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Good afternoon,

Each May, our Care New England community celebrates National Nurses Week (May 6-12), National Hospital Week (May 12-18), and Mental Health Month. Recognizing that many of our staff do not work in "hospitals," do not work in mental health, and are not nurses, we decided to designate May as Employee Appreciation Month!

This is a time to focus on all of you, our valued staff who work so hard day in and day out to care for our community. Across our system there are special events, educational offerings, and some opportunities for relaxation and wellness planned throughout the month. Event schedules have been circulated and will continue to be promoted through our ACTivity newsletters.

One of the highlights of the month is the Employee Service Awards, which gives us the opportunity to recognize our dedicated employees for their work achievements, including years of service and employment milestones. They will be held on:

Butler Hospital

Thursday, May 30 | 4 p.m. | Butler Hospital, Ray Hall

Care New England

Wednesday, May 15 | 2 p.m. | Butler Hospital, Ray Hall

Kent Hospital

Tuesday, May 14 | 5:30 p.m. | Kent Hospital, Doctors' Auditoriums

The Providence Center

Wednesday, May 29 | 2:30 p.m. | The Providence Center, North Main Street

VNA of Care New England

Wednesday, May 15 | 5 p.m. | Kent Hospital, Doctors' Auditoriums

Women & Infants Hospital

Thursday, May 16 | 5 p.m. | Women & Infants Hospital, South Pavilion Auditoriums

We see how hard each of you work and how committed you are to Care New England, our operating units, and all those we serve. Please know how much you are valued and appreciated.

Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Get the facts at RIHealthFuture.com



Rhode Islanders deserve the facts about Care New England and Brigham Health's commitment to providing world-class health care locally. Care New England and Brigham Health have jointly has launched a new website, RIHealthFuture.com, to provide information to our community about the benefits of this proposal and offer details on how we will keep care local and affordable, improve infrastructure, and create opportunities for the expansion of ambulatory care and jobs. Please visit the site and our social media channels ([RIHealthFuture](https://www.facebook.com/RIHealthFuture) on Facebook and [@RIHealthFuture](https://twitter.com/RIHealthFuture) on Twitter), review the information, and get the facts. Use your social media connections to help share this information with your friends, family, and the community. If you want to take it a step further, perhaps you could share your personal reasons why this is so important to you either as an employee, patient, or simply a concerned member of our community. To learn more visit RIHealthFuture.com.

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

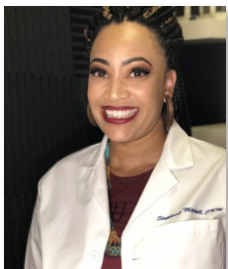
Gifts donated to Infusion Center patients

On April 24, Diane Leal, a consultant with Thirty-One Gifts, donated 20 chemotherapy care bags for patients at the Women & Infants Infusion Center in Fall River. This generous act of kindness was coordinated by Diane and Fall River infusion nurse Tracie A. Souza, RN, OCN, and was made possible by the donations from Diane and her many clients. Diane even took the time to personally give each patient being treated their chemo care tote. Diane's act of love and kindness truly touched the hearts of the patients and the staff.



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Care New England Medical Group midwife receives doctorate in nursing practice



Stephanie Mitchell, DNP, CNM, of CNEMG's Midwifery Practice, recently received her Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) from Frontier University. Her scholarship, conducted at Women & Infants and approved by the Institute for Health Improvement, is entitled "Safe implementation of intermittent auscultation in low risk women in labor." Prior to becoming a certified nurse midwife, Stephanie worked at Brigham and Women's Hospital as a labor nurse. Stephanie is originally from Boston, where she resides with her husband and four children, is passionate about workforce development, health equity, and mentoring the next generation of nurses. She is a member of the American College of Nurse Midwives and the National Black Nurses Association.

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

Anchor Recovery's Jonathan Goyer receives the Robert S. Burgess Community Service Award



On Thursday, May 2, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - Rhode Island Chapter awarded Jonathan Goyer, manager of Anchor M.O.R.E., as this year's recipient of the *Robert S. Burgess Community Service Award*. This service award is given annually to a nominee who has shown immense work in the community and has made positive impacts in the lives of the clients they serve. Jonathan's efforts with The Providence Center and the Anchor M.O.R.E. program, as well as his leadership in the peer recovery movement, were recognized and highlighted at the event. This included the distribution of more than 15,000 kits of Narcan, in effort to prevent possible overdose. To learn more about The Providence Center's Anchor Recovery, click anchorrecovery.org.

