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August 2011 Newsletter

ARTIST HELPING THE HOMELESS

Kar Woo speaks to ENA



ENA members present at the August meeting were fortunate to hear a speaker, Kar Woo.

Mr. Woo is the founder of “Artists Helping the Homeless” (AHH). Nurses at several area Emergency Departments were familiar with Mr. Woo and his mission to “Be the Change”.

In partnership with St. Luke’s Health System, the “Be the Change” van began service several years ago. This program provides transportation for Kansas City’s homeless from streets, stores and hospitals to a safe place. Riders are typically referred to AHH by area hospital social workers and ED nurses.

In a recent 17 month period, AHH provided 6,114 trips for Kansas City’s homeless. There were 1,041 people receiving services and over 50,000 miles of transportation provided.

The approach Mr. Woo takes with his clients is unique. He seeks to build relationships with riders in order to encourage goal-setting. While riding in the van, the client is encouraged to share their “story”, needs and goals for the future. AHH provides transportation to follow-up appointments and grocery stores. Through these repeated contacts, trust is developed and clients are encouraged to seek long term treatment for addictions. AHH partners with detox facilities, treatment centers and transitional living houses to address individual challenges.

The van provides pre-scheduled rides from 9am to 5pm on weekdays and urgent rides from 5pm to 1am every night.

AHH is in the process of opening an Emergency Intervention Center in midtown Kansas City. They plan a thirty bed housing capacity as well as advocacy services in this center.

AHH estimates for every \$1 of funding they receive, they save the community \$5. They estimate they have saved 1.3 million dollars in ambulance, hospital, police and judicial fees.

The ENA applauds Mr. Woo for his innovative approach. We are planning a “Walk for Woo” next Spring with the hope of raising funds for this vital mission.

More information about Artists Helping the Homeless can be accessed from their website—www.artistshelpingthehomeless.com



Tasha Crawford New President-elect

The move of Kevin Myers, former President of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of ENA, left a void in our executive board. At the August meeting, Tasha Crawford was elected to the President-elect position.

A BSN graduate of KU, Tasha is the clinical educator at Liberty Hospital, a position she has held since 2008. She has been at Liberty Hospital since 1999 and is an active educator. She has coordinated the ENA Spring Training and serves as an instructor for ENPC and TNCC.

Our ENA chapter is fortunate to have skilled leaders like Tasha!

EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK: October 9-15, 2011

The theme this year is: **EMERGENCY NURSES: Excellence in Action**

You are cordially invited to the

Greater Kansas City Chapter Emergency Nurses Association

Annual Awards Banquet

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

5:00-7:00 p.m. (following ENA meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

North Kansas City Hospital—Lewis and Clark Room

Speaker: Colonel Sam Sanford

Colonel Sanford served as an advisor to General Tommy Franks and has a background in the management of Post-Traumatic Stress. He will be speaking about PTSD, compassion fatigue and caring for ourselves and others

RSVP to Faye Anne Hughes at
faye.hughes@nkch.org by September 28.

Nominate your coworkers for one of the awards to be presented!

See page 4 for nomination form and details.

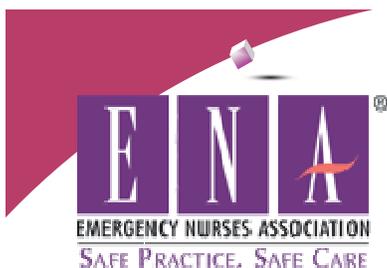
Our August ENA meeting was held at Children's Mercy Hospital. Thanks to the CMH ED staff for hosting our lunchtime gathering!



INJURY PREVENTION



The Institute for Quality Safety and Injury Prevention Committee (IQSIP) is encouraging all ENA members to check out their Facebook page. Search for Missouri ENA Institute for Quality Safety and Injury Prevention. Facebook members can "like" the page and post comments and photos of their Injury Prevention activities.



