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Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network
December 11, 2009-----

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2009



Stacy Wilson, Sup, Radiology

Ms. Stacy Wilson, Supervisor, Department of Radiology possesses all the qualities of a committed, caring and supportive coworker and supervisor. On Saturday, September 26, the clerk scheduled to work the 8 AM to 4 PM shift called in sick; although Ms. Wilson had a prior engagement, she immediately considered the patients and pushed her plans aside. She came in that morning and worked until after 6 PM. On October 24, the first Saturday that Diagnostic Mammograms were performed in the clinic, the clerk on duty became overwhelmed with the number of patients scheduled for the

day. Ms. Wilson once again supported her staff by assisting the clerk, ensuring that the patients were seen in a timely fashion. Ms. Wilson is truly a team player, extremely polite and accommodating to everyone she encounters; and she has shown that no assignment is too great or small. She is truly a reliable and dedicated employee and is deserving of the title November 2009 Employee of the Month.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE;

Time to Celebrate

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Department of Anesthesia and the Department of Pediatrics cordially invite all staff to their Annual Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 12, at the luxurious Astoria Manor in the Empire Room, located at 2522 Astoria Boulevard. The special event will begin at 8:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Tickets cost \$50, includes dinner and bar.

For ticket information, contact Ms. Vivienne Henry at extension 4336 or Ms. Gloria Hardwicke at extension 4335.

The MIS Department invites you to attend their Fourth Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 18 from 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM at the Kennedy Center. Tickets are \$45.00 in advance and \$50.00 at the door - this includes a buffet and an open bar. A party you don't want to miss!

For information contact:

Hector Lewis - extension 2641

Georgia Bond - extension 4337

Michelle Bowen - extension 2642

Nelly Valentin - extension 2777

Pamela Williams - extension 1102

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

New York City Health and Hospital Corporation will host its Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Public Meeting at Harlem Hospital Center in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium on Tuesday, December 15 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The public is invited to make an oral presentation. If you wish to speak, contact Ms. Patricia Lockhart, Secretary to the Corporation, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation at (212) 788-3360 by Friday, December 11, 2009. On-site registration will be available from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Glaucoma Screening & Vision Program Screening takes place on Wednesday, December 16 in the MLKP Lobby, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM and in the Ronald H. Brown Pavilion, 2nd Floor from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

SPOTLIGHT...



Mark White, LCSW

Mr. Mark White was honored by the New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at the 3rd Annual Emerging Leaders Award Ceremony at Grand Harmony Restaurant. Mr. White received the Emerging Social Work Leader Award for his commitment, dedication and leadership to human and social services. He was the only awardee from the health care sector and the first within the Health and Hospitals Corporation to be recognized as an emerging social work leader.

Mark is truly an exemplary social worker, fully credentialed as an LCSW, and a graduate of Morehouse College and Hunter School of Social Work. He is a valuable asset to Harlem Hospital Center.

Congratulations Mr. White!

**THE MEDINA CLINIC GRAND
OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING
CEREMONY**



Dr. John M. Palmer with leaders from the Council of African Imams, Inc.



Dr. Naureen Zafar, Assistant Attending, Medina Clinic



Imam Souleimane Konate, General Secretary of the Council of African Imams, Inc.

The official Medina Clinic Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place on Friday, November 20 at the Lenox Avenue Health Center. The special occasion was celebrated with distinguished guests, Senator Bill Perkins, Council Member and Majority Whip Inez E. Dickens, Mr. Jose Sanchez, Senior Vice President of our Network, Imam Souleimane Konate, General Secretary of the Council of African Imams, and other leaders

from the Council of African Imams. The event was well attended by prospective patients interested in seeing and hearing about the clinic. Guests danced as members of the African band Balla Kouyate, played drums and balafon. At the conclusion of the program, guests received a tour of the clinic and enjoyed authentic West African appetizers and drinks.

The Medina Clinic is the first of its kind in New York City, and will provide comprehensive primary care, health education, and outreach screening with the cultures and languages of the Islamic Community in mind. The Medina Clinic is of course, open to people of all cultures. The Harlem community is welcome to visit. The Medina Clinic is held both at the Lenox Avenue Health Center and the Ronald H. Brown Pavilion.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT - Nov 2009
Ray King, RN, Staff Nurse
Robin Scott, Psychiatric Social Health Technician
Gary Clemons, Coordinating Manager
Yvonne McDowell, LCSW, Social Worker

The Psychiatry Department knows it takes a team to provide quality customer service and to save a life. Nurse Ray King, Ms. Robin Scott, Mr. Gary Clemons, and Ms. Yvonne McDowell were caught in the act for working together to get necessary help to an individual in need. Nurse King received a call at the CPEP nursing station from a woman in the community who reported her desire to commit

suicide; Nurse King not only knew what to do, he did it successfully.

Coordinated communication between the staff in CPEP allowed the team to immediately spring into action. Mr. Clemens and Ms. Scott contacted the Mobile Crisis Team as Mr. King continued to counsel, console and listen to the person in need. Ms. McDowell recognized the emergency and contacted 911. The 911 operator remained on the line with Ms. McDowell until police found the location. Nurse King continued talking and listening for signs of EMS and the NYPD arrival. Once they arrived it was Mr. King that convinced the patient to open her door and let help in. The patient was taken to her local Psychiatric Emergency Room safe and sound. **Thank you to this team.**

INFLUENZA VACCINE UPDATE

All NYC employees are encouraged to protect yourselves from both H1N1 and seasonal influenza by getting vaccinated. Vaccine supplies are limited both nationally and in NYC, so health care providers are reserving the vaccines for individuals in priority groups. If you fall into any of these groups, you may need one or both vaccines and should get vaccinated *by your doctor or at a local clinic.*

PRIORITY GROUPS FOR SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE:

Pregnant women, all health care workers, 6 month to 18 year olds, 19 thru 49 years of age with *an underlying health condition** that increases the risk of severe illness or

complications from the flu, adults 50 and older, and finally, anyone living with or caring for infants under 6 months.

FOR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE:

In addition to a seasonal flu vaccination, the following should also receive the H1N1 vaccine:
Pregnant women, all health care workers, anyone 6 months through 24 years of age, 25 through 64 years of age who has an *underlying health condition,** or anyone who lives with or cares for infants under 6 months.

*Underlying health conditions include asthma, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, blood disorders, kidney disorders, liver disorders, neurological disorders, neuromuscular disorders, and weakened immune systems.

For more information go to www.nyc.gov/flu, NYC's flu website.

HOME SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY AND THE NEW YEAR

1. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors frequently to ensure they are working properly.
2. Keep a fire extinguisher within easy reach and learn the P.A.S.S. method = (Pull - Aim - Squeeze - Sweep).
3. Check light strings before using them and discard any that have loose connections, cracks, or frays.
4. Avoid overloading electrical outlets.
5. Always unplug indoor holiday lights before you leave your home or go to bed.

Have a Safe and Wonderful Holiday!