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Dr. Erica Hardy receives Visionary Voice Award



Erica Hardy, MD, MA, MMSc, director of Women & Infants Women's Infectious Disease Consult Service, was last week presented with the Visionary Voice Award at an event hosted by Day One. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) offers the Visionary Voice Awards, in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month each April, to recognize the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual violence. Each year, the state's sexual assault coalitions select an outstanding individual to nominate for the awards. This year, the Rhode Island Statewide Task Force to Address Adult Sexual Assault selected Dr. Hardy for her work in providing care and follow-up care for women who have suffered sexual assault.

KENT HOSPITAL

May Breakfast at Kent Hospital



Father Ricard receiving the check for K.E.E.P. from the Rotary Club of Warwick. Pictured left to right: Jim Burke, vice president of finance, Kent Hospital; Tom Sanford, May Breakfast co-coordinator, Rotary Club; Sarah Channing, president, Rotary Club; and Shannon Sullivan, MSW, LICSW, CCM, vice president of operations, Kent Hospital.

Last week, Kent Hospital partnered with the Rotary Club of Warwick to host a traditional May Breakfast. This year's May Breakfast included scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast, and a granola station. The event was a great success, with 340 guests in attendance (100 more than last year). Together, approximately \$4,000 was raised – \$1,000 of which was donated to Kent Hospital's Kent Employee Emergency Program (K.E.E.P.).

Tom Sanford, May Breakfast co-coordinator, Rotary Club of Warwick said, "Thank you for your assistance in putting together a very successful May Breakfast. The Café staff was superb again this year. We asked for something and within a minute we had it. It can't get any better than that. This could not have happened without the support of Kent Hospital, Care New England."

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BUTLER HOSPITAL

Butler Hospital provides staff education regarding falls prevention

Research dictates that hospitalization increases patients' risk for falls, with nearly one million hospitalized patients in the United States experiencing a fall annually, and one-third of those resulting in injury. With an increased number of falls in inpatient units, Butler Hospital's Falls Prevention Committee has been reviewing current protocol and implementing action plans to reduce falls throughout all units. Staff education was provided all last week at Butler in order to share information about what can be done to help alleviate this problem. Topics included ECT Protocol, Orthostatic v.s. Protocol, Hydration, Falls Trivia, and Bob and the Ten Steps of Fall Prevention, which included a review of fall prevention strategies already being implemented on Butler's inpatient units.

CARE NEW ENGLAND

Nurse and clinical job recruitment at Care New England

We are currently recruiting for nurse and clinical positions across Care New England. We encourage you to serve as hospital ambassadors and draw from your personal talent pool of friends, professional contacts, and others whom you believe have what it takes to join us and be a part of our energized and focused team concentrating on clinical excellence, quality and safety, professional development and education, collaboration, and teamwork. Please feel free to use your own social media accounts to promote these job openings. Like, follow, mention, and tag the operating unit where you work to spread the word and let everyone know why you love working for Care New England! As a friendly reminder, please do not include personal health information or patient identifiers in your stories.

Sign-on bonuses are offered in key nursing areas. If you have any questions, please stop by HR. To learn about our current job openings in nursing, visit carenewengland.org/nursing, for other clinical job openings, visit carenewengland.org/careers.

DATE TO REMEMBER

VNA OF CARE NEW ENGLAND

VNA hosts annual memorial event "An Evening of Remembrance"

**Tuesday, May 7 | 6 p.m. | The Warwick Country Club | 394 Narragansett Bay Avenue
Warwick, RI**

The VNA of Care New England will host a free evening of reflection, song, and remembrance in honor of those we have lost. This year's annual event, titled "An Evening of Remembrance" will honor loved ones with music, presence and the sharing of memories through photographs. Light refreshments will follow. For additional information on hospice care of the VNA, please visit vnacarenewengland.org.