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# A Message from President & CEO Michael Young



Michael A. Young  
M.H.A., F.A.C.H.E.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

I know that the consolidation between ECMC and Kaleida has been on the top of everyone's mind at ECMC. I also know that from time to time it is difficult to understand the particulars of these discussions. For ECMC employees, the issue boils down to two issues: quality of care and your employment.

As you know, we have put many measurements in place to create clinical and operational accountability. This is what we are asking for if we consolidate. That means *quality* leadership, *quality* facilities, *quality* medicine, *quality* physicians, *quality* nurses, *quality* operations, and, above all, the highest-possible *quality* outcomes for our community. We believe it is the only way we can create nationally ranked hospitals in Western New York. With regard to ECMC employees, you have created a "Culture of Care" for our patients. I see it every day, and I know you work very hard to make sure we provide the best care possible. However, you are still viewed by the newly formed hospital board and others to be "too expensive." And while I know I sound like a broken record, retiree health-care costs will be unsustainable in the future.

The State of New York has said that they are moving ahead with a consolidation. We do not know what form that will take, but we do know that we must continue to be strong clinically and operationally to be viewed as a surviving "partner" at the table. As long as we have benefit costs that are unsustainable and unsigned union contracts, the outside individuals involved in these discussions will continue to look at these as "problems" and

will not view us as an equal partner. I urge you to contact your union leadership to move expeditiously and have real "face-to-face" dialogue with us. We have already had some of these discussions, but we need to be more cognizant of the realities of the marketplace, and preserve the best benefit structure possible while staying competitive.

We will continue to stand by you and the quality care you bring to our community. There are solutions to all of the issues I mentioned above. However, we must continue to keep our focus on the long-term objective of better healthcare that provides nationally ranked healthcare. At the end of the day, that will be what ensures that our friends and family are healthier, will create a healthcare system that attracts people from all over the Country, and will ensure more success for employees who are providing the best care possible in this new nationally ranked system. Any other option is not acceptable.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Tom Quatroche, Sr.VP of Marketing and Planning, at 898-5503. I look forward to working with you to enjoy a successful and prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael A. Young". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael A. Young  
M.H.A., F.A.C.H.E.  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*

## Academy School@44, ECMC Announce Student PSA Exhibition

On December 20th, 2007, ECMC hosted an Academy School@44 event. Academy School students competed in an exhibition of student work for which they developed public service announcements (PSAs) to educate the greater Buffalo community about health issues in the region. To situate learning in a real world context, the school's curriculum design team invites business and industry partners to work with students to develop the skills and competencies associated with the various career paths and answer the question most often asked by students, "Why do I have to learn this?"

Students at Academy School@44 have been studying community health issues as part of their program of Real World Learning. The public service announcements were created to serve the dual role of educating the public and serving as evidence of student learning. The public was invited to ECMC to view the student-generated PSAs. An awards ceremony, also open to the public, took place in ECMC's auditorium.

"We've been able to provide structure, stability, and some vision and direction," said Gregory D. Mott, Principal at Academy School@44. According to Principal Mott, "Academy School@44 is proud to have ECMC as a partner to help make learning relevant and meaningful for students." In addition to hosting the Public Service Announcement Screening, ECMC healthcare professionals serve as mentors to students, offer student tours, and providing on-going assistance with the Health Issues Unit at Academy School@44.



*One Academy student pauses during PSA presentation on Alcoholism*

The Buffalo school system is using a new approach for at risk and underachieving students. The Academy School@44, located at 1369 Broadway, has a unique educational program designed to reach students who have not succeeded in a traditional school setting. Students are selected to attend Academy School@44 because they will benefit from teaching and learning methods that are based on their individual needs, rather than those traditionally in place in schools. The Academy School@44 program addresses academics through a project-based, blended curriculum. Instead of large group direct instruction, traditional pen and paper tasks, or textbook reading assignments, students at the Academy School@44 work in small career clusters focused on real-world projects, supplemented by a personalized, web-based instructional program that delivers the core academic content.

