

Week of December 19th, 2016

*Thought for the week: "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." - C.S.Lewis*

**\*CHRISTMAS EMPLOYEE POTLUCK- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20-** Don't miss the Annual Christmas Employee Potluck on Tuesday! The meal will be served at 11:45 in the dining room. The hospital will provide Gabe's famous brisket and Dietary's famous banana pudding. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. At 12:30, we will move to the lobby to enjoy Christmas music by our very own Sandy Finley and Rick DeFoore. We will also present the CREATE Awards, announce the winners of the Christmas Door Decorating Contest, reveal our Secret Santas and hold our CREATE drawing for November 1<sup>st</sup>- December 22<sup>nd</sup>. You don't want to miss the fun! For more information, please contact Amanda.

**\*CREATE AWARDS-** Nominations are now being accepted for our annual CREATE Awards. Please nominate one person that you feel exemplifies each of the six characteristics of CREATE: Courtesy, Respect, Engage, Attitude, Think and Enjoy. The only rule is that you can only nominate a person for one category, so your form should have 6 different individual names. Nominations can be submitted via email or interoffice memo to Amanda or you can simply drop your form in the box located in the dining room. Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. In the spirit of CREATE, we will only have one system-wide winner for each category and not four winners in each category as in the past. Winners will receive 4 hours of PTO, a special award and a certificate at the Christmas Lunch. For more information, please contact Amanda.

**\*LAB 2 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS-** Lab 2 needs 30 volunteers to donate blood! We are gearing up to kick off Lab 2 in a few weeks and we need samples for Reference Range Studies and Correlations. This is an extensive panel of tests and you can request a copy of the results to take to your doctor! The blood draw will take place on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 AM. We will draw 15 people each day and you must be fasting. If you are interested, please stop by Lab 2 to sign up or email Robin Holt at [rholt@stamfordhosp.com](mailto:rholt@stamfordhosp.com). All volunteers will receive a Wal-Mart gift card!

**\*NEW ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP-** Country Elegance has started a Jones County Alzheimer's Support Group. The group will meet the second Monday of every month at 4:00 PM at Country Elegance starting on January 9th. For more information, please contact Patsy Richards at 325-773-5511.



**\*THANKS TO OUR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!** Michelle Gilbert's eighth grade AVID classes have been working hard this fall to help keep Stamford Memorial Hospital beautiful. The group has adopted our patio area and most recently decorated our Christmas tree in the lobby. We appreciate their support and willingness to serve!

**\*ABOVE AND BEYOND-** A BIG thank you goes to Nancy Clark who was chosen for jury duty all week, but still worked late nights and very early mornings to make sure we all got paid. We appreciate Nancy's hard work and dedication!

**\*EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!** Thank you to everyone for helping to make our Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Employee Assistance Fund a great success. We raised \$958.25 which will all go into the fund to help our employees during catastrophic times. We hope we never have to use this fund, but it is nice to know we have it when needed. If you are an auction winner, please stop by Rhea's office as soon as possible to pay and pick up

your certificate.