Development, and her team organized this year’s UH celebration.

Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, a public health nurse, visited UH to present a Joint Legislative Resolution recognizing National Nurses Week. This year’s festivities got underway with a Kick Off Breakfast and reception with a welcome from Chief Nursing Officer Carl Kirton, DNP, RN, MBA, followed by an afternoon tea reception for Certified Nurses.

Stacy Rose Rosales, a work and life balance coach, delivered remarks on “Wellness and Mindfulness” at a nurse leader luncheon. The festivities concluded with a keynote address by Dr. Edna Cadmus, RN, of the Rutgers University School of Nursing.

Unit-based celebrations were held for the night shift nurses.
An emerging response to stopping gun violence in New Jersey has been Hospital Violence Intervention Programs (HVIP) and University Hospital has been in the lead. The state’s first HVIP was created at UH by Dr. David Livingston and Dr. Stephanie Bonne; along with Michael Ordonez, our HVIP Program Coordinator, they have actively promoted the concept statewide.

Ordonez took part in a roundtable discussion with Governor Phil Murphy, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, and other stakeholders to discuss strategies to prevent gun violence. Dr. Bonne and Ordonez testified before an Assembly committee in support of legislation to bolster statewide trauma treatment in response to gun violence.

The UH program operates in partnership with the Newark Community Street Team, which is Mayor Baraka’s community-based violence-reduction organization. Working together, the HVIP program assigns peer case managers to patients victimized by violence to serve as mentors and health navigators, connecting them with community-based services such as mental health, job-training, education, and legal services, including crime victims compensation funding.

Ordonez in his Assembly testimony said the UH program was started in July 2017.

“In that time we’ve been able to help over 125 people and prevent 123 people from becoming victims of violent crime a second time,” he said. “It’s quite important for us to be able to approach and consent the individuals while they are in the hospital receiving care.”

About 40 percent of the patients have already been victimized at least once.
UH JOINS FIRST LADY TAMMY MURPHY AT 4TH FAMILY FESTIVAL

As part of her Nurture NJ statewide awareness campaign, First Lady Tammy Murphy hosted her fourth Family Festival in Newark and UH was proud to take part. The Family Festival event series targets cities with high rates of maternal and infant mortality; it is designed to connect mothers, fathers, grandparents, and other caregivers with state, county, and local resources.

UH was on hand with more than 70 providers, an EMS “touch a truck” interactive display, and tables for Human Resources, Pediatrics and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutritional program.

“New Jersey’s maternal and infant mortality rates are alarming, and for women and babies of color the statistics are even more dire,” said First Lady Tammy Murphy. “Our goal is to make New Jersey the safest place in the United States to give birth and to do that, we are working collaboratively to tackle the implicit bias in our health care systems and the economic and social factors that contribute to these disparities.”

During an earlier bill-signing ceremony with Governor Murphy at UH, the First Lady toured the hospital’s Labor and Delivery unit. UH has the 2nd lowest C-section rate among all New Jersey hospitals, one of the lowest episiotomy rates and ranks first in successful vaginal birth after C-section (VBAC).
MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JULY 2019**

**GRAND OPENING – MINNIE L. PRESLEY GIFT SHOP**
- **JULY 11**
  - University Hospital: Main Lobby
  - Remembering Mrs. Presley’s spirit of volunteerism

**NEWARK GAY PRIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
- **JULY 11**
  - B Level Patio

**NEWARK PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL**
- **JULY 14**
  - Newark - Lincoln Park to Washington Park
  - Join the UH Team and walk in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community

**NAACP COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR**
- **JULY 16**
  - Essex County Westside Park Community Center, Newark
  - Volunteer opportunity

**UH FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING**
- **JULY 25**
  - Crestmont Country Club, West Orange
  - For info: uhgolfclassic@uhnj.org

**TAKE BACK THE STREET – OUTREACH FAIR**
- **JULY 26**
  - Zion Hill Baptist Church ~ Volunteer opportunity
  - 1-14 Leslie Street, Newark

**LINCOLN PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- **JULY 26-28**
  - Health & Wellness Village, Newark
  - Long standing health event for everyone

**3K RUN WITH RAS – JOIN THE UH TEAM**
- **JULY 27**
  - Avon Avenue Elementary School, Newark
  - Mayor Baraka’s community run to bring awareness to health issues

**BACK 2 SCHOOL STORE**
- **JULY 28**
  - Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy, Livingston
  - Volunteer opportunity to provide screenings and health education while children “shop” for basic necessities

**COMING SOON:**
- National Breastfeeding Week
- Kickoff for Team UH – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
- NJ Sharing Network Minority Donor Awareness Fair
- Recruitment for Team UH – Puerto Rican Day Parade

More info: community@uhnj.org

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