"Instead of testes and quizzes, their work becomes the evidence of the learning," says Dr. Mike Muir, of the Maine Center for Meaningful Engaged Learning at the University of Maine at Farmington. "There is still lecture and reading, but only in support of learning by doing and working on the projects. Projects come first, then the occasional lecture, reading, or computer-based instruction, as needed to complete the project." Muir works closely with the Academy School@44 and ResulTech staff as an educational program specialist.



*Dr. Mike Muir of the Maine Center for Meaningful Engaged Learning (University of Maine at Farmington) observes while students present diabetes PSA for TV cameraman*

# NYS American Trauma Society Honors ECMC Nurse Linda Schwab

## *State-wide recognition by peer group of Trauma Professionals*

The New York State (NYS) Chapter of the American Trauma Society recently recognized nurse Linda Schwab, MS, RN, Trauma Program Coordinator for Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) and the eight county Western New York region, as the 2007 Trauma Coordinator of Distinction for New York State.

The NYS American Trauma Society annually recognizes the most deserving Trauma Professionals for their commitment and pursuit of excellence in the area of trauma care in three categories, including: Trauma Director, Trauma Registrar, and Trauma Coordinator of Distinction. To choose award winners each year, the Society conducts a rigorous submission and selection process among members of the American Trauma Society and the NYS Trauma Advisory Committee. An awards program, held during the State Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting in Albany, is the culmination of the selection process. This year, the event took place on November 29th.

Linda Schwab has had direct and indirect impact on the quality of nursing care through her research activities, clinical publications, active involvement with the community, and numerous professional organization memberships.

Linda Schwab has served in various clinical positions during her 26 years at ECMC. As Trauma Program Coordinator (2004-present), she works regionally and in collaboration with statewide committees to establish trends in the incidence of traumatic accidents and to implement research-based practice changes in trauma care and public health policy. She is extensively involved in outreach education for injury prevention. Prior to her current role, Schwab served ECMC as: Case Manager for Surgical Specialties (2000-2003), Trauma Intensive Care Nurse (1995-2000; 1981-89) and Nurse Clinician for the Burn Treatment Center (1989-95).



*Linda Schwab, MS, RN*

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession of Registered Nursing, Schwab was also honored as a Western New York Nurse of Distinction (2004). Linda Schwab earned her Master of Science in nursing (2004) and her Bachelor of Science in nursing (1981) degrees from D'Youville College.

Since the early 1960s, ECMC has set trends in trauma and emergency care, developing practices, procedures and in some cases devices (such as the first crash cart) that have since become standards of care now implemented/utilized in hospitals across the nation and the globe. As Western New York's only Adult Regional Trauma Center, ECMC operates one of 43 trauma centers in New York State. ECMC has achieved the best trauma survival rate of all trauma centers in the State, according to a July 2006 report from the New York State Department of Health ([www.health.state.ny.us](http://www.health.state.ny.us)). ECMC offers trauma and burn educational programs for professionals as well as the general public. For more information about ECMC trauma/burn services, call 716-898-3631 or log on to [www.ecmc.edu](http://www.ecmc.edu).

# Following National Search, Comerford Selected as ECMC Director of Security and Safety Management

Former Commissioner of Erie County Central Police Services Kevin J. Comerford has recently begun to serve as ECMC Director of Security and Safety Management. Comerford oversees all security operations and security staff for the Medical Center.

"After an exhaustive national search identifying candidates from as far away as Florida, we chose the person who is best qualified to direct security and safety management," explained Kenneth A. Richmond, M.H.A., C.H.E., Senior Vice President of Operations at ECMC Corporation. "Kevin Comerford's knowledge and skill set is impressive and highly applicable for the responsibilities of this position at ECMC."

Prior to his appointment at ECMC, Kevin Comerford served as Commissioner of Erie County Central Police Services (since 1999). Central Police Services provides information, communications, training, laboratory and related services for all city, town and village police departments and other criminal justice agencies located in Erie County. As Chief of Staff for the Buffalo Police Department (1996-1998), Comerford oversaw grants and the research division as well as the Training Academy. Comerford joined the Buffalo Police Department in 1972, serving in the patrol division as a lieutenant, captain and inspector.

