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Welcome to Trinity Tidbits. This bi-weekly electronic resource is part of a larger effort to improve communication and help control costs at Trinity Regional Health System. We respectfully request that you not print Tidbits, unless absolutely necessary. Thank you for helping us to conserve our limited resources.

Get your dance on! Trinity's Spirit of Women program will present its second annual "Day of Dance," from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, at the RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport. The day will feature a variety of dance performances and demonstrations as well as free blood pressure checks, body mass index (BMI) testing, health risk assessments and a health fair. The event is free and open to the public.

ASL availability Access to interpreters for patients and their guests is a legal requirement in both Iowa and Illinois. A designated laptop is located in the ED (Moline & Rock Island) and House Supervisor office (Bettendorf) for hearing-impaired patients and/or patients' hearing-impaired guests. These laptops have been secured to carts to avoid being confused with unit laptops (do not have EPIC) and reduce the potential of being misplaced as well as to provide a sturdy surface with which to interact with patients. Instructions for accessing this program (ODI) have been attached to the laptops to make educating team members quick and easy. Contact **Jamie Trapkus** at (309) 779-2687 if you would like a very brief presentation to associates or you have any additional questions.

Movin' on up Congratulations to **Katie Long**, who has accepted the Nurse Manager position on the Inpatient Rehab Unit. Kudos also to **Stacy Newton**, who has accepted the position as Manager, Clinical Nursing Quality, Safety and Accreditation.

Heart Walk help We're looking for team captains for this year's American Heart Association Heart Walk on Saturday, May 18. Visit www.quadcitiesheartwalk.org and click on Trinity Regional Health System under Company Rank at far right. To be a team captain, click on "Create New Team" under the red bar. Or you can be part of an already established team by clicking on "Join Team" next to the name of the team you want to join.

Iowa Hospital Education scholarships The Iowa Hospital Association's Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation awards scholarships of \$3,000 per academic year to fill health care positions that currently have a significant number of openings across the state. To apply visit www.iowahospitalscholarships.org by March 29. Recipients will be notified after May 1. Any questions please contact **Sue Erickson** at (309) 779-2343.

Illinois money too Illinois Hospital Association IHREF also awards scholarships up to \$1,000 each academic year, based on the student's scholastic achievement, financial need and the availability of funds. You may apply online at www.ihatoday.org. Application deadline is April 15, and selection of recipients is made in June 2013. Contact **Sue Erickson** with questions at (309) 779-2343. Friends of Trinity Medical Center contributes to both health care career scholarships.

Cancer congrats Kudos to **Stacia Carroll** (Cancer Center), who was awarded the American Cancer Society's 2012 Health Initiatives Volunteer of the Year. Stacia recruited champions and study participants for the Cancer Prevention Study-3 enrollment sites hosted by Trinity in October 2012. She also volunteered to conduct community presentations and spoke about the study and enrollment process to everyone she encountered.

Condolences Condolences to **Pamela Creger** (Scheduling) on the passing of her son and to **Sally Beck** (Stockroom), **Dolly Brown** (Respiratory Therapy) and **Barb Elliott** (Surgery) on the deaths of their mothers.

Need a volunteer? Managers and directors may request volunteer help by contacting Volunteer Services at (309) 779-2211 for a “volunteer request form.” The requesting department should make sure there is enough productive, clearly-defined work to engage a volunteer during the entire shift. Remember, the first day can make or break the volunteer experience. Be sure to assign an employee or experienced volunteer to be at the volunteer’s side for training, which may take several shifts. Give them a tour of relevant areas and an introduction to all associates. By giving the volunteer a warm welcome, you set an example of great customer service.

Blossoms & Brunch Mark your calendar now for the Friends of Trinity Blossoms and Brunch on Saturday, May 4, at the CASI Celebration Hall in Davenport. Doors open for shopping at 9:30 a.m. with brunch served at 10 a.m. Funds from this event support two ongoing Friends of Trinity community projects: “Caring Canines” animal-assisted therapeutic program for patients and the “Caring Closet,” which provides new clothing to those in need of something to wear when discharged from the ER.

Welcome new docs Please welcome **Drs. Benjamin Stevens** (Neonatology/Pediatrics), **Mahmood Alasmi** (Neonatology), **Samir Y. Alabsi** (Neonatology), **Richard J. Flaksman** (Neonatology), **Denice N. Smith** (Family Practice), **Rajesh L. Malik** (Neonatology) and **Jeffery N. Maurus** (OB), who recently joined Trinity’s medical staff.

Super soups Congratulations to the winners of this year’s Souper Bowl, which raised \$1,800 toward Trinity’s team goal for the Heart Walk: **Billy Waite** (Security), who won with his taco soup at Rock Island, **Lori McMillin** (Nutrition Services), whose potato soup in bread bowls was tops at Bettendorf and **Karen Scott** (Surgery) who bested the competition with her potato bacon soup at Moline. Thanks to all who participated.

Recruitment Rewards changes Recently changes have been made to the Recruitment Rewards program with respect to positions that qualify, the submission process and amount paid for positions. More information is available via the Recruitment Rewards link located under the HR tab on the Intranet.

Palliative Care lunch & learn “Palliative Care Today: Caring for Patients and Families living with Serious Illness” will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Rock Island Jardine Auditorium. Registration is available in Net Learning but is not required.

2013 Stylin’ Against Breast Cancer On Thursday, April 25, the Style Show and Luncheon will be held at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center. A new edition to this year’s event is an Educational Symposium titled “Coffee with Paula” that will highlight breast health and offer Q & A sessions with local physicians in breast cancer treatment fields. In addition to the luncheon, there is a Wine and Cheese Party on Wednesday, April 24, at The Stern Center. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this charitable fundraiser will benefit local breast cancer survivors and the promotion of education about breast cancer and breast health. Please call (309) 764-7610 or email Foundation@ihs.org for ticket information.

Safe & secure Trinity has been honored by Allied Barton Security Services as a “Security 500” company based on security metrics used to compare our organization against other similar and disparate industries.

What’s your number? Remember when changing jobs, departments or phone numbers, please send a message to the IT Service Center to have the Outlook address book updated. This is not an automatic process; notification must be sent.

Need someone to listen? Contact EAP at (309) 779-2273 or (800) 383-7900 for a FREE and confidential consultation.

Want to share a tidbit? Send ideas to tidbits@ihs.org. The next Tidbits comes out on Friday, March 1. Content deadline is noon on **Wednesday, Feb. 27**.