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Saluting our 2023 Nursing Award Recipients

Methodist Hospitals held its annual Nursing Award Ceremonies at Northlake on Wednesday, May 10, and at Southlake on Thursday, May 11.

This year's award recipients are true representatives of the unwavering commitment and dedication of Methodist nurses. This year's recipients are:

Nursing Excellence Award | Northlake **Douglas (Randy) Weber, RN | 4W**

Randy demonstrates excellence in clinical nursing practice as he collaborates with all disciplines to ensure that his patients get the best care. A patient advocate, he follows Methodist policies and procedures to promote positive patient outcomes. Always kind and patient, Randy is excellent with nursing students assigned to 4 West for their clinical experiences.



Nursing Excellence Award | Southlake **Laurel Pritchard, RN, SNGA | Endoscopy**

A dedicated GI nurse, Laurel calls upon her training and certification to help deliver the best care for her patients. When Laurel sees that something needs to be updated, she calls upon the latest SNGA Standards to deliver high quality, evidenced-based care for her patients. Kind, polite and courteous, she is always ready to help when needed.



Outstanding Caregiver Excellence Award | Northlake **Hannah McDonald, CNA | 4W**

Hannah always has a positive attitude and is an excellent role model for other employees because of her strong work ethic and the care that she gives to her patients. She provides exceptional care to all her patients and volunteers to help when she sees other co-workers struggling or having a challenging day.



Outstanding Caregiver Excellence Award | Southlake **Robin Jelks, Surgical Tech | Surgery**

Robin goes the extra mile to be kind and considerate to the patients in her care. She works well with her coworkers, helps where needed, answers questions when asked and is always kind and polite. She welcomes new staff and excels when precepting surgical tech students.



Friend of Nursing Award **Lillian (Lillie) Serrano | Health Unit Partner** **Northlake ICU**

Polite, cheerful, dependable, and attentive to the needs of our guests, physicians, ancillary staff and nursing staff, Lillie is a beacon of light in the Northlake ICU. She is responsive to patient calls for assistance and embodies the Model of Care and Conduct with her professional, positive, and compassionate personality.



“Congratulations to all the 2023 Nursing Excellence Awards recipients,” said Marla Hoyer-Lareau, Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Nursing Officer. “Your continued support and commitment to Methodist Hospitals are among the chief reasons why Methodist Hospitals continues its mission to deliver quality care to all those in need.”

4 Methodist Hospitals Nurses Honored by The NWI Times



Sophia Hunt, RN



Emma Ibarra, RN



Lisa Porter, RN



Cheryl White, RN

Four members of the Methodist Hospitals nursing family were honored by The NWI Times at a recognition event sponsored by the newspaper on Tuesday, May 2, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

Sophia Hunt, RN; Emma Ibarra, RN; Lisa Porter, RN; and Cheryl White, RN were among just 10 nurses chosen by a panel of five independent judges and Times readers from group of more than 200 nominated nurses.

All of the nurses selected by The Times were featured in a special section entitled, "Nurses: The Heart of Healthcare," which published on Wednesday, May 3.

To learn more and to read a brief bio about each honored nurse, visit NWITimes.com/nurses.

Accessing SPIRITUAL CARE for Your Patients



Methodist Hospitals chaplains are trained spiritual care providers who offer compassionate support to your patients during their hospitalizations. They specialize in spiritual and emotional care while being attentive to their individual needs and sensitive to differences in culture, race or faith.

To contact a hospital chaplain 24 hours a day, seven days a week, please call your hospital switchboard operator, and ask that operator to page the chaplain. Our hospital operators know which chaplain is in house and on call. They also have our chaplains' pager and phone numbers.

For emergencies, please do not leave a message with the chaplain's office or use secure Chat in EPIC. It could be hours or days before a chaplain receives a message left in the chaplain's office, and our chaplains only access EPIC when they are charting after patient visits.

Although individual chaplains don't work every day, a hospital chaplain is as close as your campus switchboard operator.

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MAY 2023



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

NURSES MONTH CELEBRATIONS



In celebration of Nurses Month, we had two workday events to express our gratitude for the contributions our wonderful nurses make every day at Methodist Hospitals.

Methodist's annual Nurses Ice Cream Social was as popular as ever. The hospital provided ice cream for our amazing nurses at both hospital campuses on Tuesday, May 9.

If anyone deserves to be acknowledged and cared for, it's our nurses. That's why Methodist offered relaxing and rejuvenating chair massages to our hardworking nurses at Northlake on May 25, and at Southlake on May 26.

A huge thank you and Happy Nurses Month to all the incredible nurses at Methodist Hospitals.