Comerford serves/has recently served as:  
Executive Board Chair of the Homeland



*Kevin J. Comerford, Director of Security and Safety Management*

Security/Urban Area Security Initiative Executive Board (2005-2007); Board Member, Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation Advisory Board (2001-2007); and the UB Regional Community Policing Center Advisory Board (1999-2005). Comerford has served on numerous other boards and committees (1986-present).

Kevin Comerford holds a BA in Political Science from Canisius College (1975) and an MBA from the University at Buffalo (2004). He is also certified through the Senior Management Institute for Police and the Police Executive Research Foundation/JFK School of Government (1995). Comerford is well-published and has presented on various topics pertaining to law enforcement, police matters and related concerns.

## ECMC to the rescue!

Holiday shopping, parties, big meals, desserts! It takes extra effort to stay healthy and stress-free during the holidays. ECMC to the rescue! Family Medicine physicians from Cleve-Hill Family Health Center and nurse practitioner students from UB were stationed at the Galleria Mall on Black

Friday (the day after Thanksgiving and the official start of the holiday season) to provide free blood pressure and BMI (body mass index) screenings, as well as some advice on making this a healthy holiday season.

# ECMC Emergency and Cardiothoracic Patient James Wright Receives Bills Jersey from Life-saving Team



*Emergency and cardiothoracic surgery patient James Wright accepts Buffalo Bills jersey signed by Trent Edwards from ECMC Emergency Care Team that saved his life after he went into cardiac arrest during a Bills game on 12/23/07 at Ralph Wilson Stadium. Shown presenting the jersey to Mr. Wright are (l. to r.): Emergency Attending Physician and Director of the Emergency Services for those in attendance during Bills games at Ralph Wilson Stadium Dietrich Jehle, MD; Vice President of Trauma and Emergency Services Peggy Cramer, MS, RN; Emergency Department Unit Manager Donna Oddo, BS, RN; and Emergency Attending Physician Todd Roland, MD. Special thanks to Dr. Jehle for inquiring about the jersey and to the Bills organization and Trent Edwards for donating the jersey to one of their loyal fans!*

Jon Wright  
Chicago, IL

To the good people of stadium emergency services:

I'm writing you today to first thank you and secondly give you an update on my father.

First, a debt of gratitude is owed to everyone involved Sunday in helping my father to still be with us today. My father collapsed outside of gate 9 right around kickoff of an apparent heart attack. While myself and my family was quite concerned and frantic, the good people of the Buffalo Bills organization and fans responded with a sense of urgency that is unmatched in today's world. Within 5 minutes of my father going down, he was stabilized and brought to the stadium first aid station. As I tried to keep my composure, I stood to look around at our surroundings and saw the concerned faces of those standing around. Thank you to all of you for your thoughts and prayers then and now. While the stadium staff helped save his life, there is a young woman who was an EMT in the line we were in. She responded within seconds of our call for help and helped perform CPR and possibly saved his life. To that unnamed person...thank you from the bottom of all our hearts.

My father today is sitting comfortably at ECMC and while he is still not out of the woods, it wouldn't be possible for me to say all these good things if people hadn't responded as quickly as they had. Buffalo has and always will, hold a special place in my heart. However, the city, it's fans and this great organization now have my eternal gratitude for saving his life and keeping him with us a while longer.

Thank you once again for everything,  
The Wright Family

# Holiday Luncheon and Festivities at ECMC



# ECMC

*Nurse of the Month*

## January Nurse of the Month



**Alicia Dyson, RN**, is nurse of the month of January. Alicia works primarily on the 9th Floor Zone 2 and does an outstanding job of coordinating and scheduling clients for their services and procedures many times

with out the assistance of an ACC clerk. Alicia is very good at patient teaching and keeping current on Joint Commission changes. She has "precepted" (instructed) many new nurses on 9-Zone 2 and she does this while using humor and encouragement. Alicia pays attention to details and policies and always encourages team work. Alicia also "floats" to other units, assisting as needed, helping answer questions, and assisting staff members with tasks. She also participates on PCS (computer committee) and is now on the Nurse Recruitment and Retention Committee for 2008. Alicia has plans to continue in school while staying involved in her family's activities. Good luck and thanks Alicia!

