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CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL (CHI) VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD 2014

Langlade Hospital, Antigo WI

The Board of Trustees of Langlade Hospital nominated Ms. Dawn Ofsthun to receive this year's CHI award. Ms. Ofsthun serves as chairperson of the Langlade Hospital Volunteers, with over 38 years of service as a volunteer, member of the Langlade Hospital Auxiliary and Trustee on the Langlade Hospital Board. "Dawn demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism while reflecting the mission and values of Langlade Hospital".



From left:
David Schneider,
Executive Director
Dawn Ofsthun;
Mike Turney,
Board Chair; and
Sister Dolores
Demulling, Board
Secretary/
Treasurer.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John NB

At the May 23rd Advisory Committee meeting, Judy Glennie, Advisory Committee Chair and Sister Anita Holmes, Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception Leadership Council member and CHI Board Member, presented the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award to Paschal Chisholm.

Judy noted Paschal's 13 year involvement with the Hospital's Advisory Committee as a member and chair, his involvement on the Board of Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation, his involvement on the Board of Catholic Health Association of Canada, his involvement in the St. Joseph's Community Health Centre and in particular the Teen Resource Centre, and his involvement with the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick as a Board member and chairperson. Paschal thanked the committee and the Sisters of Charity for the opportunity to serve.

He noted the highlight of his time on the Advisory committee, as being the Mission, Vision and Values Planning Day with the involvement of representatives of St. Joseph's Hospital staff. Paschal is a deserving recipient of this award. Congratulations Paschal!



From L to R: Sister Anita Holmes,
Paschal Chisholm and Judy Glennie.

Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Inc., Bathurst, NB

On behalf of the Members of the Corporation and the Board of Catholic Health International, Bob Stewart, President & CEO is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Leo Paul Sonier, Executive Director, of Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, replacing Ms. Claire Savoie who is retiring.



Mr. Sonier has been volunteering for many years in a variety of positions. He worked in management with the Health Authority in New Brunswick, which will prove an asset to his position of Executive Director. He also served on the leadership team of the Port of Belledune and as Vice-President of Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB).

Léo-Paul and his wife have been living in Tétagouche Nord since 1995 with their sons Pascal and Clément.

He started his new position on June 2, 2014, and we invite you all to welcome him warmly and wish him success in his new position.

We at **Catholic Health International** are pleased to introduce you to the newest member of our team! Ms. Nathalie Doiron has joined us for the summer at our Miramichi office.

Nathalie grew up in the Miramichi and will be returning in September to University of New Brunswick in Moncton to begin the 4th year in the Bachelor of Nursing Program.

Please join us in welcoming Nathalie!



2014 YTD Recipients: CHI Volunteer Excellence Award

Paschal Chisholm – St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John, NB
Israel Maillioux – Hotel Dieu Shaver, St. Catharines, ON
Gloria Hoggett – St. Joseph's Continuing Care, Cornwall, ON
Dawn Ofsthun - Langlade Hospital, Antigo, WI

Please submit the name of your truly outstanding Volunteer to ebowes@chpchi.com and photos to cbatten@chpchi.com

"A kind gesture can reach a wound
that only compassion can heal."

**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Catholic Health International Leadership Alumni

Atlantic Group - September 17, 2014

Keynote Speaker: Professor Tracy Carr U of NB Nursing Program:
"SPIRITUALITY: THE INVISIBLE INGREDIENT IN HEALTH AND HEALING"

Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick

2014 Annual Convention: September 18 & 19 2014
Rodd Inn, Miramichi, NB

Catholic Leadership Formation Program

(English) Module 2 September 23, 24, 25 2014

Location: Montreal at Villa Saint Martin

(French) Module 1 May 6, 7, 8 2015

(French) Module 2 Sept 23, 24, 25

Location to be determined

Catholic Health International Leadership Alumni

Central Group - September 30, 2014

Keynote Speaker: Professor Tracy Carr U of NB Nursing Program:
"SPIRITUALITY: THE INVISIBLE INGREDIENT IN HEALTH AND HEALING"

Catholic Health Association of Ontario

2014 Annual Convention: October 1 to 3, 2014

Bloor Yorkville Marriott Hotel, Toronto, ON

Catholic Health International

Leadership Council October 14-17 2014

hosted by Langlade Hospital, Antigo WI

Leadership Council Plenary Session

April 9 & 10, 2015 Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Montreal

**Catholic Health International Board of Directors
& Corporation meeting dates for 2014**

September 11, November 19

St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John, NB

Mission Week Celebrations!

May 12 to 16 was Mission Week at St. Joseph's Hospital. Celebrations began with presentations to staff in the chapel, where they unveil the new Mission, Vision and Values Statements. Special guest this year, was Sister Margaret Vickers scic, the former Administrator at the hospital. Attendees shared the new statements and had an informal conversation about the history of St. Joseph's and how they live the mission.

On the evening of May 12th the annual Awards night honoured the many staff who were nominated by their peers for the great work they do throughout the year. More than 100 staff attended this evening event.

On May 14th over 200 staff attended the Mission Week Breakfast, where managers take over the cafeteria kitchen and cook breakfast for staff. Cake is delivered to those staff working nights. Sounds like this is a very popular event!



L to R: Servers at the Mission Week Breakfast:

Jill Logan-Foundation,
Laurie Flood-Foundation
Julia Brooks-Volunteer Services
Mary Johnson-Eye Centre
Mary Ellen Campbell-Foundation

**Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Centre,
St. Catharines, ON**

Nursing Week was celebrated from May 12 to 18th, to recognize the dedication of registered nurses, registered practical nurses and nurse practitioners. Twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, our nurses go the extra mile to provide for the needs of our patients. The impact of their contribution is felt in every aspect of care - it is a profession like no other.

At Hotel Dieu Shaver, nurses donated socks and underwear for clients of the local Community Care Centre, as well as proceeds from a sale of baked goods that they whipped up. Treats such as chocolate banana cake, rocky road cheesecake and heart-shaped cookies were sold in the lobby. Christine Simpson, a registered nurse who was one of the organizers of a week's worth of activities said "it's all about supporting our community. Nurses are caring and nurturing by nature, and we like to lend a helping hand when we can," she said. "We appreciate all the support we get from the community and want to give back." Activities also included raising funds for the hospital auxiliary for additional equipment.

2014 also marked the first *Jeanne Mance Nursing Excellence Award* named for one of the founders of Montreal, who travelled from France with the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph in 1645 to found the first Hotel Dieu hospital in Canada.

Charlene Uhde (on the Right) receives her award from Carolyn Bergeron, VP of Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Hotel Dieu Shaver.



"Uhde and the other 166 nurses at our facility work day in and day out to ensure patients get the best care in an environment of dignity. Our nurses go the extra mile to offer hope, comfort and care," she said. "Uhde, in particular, serves as a role model who inspires others with her cheerful attitude and caring spirit, said Bergeron. The *Jeanne Mance Nursing Excellence Award* will be given each year to a nurse who exemplifies excellence in patient care and who contributes to the image of nursing. Congratulations!

Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick (CHANB)

Scholarship to assist students to further their studies in Healthcare. Two (2) Scholarships annually, in the amount of \$ 500.00 (for up to one year) will be awarded to one (1) student studying in a French educational institution and one (1) student studying in an English educational institution.



IMPORTANT DATES: July 15th, 2014 Full applications must be post marked or courier stamped by this date. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

August 31st, 2014 Winner notification of decision. For more information see: [chanb scholarship](#)