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A Letter from Executive Director: Michele Hoeft

Happy Summer!

We've waited so long for these warmer months and now we find ourselves, quite often, in 90 degree weather wishing for cooler months! I hope that each of you are taking time to relax and enjoy your families and friends.

First, a note of congratulations and THANK YOU to our 2014 golf committee! Not only did they, with the help of staff, host a wonderful event at Glen Echo - we had the largest outing to date. The generosity of our community helped us raise nearly \$65,000 for the hospital!

Things don't slow down though; we are quickly gearing up for the 6th Annual Legacy Leaders Dinner on October 21. If you attended last year's event, I am sure you will be anxious for this year. Last year was amazing and we intend to throw one of the best celebrations in North County again. Do you want a hand in planning it? Join us on the committee. We need YOU to make it a success.

Lastly, I can't tell you how pleased I am to be a part of the Christian Hospital family. Not only is our hospital one of the best places to work, we serve our patients with kindness, gentleness and compassion every day. Through our Heart of a Hero program, we hear monthly from those patients with stories of praise, accolades and thankfulness. Reading each of those stories warms my heart and solidifies why we are here to serve. Our community needs us and we need you. This hospital is stronger because of your support. And I thank YOU for it.

In health and happiness, Michele



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Golf Outing 2014 Recap

The fourth annual Golf Outing at Glen Echo Country Club on June 9 was a huge success! Those in attendance enjoyed great weather, lunch on the patio, refreshments on the course (including a margarita stand), putting contests, dinner and an awards reception.



Because of our generous supporters, the foundation raised 31 percent more than last year, bringing our total to nearly \$65,000! A special thank you to our tournament sponsor, Hematology Oncology Consultants and our course sponsor, Express Scripts. **SAVE THE DATE** for next year's event on **June 8, 2015, at Glen Echo Country Club!** We hope to see you there!

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6th Annual Legacy Leaders Dinner - October 21



On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, the Christian Hospital Foundation will host the sixth annual Legacy Leaders Dinner. This event is held to celebrate our community by honoring those who make a difference.

The Christian Hospital Foundation's Legacy Leaders Committee is **currently seeking nominations for our awards that will be presented that evening.** If you would like to submit a nomination, **please provide a 300-word or less narrative by Friday, July 25** on the individual/organization and how they meet the desired criteria to our office via mail or e-mail (chfoundation@bjc.org).

The awards we are seeking nominations for are:

- The *Paul F. Detrick Legacy Leadership Award* honors an individual whose impact and commitment has left a legacy in the North County community.
- The *Community Vision Award* recognizes an organization or community member who has created economic opportunities to further the North County area's presence in the region.
- The *Physician of the Year Award* is bestowed upon a physician who has dedicated much of his/her career to serving the patients at Christian Hospital with compassion and expertise.

Past honorees include: Grace Zykan, the late Paul Kohnen, Bob Lowery, Anesthesia Associates of St. Louis, the Christian Hospital Auxiliary, Dora Gianoulakis, Rosemary Davison, Jack & Jan Yacovelli, Johnny Londoff, Jr., Dr. Jay Jensen, Dr. Rance Thomas, Express Scripts and Dr. Antonio Penilla.

For additional information about the event or to register, please visit www.christianhospital.org/LLD.

SAVE THE DATE and Join Us!

Paul F. Detrick Building
Atrium at Christian Hospital

6 p.m. Cocktail Reception
7 p.m. Dinner
8 p.m. Awards Program

Welcome Back Dr. Mark Belew!



We are pleased to welcome Mark Belew, MD, back to Christian Hospital as he joins CH Orthopedic & Spine Surgeons with Jacques Van Ryn, MD, John Weltmer, MD, and Ravi Shitut, MD. Dr. Belew is a board certified orthopedic surgeon who joined the BJC Medical Group team on July 1, 2014. Dr. Belew practices general orthopedics (with the exception of neck and spine). He has been practicing in the North County area since 1991 and is accepting new patients.

CH Orthopedic & Spine Surgeons is conveniently located on the campus of Christian Hospital in Professional Building 2, Suite 301. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Dr. Belew, please call 314-953-8250.



Heart of a Hero: A Grateful Patient Program

Christian Hospital has received multiple awards throughout the years, but the recognition that means the most to us comes from our patients and their families, leading to the *Heart of a Hero: A Grateful Patient Program*. The Christian Hospital Foundation began this program as an opportunity for patients to recognize and thank our staff and physicians throughout the hospital who provided exceptional care.

Our staff works hard to provide clinical excellence and compassionate care to all. Through this program, our patients have the ability to share their appreciation by giving a gift in honor of their special caregiver. Not only does the patient/donor positively impact future care through a donation, it provides recognition of our staff, and a memorable moment in their career.



We have received several nominations since the beginning of 2014 including:

- Mark Clere (Nursing Resources)
- Vaness Velazquez (ICU Nurse)
- Salena Cecil (Breast Health Navigator)
- Dr. Myron Jacobs (Pulmonary Consultants, Inc.)
- Gloria Washington (6th Floor Nurse)
- Dr. Hannah Ha (Colorectal Surgery)
- Shannon Croley (8th Floor Nurse)
- Jennifer Dubbert (Physical Therapy)

This kind of recognition is humbling and appreciated by the compassionate employees of Christian Hospital as they strive to continue to help people enjoy life by improving their health.



CH Emergency Room Renovation Update

Christian Hospital's emergency department is currently being renovated! The final grand opening will be held in September 2014.

By the end of July, all of the exam rooms will be completed and ready for patients. This will include all of the Behavioral Health rooms. The upcoming phases are the administrative offices, reception/lobby area and the triage rooms.



Christian Hospital Campus Projects

Completed Projects:

- Parking Lot Light Replacement
- Radiology Room #7 Renovation

Projects in Progress:

- Emergency Department renovation
 - Dialysis move to 2nd floor
- Mechanical upgrade to elevators
 - 5th floor renovation
- Cooling tower enhancements
- Construction on hybrid room suite
- Kitchen renovation planning stage
- Professional Office Building 2 garage repairs