## December Nurse of the Month



**Sue Lelonek, RN**, is Nurse of the Month for December 2007. Sue is dedicated and hard working for her patients and to support her work team. She takes everything in stride and never loses sight of what is

best for the patient. She is a positive role model to her co-workers and always lends a helping hand to anyone in need. Although she is somewhat quiet, Sue has a smile on her face and a pleasant attitude, regardless of the challenges that confront her. Congratulations Sue!

# ECMC

*Employee of the Month*

## December Employee of the Month



**Bobbie Carroll**, has been with the hospital since 1999. When she first started, the department was in the process of changing computer systems. Bobby handled the situation with ease. She is always friendly and smiling, with an

easygoing disposition and a wonderful attitude that can calm down even the most excitable person. Bobby never allows her personal feelings to interfere with her work or the way she conducts business. She goes above and beyond what is required in every way possible when assisting anyone with an issue and while helping employees, patients and their families. Good work Bobbie!

*Roberta Carroll  
Cashier, Cashier's Office*

## November Employee of the Month

**Lisa Thorpe**, has worked in the Occupational Therapy Department at the Medical Center for over 17 years. She specializes in treating patients with neurological dysfunctions, hand injuries, and also conducts driver evaluations.



*Lisa Thorpe, MS-OTR,  
CDRS Outpatient  
Occupational Therapy,  
Rehab Department*

In whatever capacity Lisa is working, she consistently provides exceptional service and intensive patient care, making her patients her number one priority. This is shown in the time she takes to prepare patient treatments. Often she researches treatment options on her own time so that she can give her patients the best treatment that is available.

Lisa's influence has effected the entire department because she raises the bar and challenges her colleagues to do better. This has strengthened the department in which no one settles for "good enough." Her patients have been consistently impressed with her level of compassion, service and competency. Thanks for the high standards and congratulations Lisa!

# Quality Awards



*Quality Award Winners, November 2007, "Safari Club" walking residents on a "safari" (l. to r.): Randy Hoak, Jennifer Burl, Colleen Canfield*



*Quality Award Winners, October 2007, for their work in opening up, setting up and staffing of the Cross Roads Café (l. to r.): Linda Harrison and Ashley Osucha*



*Quality Award Winners, September 2007, for their work in Units J/K Dementia program: (l. to r.) Diane Hoelzl and Bonnie Goodrich*

## URS Corporation Employees Fund Erie County Home Resident Shoe Drive



*Pictured (l. to r.) are: Suzette Henry and Allison Waliger from URS and Kathryn Rudnicki, Resident Council President, Erie County Home.*

The generosity of the employees of URS Corporation has put shoes on the feet of 100 Residents at the Erie County Home. URS Corporation, a multidisciplinary architectural/engineering, design and planning organization presented Erie County Home Resident Council President Kathryn Rudnicki with over 100 pairs of shoes for The Home's recent Shoe Drive. The residents and staff of Erie County Home are grateful for these much needed shoes. URS employees were proactive in this effort, but special thanks go out to Suzette Henry who acted as the primary coordinator.

# THE CHOICE IS YOURS

## For Post Acute Rehabilitation Care

The **Erie County Home** has provided care to the Western New York community for **over 80 years**. Our staff takes pride in offering the best possible care in an atmosphere of dignity and compassion.

In our recently remodeled Subacute unit, we can help in your recovery following a **stroke, joint replacement, bone fracture, medical management, and general deconditioning from extended hospital stays**. We provide extensive physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Our goal is to help you recover so you can return home. We are a “city” within the country and you will find many unique conveniences such as **free cable and telephone, private air-conditioned rooms, beautiful landscaped court yards and patios**, a branch of the **Erie County Library** and **three stores**. **It's all here.**

Call us today at **716-937-5652** to schedule a tour of the facility or at **716-898-4317** or **716-898-5952** to speak with Admissions about pre-applying for a planned surgery. We will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.



