

Care to Share Kick-off

THE 2008 CARE TO SHARE campaign kicks-off on Wednesday, March 5th! Please stop by one of our tables to learn more about Care to Share and receive special goodies.

Hospital – Wednesday, March 5th
11:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
Outside the Library

Tully Health Center – Thursday,
March 6th
11:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
Near the elevators

Kudos to Our Physicians

Congratulations to the following physicians celebrating milestone anniversaries at Stamford Hospital.

January:
Martin J. Krauthamer, Cardiology, 40 years

February:
Farid Force, Psychiatry, 15 years
Sarah A. Kahn, Gastroenterology, 15 years
Kevin D. Plancher, Orthopedic Surgery, 10 years
Barney S. Spivack, Geriatric Medicine, 10 years
Donald A. Stangler, Rheumatology, 10 years

Bennett Cancer Center Receives \$10K Gift

The Craig D. Tifford Foundation recently donated \$10,000 to the Bennett Cancer Center for testicular cancer research. This is the second donation the Foundation has made to the Bennett Cancer Center. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Craig Olin, Chair of the Medical Staff, Dr. Craig Tifford, Liz Manfredo, and President & CEO Brian Grissler.



The Foundation was created in 2003 by Dr. Craig Tifford, a Stamford Hospital-affiliated orthopedic surgeon who survived choriocarcinoma, a highly malignant and very aggressive form of testicular cancer. After being diagnosed in 2002, Dr. Tifford was initially treated at the Bennett Cancer Center where he learned of a promising clinical trial at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He has since then been rendered disease-free.

“Testicular cancer is a significantly underrepresented area of research,” said Dr. Tifford. “Since only approximately 7,000 new cases of testicular cancer are diagnosed in the U.S. each year, it is considered rare – and yet, it is the most common form of cancer in young men between the ages of 18 and 35. Unfortunately, because it is so rare, testicular cancer does not receive the same amount of research funding that, for example, as breast and lung cancer.”

HR Benefits Corner

Still have money in your flexible spending account (FSA) for 2007? March 15th is the deadline for incurring expenses for your 2007 FSA. The IRS FSA rules - offer a grace period at the end of the plan year providing you more time to incur expenses against the plan. This means you can continue to spend your current 2007 account funds for 2 ½ months after the end of the plan year (3/15/08). A run-out period will follow the grace period (5/31/08), giving you time to file claims for those expenses incurred during the previous plan year and/or during the grace period.

Hospital Partners With Area Libraries

Healthy Choices is a collaboration between the Stamford Hospital library and area public libraries to improve health awareness and health literacy in the community. The program consists of traveling exhibits, presentations by Stamford Hospital physicians and other health professionals on a wide range of health topics, and hands-on computer workshops for finding high quality consumer health information online. Supported by a federal grant, the goal of Healthy Choices is to enable attendees to become more informed and more information-literate health care consumers, better able to make educated health care decisions for themselves and their families. Up-coming events at the Darien Library include:

Menace in Your Medicine Cabinet: Drug Misuse & Bad Outcomes from Good Medicines

Dominic Sammarco, R.PH.

Date/Time: Mar. 3, 2008, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Heart Disease: Prevention & Treatment

Dr. Steven Horowitz,

Date/Time: Mar. 5, 2008, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Gastroenterology: No Ifs, Ands or Buts

Dr. Richard Sheinbaum,

Date/Time: Mar. 10, 2008, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Anthem Reps Available to Answer Questions

An ANTHEM Representative, will be visiting us again in March and April to continue to assist with any questions or concerns regarding your medical, dental, vision and prescription coverage. Please stop by ~ No appointment needed.

Friday ~ 3/7/08

8am to 9:30am Stamford Hospital Cafeteria

10am to 11:30am 9 West, 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

Friday ~ 3/21/08

8am to 9:30am Stamford Hospital Cafeteria

10am to 11:30am Tully Center Café

Friday ~ 4/04/08

8am to 9:30am Stamford Hospital Cafeteria

10am to 11:30am 9 West, 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

newsline

Do You Know Someone Who Should be Employee of the Month?

Have you observed a co-worker who excels at living our values? Nominate them for the Employee of the Month award. Nominations are now being accepted and should be submitted to Darryl McCormick. The nomination form is attached with Newsline. The key to getting your nominee selected is giving specific examples of how the staff member lives our values everyday.

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For Sale: 2 BR, 1.5 BTH townhouse in Norwalk. EIK w/updates, granite, LR w/FPL, private deck. New central heat/air. 1220 sq ft \$369,900. Open house March 2nd 12-3:00 pm. Call Joshua at (203)273-6419.

Newsline is distributed each Friday by the Strategy and Market Development Department. To submit information, please contact Scott Orstad by fax 276-7905, or phone ext. 5933. Deadline: Wednesday 12:00 p.m.