News for the Week of December 5, 2011

It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!
Join St. Joseph’s in celebrating the season. The hospital’s annual Festival of Lights is set for Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year’s hours have been extended and the event will be geared to families with young children. Holiday entertainment, sleigh rides, train rides, face painting, and visits with Santa will be among the evening’s activities. If you plan on attending, please bring a camera to take photographs of your children with Santa (the Polaroid pictures that have been taken in the past will not be available this year). We hope to see you there!

Join the Sisters for a Special Tea
Please join St. Joseph’s Sisters of Mercy as they celebrate the founding of their order. The Sisters of Mercy will host a tea for employees on Monday, Dec. 12 — the 180th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland. Learn more about the Sisters, why serving tea is one of their important traditions, and how you can help continue the work that was started so long ago.

Tea will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Mercy Conference Room. Employees will be seated and served in 10-minute increments. Registration is not needed, but please plan accordingly.

Is Your Child Safe in Cyber Space?
If you have children who surf the web and/or use social media and mobile devices, don’t miss the next presentation of notMYkid. This Lunch & Learn will cover:

- The meaning of popular text abbreviations such as CD9, POS, KPC and ASL
- The reason most kids give for sending nude or semi-nude photographs of themselves via their cell phone or computer
- The number of children who are exposed to sexual solicitation via the web or the amount of kids bullied online
- Tips to keep your child safe from these dangers

notMYkid will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Rooms 4 & 5. Bring lunch if you like. Registration is not required.
Some Sugar and Spice
Join Chef Chris as she gets into the spirit of the season and bakes some classic holiday cookies. This Personal Best demonstration is set for Monday, Dec. 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in St. Joseph’s Studio. Registration is not required. If you attend, please bring your favorite holiday cookie recipe so you can participate in a cookie recipe exchange. For more information, call Chris at 602-406-5149 or chris.powers@chw.edu.

Give the Gift of Life
Consider donating blood this holiday season — it’s a great gift that can impact someone’s life for the better. St. Joseph’s Winter Blood Drive is set for Wednesday, Dec. 21 and Thursday, Dec. 22 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Marley Lobby. To schedule your appointment, call Fran Lozon at 602-406-3690 or visit Bloodhero.com (sponsor code: stjoes).

Have You Heard a Lullaby Lately?
On Monday, Dec. 5, St. Joseph’s will pilot a new program to celebrate and announce the birth of babies at the hospital. Parents will be invited to share the joy of their new arrival with a short version of Brahms’s Lullaby on the hospital’s intercom system. The trial project will last 60 days. We would appreciate you sharing your thoughts and feedback regarding the Lullaby project with your supervisor, manager or Julie Ward.

Help During the Holidays
Thank you to everyone who is participating in the hospital’s annual Adopt-a-Family program this season. Because of you, 85 families have been matched for the holiday. Mission Services could still use help with last minute needs. If you would like to donate gift cards, please contact Fran Lozon at 602-406-3690.

It’s Evergreen
There’s still time to participate in the Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Just be aware of these important dates:

- Friday, Dec. 9 The last day to register for the tree decorating contest
- Monday, Dec. 12 The last day to display a tree for the competition
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 & Wednesday, Dec. 14 Judging

Departments must follow the hospital’s holiday decorating guidelines. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Theme, Most Creative Tree, and Wow Factor. If you want to register, have questions, or need a copy of the holiday decorating guidelines, please contact Kerri Gibson at 602-406-4949 or kerri.gibson@chw.edu.

St. Joseph’s Amazing!
Thank you to everyone who contributed to St. Joseph’s Annual Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul. While we’re still awaiting the final tally for our entire contribution, we can tell you the winners of this year’s Count the Cans contest:

- Category #1: Quality Management at 2,363 items
- Category #2: Food Services at 1,098 items
- Category #3: General Surgery at 4,785 items
- Category #4: Environmental Services at 2,025 items

Wow! Thanks to everyone who put our mission into action during the Thanksgiving season.