ERIE COUNTY HOME  
11580 WALDEN AVENUE | ALDEN, NEW YORK 14004  
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# THE CHOICE IS YOURS

## Wound Care Specialty for Continuing Rehabilitation Care

The Erie County Home is your choice for extensive Wound Care Rehabilitation. Our interdisciplinary Wound Care Team facilitated by board certified wound specialist (CWS®) through the American Academy of Wound Management, provides the extensive management and training of all wound care diagnosis and specialty needs.

Through our dynamic resident focused, on site wound clinic, lead by an interdisciplinary team including:

- Medical
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietary
- Social Services

### Wound Care Specialists on staff:

**Jeanne Malovich:** RNC, LNC, CWS® (Certified Wound Specialist)

**Julie Nowak:** NP, WCC (Wound Care Certified)

**Mary Ellen Fadel:** NP, WCC (Wound Care Certified)

**Shirley Chojnacki:** RNC, LNC, WCC (Wound Care Certified)

The interdisciplinary wound team provides:

- Ongoing assessment of wounds and healing process
- Cutting edge wound care protocols
- Ongoing staff, resident and family education
- Debridement
- Therapeutic support surfaces to promote healing
- Negative Pressure Wound therapy
- Comprehension Therapy
- Therapeutic Physical Therapy including: electrical stimulation, pulsed lavage, ultraviolet, ultrasound, intermittent pneumatic compression and whirlpool

The Erie County Home has a proven excellence in wound care outcomes and prevention protocols!

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# New Faces at ECMC

Please welcome the following staff members who have started in their new positions on November 26, 2007; December 10, 2007; or January 7, 2008.

NAME <i>Last Name, First Name</i>	TITLE	DEPARTMENT
ALDINGER, SUSAN	HOSPITAL INSURANCE CLERK	INPATIENT BILLING
ARCHER, MARIA	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BAMBA, LEVADA	HOSPITAL HOUSEKEEPING ATTENDANT (HHA)	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
BINDERWALD, CARMEN	JR. PICTURE ARCHIVING & COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (PACS) ADMINISTRATOR	HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES
BLACK, SHERI	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
BLAIR, SEAN	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
BLISS, JENNIFER	PATIENT CARE PARTNER (PCP)	NURSING
BOSS, RHONDA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
BROOKS, CHRISTEE	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
BUGL, NANCY	HOSPITAL INSURANCE CLERK	INPATIENT BILLING
BURDEN, TISHEA	HOSPITAL HOUSEKEEPING ATTENDANT (HHA)	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
CARPENTER, ANTHONY	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
CARTHON, CURTIS	HOSPITAL HOUSEKEEPING ATTENDANT (HHA)	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
CHATMON, CHERIE	EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TECHNICIAN	EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
CHAUDHURI, BISWENDU	LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	LABORATORY
COMERFORD, KEVIN	DIRECTOR OF SECURITY AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT	SECURITY
CONNER, ELIZABETH	HOSPITAL INSURANCE CLERK	INPATIENT BILLING
COWGILL, DELISHIA	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
DANIELS, SAMANTHA	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
DAVIS, MARY	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF)
DERENDA, SUSAN	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
DEVLIN, MICHAEL	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
DUSEN, SARAH	HOSPITAL INSURANCE CLERK	INPATIENT BILLING
FAIRBANKS, AMY	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
FASOLINO, MICHAEL	FISCAL ANALYST	FINANCE
FEARZ, NAKIA	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING

