Passavant third in United Way campaign

Passavant placed third in the Prairieland United Way campaign with employee contributions of $39,784.02. The entire campaign raised just over $540,000 which is $10,000 over the goal, and the highest total in the past five years.

Passavant received recognition for the third place finish at the Prairieland United Way's Awards Breakfast April 8.

Scores show rise in March

Patient satisfaction scores for March 2015 have been released and they show an increase for three of the four patient areas.

Outpatient showed the largest increase jumping from the 51st percentile in February to the 84th percentile for March. Inpatient and Emergency Department also saw increases. Inpatient moved from the 50th percentile to the 75 percentile, while the Emergency Department increased from their score from the 44th percentile to the 51st percentile. Ambulatory Surgery experienced a minor decrease in their score moving from the 96th percentile to the 84th percentile.

The goal for all patient satisfaction scores is to be at or above the 75th percentile. GPE subcommittees have formed around each area and are developing action plans. This focus will support our efforts to improve the patient experience at Passavant.

Question for Employee Meetings?

Employee meetings are being held April 20–24. In preparation, Doug Rahn, President and CEO, is accepting questions and topics for discussion. To submit a question or topic, please use the “Ask the CEO” link on the intranet. Doug will incorporate frequently asked questions and topics into his presentation.

Passavant Area Hospital is proud to recognize our “Dedicated and Caring Team of Volunteers.” In appreciation for “Loyal and Valuable Service,” we celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 12 to April 18, 2015. Nearly 200 hospital volunteers and 600 Auxiliary volunteers freely give of their time and talents, caring for Passavant, its patients, and their families and friends.

Be sure to stop by Meeting Room 4 on Monday, April 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. for the Volunteer Week Reception. Refreshments are being served. Plus, register for the prize drawings.
Lemon Pepper Fish and Pineapple Salsa

*Grilled Pork Tenderloin Sandwich
*Indian Spiced Chick Pea Wrap
**White Bean and Collard Soup
**Gnocchi Chicken Minestrone
**Tuscan Kale and Farro Soup
**New England Clam Chowder
*Chicken Cobbler Casserole
**Linguine and Clam Sauce
**Hearty Vegetable Soup
**Caramel Pork and Rice
**Chicken Orzo Soup
**Glazed Ham
**Hawaiian Spinach Salad
**Chicken Salad Roll up

Sign up to help at Mobile Food Pantry

Passavant is sponsoring the Mobile Food Pantry at the Share the Love 2015 Community Event on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jefferson Park Community Center (former Jefferson School on North Clay street). Employee volunteers are needed to assist with unloading the Mobile Food Pantry truck, sorting items, pushing a cart as participants go through the line, and carrying the food to their vehicle. If you want to volunteer to assist with the Mobile Food Pantry, please sign up in Community Relations.

Passavant designated as Emergent Stroke Ready Hospital

The Illinois Department of Public Health recently designated Passavant as an Emergent Stroke Ready Hospital (ESRH).

“As an ESRH, our patients are provided rapid medical access within that narrow 60-minute treatment time,” says Jerrod Wilson, Emergency Department (ED) Nurse Manager. “It’s critical that stroke patients receive medical attention immediately. Each second a patient waits for treatment denies the brain of needed blood and oxygen. Immediate treatment may minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death. Having this program allows us to provide timely treatment and prepares the patient for transfer to a primary stroke center, such as Memorial Medical Center.”

“Development of our program was truly a team effort between EMS, ED, Imaging, Laboratory, and the inpatient units. Special recognition goes to Wendy Easton, RN; Beth Willman, RN; Scott Boston, MD; and Shannon Roesch, RN; for their leadership in developing the program. We work closely together to continually evaluate and refine our guidelines and processes to achieve the very best outcomes for our stroke patients,” Jerrod added.

KidneyMobile® rolls in next Friday

Passavant is teaming with the National Kidney Foundation to provide a free kidney and health screening on Friday, April 17. The screenings, which include kidney disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes, are in the Main Lobby and meeting rooms from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost, but appointments are necessary. Call extension 5800 to schedule an appointment. In addition to a free screening, attendees will also be able to talk privately with a nurse about their results and take an educational tour of the KidneyMobile®.

The screenings are being provided by the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois’ KidneyMobile®, the nation’s only custom mobile unit that travels across the state screening individuals for kidney disease and its main causes: diabetes and high blood pressure.

Over 80 percent of previously screened participants were found to have at least one significant abnormal test result.

April 12 is Radiology Nurse Appreciation Day. We salute Debbie Schmidt and Melissa Shaw, Imaging Services, on their special day!