



Our Mission at Catholic Health International is to ensure the presence of Catholic values in our corporations.

As a nurse in the emergency department at **Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital** in Windsor, ON **Melinda Suich** knows first hand what it's like to deal with emergency cases. On September 15th, Melinda embarked on an experience that will not only strengthen her skill set, but will provide her with an opportunity to serve her country. Melinda travelled to Kandahar to serve for three months as a Critical Care Nursing Officer at Role 3 Hospital. She has reached the rank of Lieutenant in the Canadian Forces, where she has been a member since 2009. Melinda was required to complete all necessary training including boot camp, where she found herself alongside another RN and 17 Physicians from across Canada.



Upon arrival in Kandahar, Melinda will spend a few days with a fellow nurse who is finishing her term to become familiar with the hospital and area. The first half of her term will be spent in the Trauma Centre, where she will deal with anything from gun shot wounds and blast injuries to burns from IED's. As well, she will assist in the transport of critically ill Afghan patients, once stable, back to their own hospital, which unfortunately is outside of the base and approximately 20 minutes away. Melinda will be fully armoured and have an extensive security escort.

After spending time in trauma Melinda will then move to the ICU for the remainder of her time. With over 21 years of experience at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, 11 of which have been spent as an RN in the emergency department, Melinda describes this experience as both exciting and exhilarating.

Our prayers are with you Melinda as you embark on this healing mission.

The Advisory Committee of **Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph Hospital** in Perth-Andover, NB organized a Missioning Ceremony in the hospital chapel in June to officially welcome and accept Joy VanTassel into her role as Facility Manager. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Robert Stewart, President and CEO of Catholic Health International as well as Sister Sarah Maillet RHSJ, Board Chair Catholic Health International, with Doreen Roach Advisory Committee Chair as MC.



Managers, physicians, community clergy and Advisory Committee members were in attendance and many present took an active part in this meaningful and symbolic tradition. Prayers, songs and readings were included as was a letter of Congratulations from Sister Evangeline Poirier RHSJ.

Joy had worked at Hotel Dieu Perth for 25 years and served as the Facility Manager from 1993-2007. Following a 4 year assignment in another health care facility she returned to Hotel Dieu in January 2011. She is well known in the hospital and community and is very happy to be back, and is looking forward to working with the staff and Advisory Committee to promote the Mission and Values of the RHSJ.

Congratulations Joy!

Meeting Prayer—Care for Others:

O LORD, our Lord, as the psalmist reminds us, you have entrusted into our humble hands the care of the creatures of this world: plants and animals, yes, but even the care of each other. This is a great honour, but also a grave responsibility and there are times when we feel that we shall stumble under its weight. As we begin our discussions, we ask you to draw near and be with us. In our conversations with one another may we come to a richer understanding of the common good of all creation that you have asked us to guard. Deepen our appreciation for both human dignity and human limits. Guide us to see implications of our ideas for the real, living persons we serve.

We invite you into this gathering and ask that everything we do here be for the glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dr. Robert Stewart wishes to announce the appointment of Ms. Dina Haché, as Facility Director of **St. Joseph Community Health Centre** (CHC), in Dalhousie, NB.



Ms. Haché has over three years experience as Acting Facility Director and more than 25 years of service at the St. Joseph CHC. Prior to her recent appointment, Ms. Haché was Acting Facility Director, in addition to working as a nurse coordinator, a nurse manager in the walk-in clinic, the collaborative clinic and the ambulatory care sector of the St. Joseph CHC. She also served as a full-time nurse supervisor from 1996 to 2005 in this

same facility. Ms. Haché has a Bachelor of Nursing Science from the University of Moncton where she also completed the "Public Service Management Professional Development" program. Moreover, she is a member of several active health committees. Congratulations Dina!

Langlade Hospital's Pink Glove Video for Breast Cancer Awareness!

See their video here.

<http://pinkglovedance.com/competition/entry-62>

Voting Commenced October 3rd!
The staff from Langlade Hospital entered their own video in the Pink Glove Dance Video Competition To Raise Awareness for Breast Cancer and Prevention. Now they need your vote!

Let's help them win a \$10,000 donation in their name to a breast cancer charity and help defeat this terrible disease. Go to pinkglovedance.com to vote.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic Health International Board Meeting:
November 28, 2011

Catholic Health Association of the United States
Catholic Health Assembly
June 3 - 5, 2012
Philadelphia, PA—Philadelphia Marriot Downtown

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada
Annual National Conference
May 9 - 11, 2012

St. John's, NL—Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland
www.chac.ca/conference/2012/files/conferenceflye_e.pdf

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St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago Illinois, operate their Paediatric Mobile Health Unit in the South Side Englewood area. This clinic on wheels visits schools, day care centres and health fairs to provide children with proper school immunizations, physical exams and valuable referrals to physicians and specialists.

By traveling directly to the children, they can provide timely care and attention.

Catholic Health Care Leadership

We are extremely pleased to announce that the french version of the **Catholic Health Care Leadership** Program has been finalized and is scheduled to commence in April 2012. The first Session will run April 11, 12, and 13, 2012 and the Second Session is scheduled for October 17, 18, 19, 2012.

This program will be held at Religieuses Hospitalières de St.-Joseph Regional House in Bathurst, NB. Thank you to Sister Dufault for all of her hard work making this a reality!

The English **Catholic Health Care Leadership** Program is being held at the Spirituality Centre at Providence Manor in Kingston ON and commences in November 2011.

The 2011 / 2012 programs and registration forms have been posted on our web site at www.catholichealthpartners.com under Education.

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