

Celebrate Earth Week 2010

In honour of **Earth Week 2010** and the 40th anniversary of Earth Day help us make our Earth more beautiful. Try to take part in one or all of the following activities:

ALL WEEK

John Butler, Chef, will be preparing meals in our Cafeteria using local produce supplied by Foodland Ontario.

Carol Polanic, Manager, Gift Shop will be featuring "green" products!

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Turtle Island Recycling will be in the Cafeteria with an informational display from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drop by and find out how you can help our recycling efforts!

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

The Cafeteria will be holding a "Lug-A-Mug" day. **Bring in your own coffee mug and get your coffee for just 50 cents!**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

The EMC will be holding two screenings of the short film "The Story of Stuff" in Education Centre A. Times are 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and bring your own mug to get **free punch!**

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY!

Participate in a **20-Minute Makeover** for the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day by walking around the Health Centre and collecting litter (*gloves and bags will be provided*).

Join us out front by the Main Entrance 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

The Centre for Clinical Ethics, St. Joseph's Health Centre, invites you to attend: **Ethics Grand Rounds**

Topic: Mental Health Care
Cultural Diversity & Ethical Boundaries

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2010

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Education Centre A (Back of cafeteria)

Presenter:
Joseph Chandrakanthan, PhD, DTh,
Clinical Ethicist, Centre for Clinical Ethics

Learning Objectives:

1. To examine the complex relationship between culture, values and ethics in mental health care.
2. To understand the ethical code of health professions in the backdrop of the principles of Clinical Ethics.
3. To appreciate shared autonomy, consent confidentiality in a multi-cultural context.

Everyone is welcome - bring your lunch

National Volunteer Week

This year, National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from Sunday, April 18th to Saturday, April 24th. Volunteers have a highly valued role and work in many different areas of the Health Centre.

This week, say thank you to the volunteers for their time and dedication to St. Joe's!

Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Innovation and Using Our Resources Wisely

Nursing Resource Team Celebrates its One Year Anniversary

by Silvana Biscaro, Admin Program Director, Emergency and Critical Care

On March 11, the Nursing Resource Team celebrated their 1st



Caring, professional, skilled & knowledgeable.

Anniversary. The Nursing Resource Team (NRT) is a team of highly skilled St Joseph's trained nurses (RN) and health care aide (HCA). Their role in the Health Centre is to fill unpredictable staffing needs that occur within the organization. The NRT staff are trained in medicine, surgery and mental health at St Joseph's Health Centre.

The Nursing Resource Team started in January 2009 with three RNs filling the needs of one medicine unit, and to date we have a team of 19 RNs and one HCA filling needs on 16 different units. The NRT has also been a launching pad for some nurses to find the "right fit" within the Health Centre. The NRT has transitioned an additional 10 RNs into specific or specialty units of the Health Centre. This has translated into 100% retention rate for these transfers.

The anniversary celebration was marked by a display in the Cafeteria and many SJHC staff came by to extend congratulations to the team and enjoy some anniversary cake.

The NRT is an excellent example of Putting Patients First by building a centralized pool of specially trained nursing staff to respond to staffing needs; Using Resources Wisely by providing SJHC trained RN's thereby reducing the use of external agency staff and reducing cost to the Health Centre; and Inspiring our People by providing staff a opportunity to grow and develop within their careers.

Congratulations to Sandra Lenarduzzi, NRT Manager and all the NRT staff on this accomplishment.



Members of the Nursing Resource Team gather in the Cafeteria to celebrate the anniversary.

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