NAME <i>Last Name, First Name</i>	TITLE	DEPARTMENT
FIELDMAN, KRISTEN	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FISHER, MICHELLE	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
FOSTER, LATONYA	PHARMACY AIDE	PHARMACY
FOSTER, LATONYA	TELEPHONE OPERATOR	SWITCHBOARD
FUQUA, RYANELLE	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
GANCASZ, KARA	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
GARY, BARBARA	HISTOTECH	HISTO
GILBERT, CHERYL	MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT (MOA)	AMBULATORY CARE
GOULD, JENNIFER	SR. CLERK	CASHIER OFFICE
GRAHAM, PAUL	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
HABONIMANA, COLETTE	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
HARBISON, KEVIN	RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	RADIOLOGY
HONEYCUTT, IESHA	HOSPITAL AIDE	SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF)
HOOLIHAN, MARK	HOSPITAL SOCIAL WORKER	SOCIAL WORK
HUBBARD-ROBINSON, RITA	CORPORATE TRAINING DIRECTOR	ADMINISTRATION
HURD, SARAH	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
KANNIEZ, JALTHAH	PATIENT CARE PARTNER (PCP)	NURSING
KAY, TAMMY	RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	RADIOLOGY
KEPHART, RICKY	RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	RADIOLOGY
KULCZYK, CHRISTINA	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
LAJIE, JEANNE	PHLEBOTOMIST	PHLEBOTOMY
LAMACCHIA, LAWRENCE	CARPENTER	PLANT OPERATIONS
LORDEN, BERNARD	NETWORK ANALYST	HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES
MANLEY, LAWRENCE	HOSPITAL HOUSEKEEPING ATTENDANT (HHA)	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
MARTIN, DEBORAH	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
MCCULLOCH, NORMAN	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO CEO	ADMINISTRATION
MCDUFFIE, CHERITA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
MCKEEVER, CAROLLYNN	HOSPITAL INSURANCE CLERK	INPATIENT BILLING
MERIDITH, BONNIE	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING

# New Faces at ECMC

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NAME <i>Last Name, First Name</i>	TITLE	DEPARTMENT
MERMON, IRIS	MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT (MOA)	AMBULATORY CARE
MESSINA, HELEN	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
MIDGETT, MARY	MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT (MOA)	AMBULATORY CARE
MILLER, COURTNEY	SR. CLERK TYPIST	ADMISSIONS
MIMS, AMINA	RECEPTIONIST	STAFFING OFFICE
MORGAN, TIMOTHY	ENGINEER	PLANT OPERATIONS
MOUNT, DAVID	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
MURPHY, EVELYN	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
MUSCOREIL, GRACE	HOSPITAL INSURANCE CLERK	OUTPATIENT BILLING
NESSSELBECK, GWEN	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
OPIEL, ELIZABETH	DISPATCHER	SUPPLY PROCESS & DISTRIBUTION
POINTER, TULANI	MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT (MOA)	AMBULATORY CARE
PUGH, DIANE	PHLEBOTOMIST	PHLEBOTOMY
RADITIC, JAMES	RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	RADIOLOGY
RASHLEY, NICOLE	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
REAMSNYDER, CYNTHIA	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
REXINGER, PATRICIA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
RIVERA, CHRISTINA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
RIVERS, SARAH	SR. CLERK TYPIST	CENTRAL REGISTRATION
RYNKOWSKI, AMY	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
SAROCES, MARY	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
SAWYER, JOCELIA	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
SCHUZ-STOHL, SALLY	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
SHORT, AMY	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
SIROLI, MICHELLE	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
SMITH, MANDY	PATIENT CARE PARTNER (PCP)	NURSING
STANISZEWSKI, JENNIFER	CLERK	AMBULATORY CARE (CLEVE-HILL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER)

NAME <i>Last Name, First Name</i>	TITLE	DEPARTMENT
SUMMERS, SAMANTHA	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
SYKES, CHENEEN	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
TAYLOR, BOBBIE	PHLEBOTOMIST	LABS
THOMPSON, LA TASHA	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
TRULLNOW, TAMI	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
TURNQUIST, PATRICIA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
VOIGT, BARBARA	MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT (MOA)	AMBULATORY CARE (CLEVE-HILL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER)
WALES-MC GRATH, SARAH	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
WARNE, MATTHEW	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
WEATHERINGTON, KATHRYN	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
WEBER, JOSEPH	NETWORK ANALYST	HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES
WELLS, NATHAN	HOSPITAL AIDE	NURSING
WHITE, HOLLISE	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
WIDEMAN, MONICA	PATIENT CARE PARTNER (PCP)	NURSING
WILLARD, RENEE	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	NURSING
WINKLEY, DIANA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
WOOD, MICHAEL	MAINTENANCE WORKER	PLANT OPERATIONS
YENSAN, LISA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING
YERNYE, CYNTHIA	REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	NURSING

