
Week of December 12th, 2016

We have had a good response to our first weekly edition of CREATE News and we are back for another round. This past week was busy around here! The SWIC hosted an awesome Christmas Open House with over 100 people attending and special guest Santa Claus in the house. The hot chocolate was also quite a hit! Thanks to everyone for joining us for the Townhall Pizza Party on Wednesday. The main item of business on the agenda was to discuss all of the new services. Things are going well and we are grateful to all of you for your hard work and dedication to ensure that we continue to "CREATE Outstanding Healthcare" for our community and surrounding areas.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "IF YOU MAKE YOUR BUSINESS ABOUT HELPING OTHERS, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY OF WORK." -CHRIS GUILLEBEAU

***EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE FUNDRAISER- MONDAY, DECEMBER 12- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016-** Join us for our Silent Auction Fundraiser to benefit our Employee Assistance Fund which is set up to help employees during catastrophic circumstances. To donate an item, please fill out a bid sheet and drop off in the folder in Rhea's office or bring to the auction tables located outside of the Business Office on Monday. Bidding opens at 9 AM on Monday and closes at 5 PM on Wednesday. Don't forget to check back often to make sure you win the highest bid! Winners will be announced on Thursday and certificates will be available for pickup in Rhea's office all day Thursday and Friday until noon. For more information, contact Gabe, Rhea or Johnna.

***CHRISTMAS DOOR DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING- WEEK OF DECEMBER 12TH-** A special committee of community members will be judging the Christmas doors next week. Doors will be judged based on the theme "Christmas Past" and judges will be looking at Creativity, Design, and Attention to Detail. Please make sure to see Rhea to enter your door or doors. Winners will be announced at the Christmas party on December 20th.

***SECRET SANTA CONTINUES-** Everyone is having so much fun with Secret Santa and we still have one more week of gifts! Make plans to attend the big reveal which will take place at our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 20th! The party will include Gabe's famous brisket and we will all bring the sides. Rumor also has it that we will have some extra entertainment from our very own Sandy Finley and Rick DeFoore!

*** HOW TO LEAVE WORK ON TIME TRAINING- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016-** There will be a Time Management Skills Using Outlook Webinar Training on Thursday from 3:00-4:15 PM in the Board Room. Space is limited to 20, so please talk with your manager and let Rhea know to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

***CREATE AWARDS-** Be watching your email for more information on how to nominate your co-workers for our annual CREATE Awards. Details will be coming soon from Amanda!

***THANK YOU-** We have such a loving work family here at Stamford Healthcare System. We greatly appreciate all of those who offered support to our employee who was looking for a rent house. Within 10 minutes of sending the email request, Rhea had a response to the need and several more followed. We are truly fortunate to work in such a loving workplace! We continue to hear from our new employees about how overwhelmed they are by the generosity and support they have experienced here.

***CONDOLENCES-** We send our sincere condolences to Rachel Hernandez and her family on the sudden loss of her son this past week. Rachel is a nurse at SMH. We send our love and prayers during this difficult time and the days ahead.



We welcomed four new employees at our December orientation. Pictured left to right are: Brenda Collins(Accounting), Micaela Baez (Lab 2), Paris Pittman (Physical Therapy) and Lori Wheat (Lab 2). Please help us welcome these folks with an email, a CREATE Card or make sure to say hello in the hall.



Kimberly, Jamie, Santa and Heather welcoming guests to the SWIC Open House on Tuesday.



Gabriel, Jessica and Veronica enjoying pizza during the Townhall Pizza Party on Wednesday.