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V.I.P. Volunteers in Print

Coming Events

Cards for Kids Sale—On Thursday & Friday, February 6 & 7, 7:30am-7pm, the Woman's Board will have a display table with cards available for purchase. The all day card sale fundraiser coincides with **Karissa's Jewelry Sale** and will take place in the atrium of the medical center. This is a great time to restock on holiday cards for your 2009 celebrations!

Monthly Volunteer Inservice – Monday, February 16th, 12pm-1pm, Pavilion Classroom 2. The topic will be Cystic Fibrosis pending the availability of the physician speaker. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Lunch provided.

Junior Deadline Here

The last day to turn in new junior volunteer applications is **February 1, 2009**. If you have a teen, 14-18 years old who would like to become a volunteer this summer, please request an application to be sent immediately by email from the volunteer office. Students must be able to commit to 24 hours of service or six shifts during the summer program, June 8 – August 16, 2009.

Golden Hearts Luncheon Rescheduled

The Golden Hearts luncheon of January 28th which was canceled due to the ice storm has been rescheduled to **Friday, February 20th**. New invitations will be sent with further details. Fingers crossed everyone for this second attempt!

Volgistics

The new volunteer database, Volgistics, is now in place. All 11,000 records transferred flawlessly! This means that you will see a new screen when you check in to volunteer, although the process is still the same. Since the new database is housed on the internet, at times the connection may be slower depending on how many users are on the medical center's internet connection. Volunteers will be receiving a password soon which will allow access to their own file to check hours, scheduling, or change personal contact information from home computers or from any computer that has an internet connection. More to come later regarding Volgistics.

Volunteer Opportunities

Child Life H/O Clinic Playroom Volunteer –The outpatient Hematology/Oncology Clinic seeks volunteers to keep patients entertained in the waiting room. Volunteers will:

- Play board and card games.
- Provide art and craft activities.
- Read books.
- Disinfect toys.
- Keep play area tidy and safe.
- Provide feedback to Child Life staff.

Child Life H/O Clinic Fusion Room Volunteer – The outpatient Hematology/Oncology Clinic seeks volunteers to keep patients entertained while they receive chemotherapy and other procedures. Volunteers will offer play activities, assist with movie and video game access, disinfect toys, and keep the area tidy and safe.

Available shifts for both placements are Monday-Friday mornings, 8am-12pm and afternoons, 12-4pm. If you are interested, please call Marie at 682.885.7452 or forward the information to a friend that you think would be a great volunteer.

What's a WubbaNub?!

It could be just about anything...a child's bath toy, a nursery rhyme, a cartoon character. It is not found in the dictionary but you can find several in our NICU. A WubbaNub is a holder that keeps a pacifier right at the infant's mouth. These are very helpful in the NICU because pacifiers don't fall out of the infant's mouth and out of their reach. Newborns naturally clutch their hands to their chest keeping the Wubbanub in place. Wubbanubs are not inexpensive so the NICU has sent out a call to the volunteers and the community to help with drives or fundraising to be able to provide them for appropriate NICU infants. If you, your school, or your social, religious, or civic group can help, please share this need. To learn more about WubbaNubs, you can visit their website, <http://www.wubbanub.com/>.



A-B-C-D Award



Congratulations to **John Sweeney**, January's recipient of the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award. John was nominated by several staff that he has helped in his volunteer role as the Child Life Office Assistant. John has been a Cook Children's volunteer since 2006, serving in the Volunteer Services Pool and Child Life, and has already given over 500 hours! John puts together infant play equipment, files, photocopies thousands of papers, makes deliveries, and much more. Child Life staff describe John as "always ready and willing to help whenever he can with a glad heart. He brings so

much joy it is contagious! He is such an asset to our department and we are so thankful that he spends time volunteering with us!" Congratulations to John for going above and beyond in providing uncommon support to the Child Life staff!

*Happy Valentine's Day
From Our Grateful Hearts to Your Giving One!*

Jill, Marie, Michelle, Rosemary, and Christy