# ECMC Retirees: Third and Fourth Quarter

(amended list)

NAME <i>Last Name, First Name</i>	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
BAILEY, JANET	MEDICAL RECORDS	27
BORIS, SANDRA	LABORATORY	35
DIINA, THOMAS	EMERGENCY ALCO PROGRAM	27
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HARPER-WORTHY, EMMA	OPERATING ROOM	38
HAUSER, JOHN	TRANSPORT	36
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KAMMER, NANCY	LABORATORY	17
MARX, PAUL	PLANT OPERATIONS	25
MCBRIDE, SONDRRA	RADIOLOGY	16
MCCLURE JR, JAMES	LABORATORY	24
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# News from the Erie County Hospital Retiree Association (ECHRA)

## ECHRA Donates Funds to ECMC TICU



*On December 13, 2007, ECHRA Ways & Means Committee Chairperson Jean Frerichs (left) presented a check in the amount of \$630 to ECMC Trauma Intensive Care Unit (TICU) attending physician Peter Ploch, MD, and Unit Manager Melinda Lawley, RN (right). The funds were raised through raffle ticket sales to ECMC retirees and staff members. The Erie County Hospital Association wishes to thank all who supported the "Christmas Raffle," which benefited the ECMC TICU and the Retirees Association. Raffle Winners: Alice McQueary--\$200, Dorothy Kowalkeski--\$150, Sue Reis--\$100, and Mary Ann Parini--\$50.*

## ECHRA Luncheon Dates for 2008

February 14 (Thursday)  
April 10 (Thursday)  
June 12 (Thursday)  
August 14 (Thursday)  
October 9 (Thursday)  
December 6 (Saturday)

Exact times and location(s) to be determined/provided at a later date

For more information, call 947-4969.

# Thanks to ECMC

January 1, 2008

Kathi Mitri  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Erie County Medical Center Corporation  
462 Grider Street  
Buffalo, NY 14215

Dear Ms. Mitri,

We just wanted to thank you again for your help with parking and other services while we were at ECMC recently for our son's emergency stay in the hospital.

We live some 500+ miles from your facility and that adds additional stress to an already stressful situation. The vast majority of the personnel we came in contact with at ECMC truly seemed concerned and tried to help whether it was flexibility with visiting in the ICU or direction to services within the hospital (where to go, who to call, etc.).

Again, thank you.

Ed  
Lee, NH

November 28, 2007

Dear Co-workers:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Radiology Department staff members and everyone who donated to the "Nicole Kross Breast Cancer Fund." The benefit held on November 17, was a great success.

Just this past August, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I work in the Radiology department as a CAT scan technologist and when my co-workers learned of my situation, they immediately stepped in and wanted to help in any way that they could. In a matter of two months time, this department managed to all pull together and create an event that was completely outstanding. All in a moment's notice, the department had managed to gather over 200 baskets and a lot of gift certificates from restaurants and various businesses throughout the Buffalo area, all to be raffled-off. There was everything from golf clubs to a wine cellar, Sabres tickets, autographed signed football, Yankees tickets...you name it. I walked around the South line fire hall in awe. I have such great co-workers who took the time out of their busy every day lives to help someone in need. I watched as they all took their part in an effort to organize such a big event. My heart goes out to everyone involved in the benefit and for all the people who bought tickets and made baskets and their own personal donations to my breast cancer fund. I will forever keep you all close to my heart knowing that you made a difference in my life.

There are no words to describe the feeling that you get when your doctor tells you that you have cancer. Your whole world seems to come crashing down, but somehow you learn to change your life, your attitude, and I for one, have looked at everything in a more positive light, and I owe a lot of that credit to ECMC and the radiology department.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Nicole Kross

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## Volunteer News

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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Blood Drive: Thursday, January 31

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General Meeting: Thursday, February 7

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SNF Workshop: Wednesday, February 20

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Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, February 21

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New Volunteers are always welcome for these events and many others. If you are interested, please call Kathi at 898-5337 or 898-3266.