2011 ENA

**Annual Conference in
Tampa, Florida**

September 21-24, 2011



RECOGNITION FOR AN

Exemplary Emergency Department

Congratulations to the **University of Kansas Emergency Department** on receiving one of the first ENA Lantern Awards for an exemplary Emergency Department. The Lantern Award is a recognition award given to emergency departments that exemplify exceptional and innovative performance in the core areas of leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research. The award is a visible symbol of an emergency department's commitment to quality, presence of a healthy work environment and accomplishment in incorporating evidence-based practice and innovation into emergency care. By achieving the Lantern Award recognition, emergency departments demonstrate to their peers that they exemplify a culture of excellence in emergency care including strong leadership, practice credibility and workplace recognition.

Make Your Voice Heard! Attend our Local Meetings

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
October 12	North Kansas City Hospital	1500
October 12	North Kansas City Hospital AWARDS BANQUET	1700
December 14	Chappell's Restaurant	1600

Missouri State ENA Meetings

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
November 4	Strategic Planning Meeting at Lake Regional Hospital, Conf Rm B	1030
November 5	Lake Regional Hospital, Conf Rm B	1030

State delegates for 2011: Stephanie Doppelmann, Cheryl Phillips, Tasha Crawford

Alternate Delegates: Faye Anne Hughes and Nicki Carlton



PICTURES FROM JOPLIN

Nicki Carlton, RN, CEN from St. Joseph Health Care Center has shared the following photos from the Disaster Medical Team (DMT) deployment to Joplin this summer.

JOPLIN RELIEF An ED Nurse Reports



Yvonne Leners, RN was one of the nurses deployed to Joplin two weeks after the F5 tornado hit. She shares that she was unsure what her role would be. While journeying to Joplin, Yvonne prayed that she might make a difference in someone's life.

Yvonne was assigned to an Ortho/Neuro floor, and was drawn to a gentleman who had suffered critical injuries necessitating a prolonged hospitalization. Because he lost everything, his wife was staying in the hospital with him. All of her possessions were kept in a Wal-Mart bag, and it was clear that she needed someone to help her navigate the system with her own injuries. Yvonne became their advocate, arranging for follow-up care, searching for housing and working with Social Services. Most importantly, she provided a listening ear as she made herself available. Yvonne and her husband have made several trips back to Joplin to assist this couple.

Yvonne admits that the situation in Joplin was overwhelming, as there was so much need. Through forging a relationship with an elderly couple, Yvonne has indeed made a difference.



MNF In response to the tragedy in Joplin, the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the ENA voted to support our fellow nurses by making a monetary gift.

JOPLIN MISSOURI \$1000 was donated on behalf of our chapter to the Missouri Nurses Foundation. 100% of the donations received go directly to Joplin relief.

SAVE THE DATE!
ENA Spring Training
March 9, 2012

Member Benefits and Resources

ENA recently announced new discounts for members. Log onto the ENA website to learn about discounts on a variety of vacation services including cruises, car rental, vacation packages, and much more. In addition you will also find discounts on home, car, long-term car and pet insurance, as well as a prescription savings card.

ENA at EMS-C Conference



If you are planning on attending the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) Annual Missouri Pediatric Conference in Columbia on November 3, look for the ENA booth! The conference will be held at the Hilton Gardens Inn.



Don't forget about the **CEN Review Class** being held on September 8-9, 2011 at Crittenton Children's Center.

Contact Amy Dittmer at Saint Luke's Hospital for further information: adittmer@saint-lukes.org.

The mission of the Emergency Nurses Association is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice.

Kansas City Chapter ENA Nomination Form 2011

Directions: Please choose and indicate the category your nominee fits into best. After ensuring the nominee meets the criteria, please fill out the demographics section and add your narrative. The winners will be chosen based on content. It is helpful if they are typed & emailed. A resume is helpful but not mandatory with selections.

Winners will be formally recognized at the October 12, 2011 awards banquet.

Categories—Select one:

Rookie of the Year: Became an ED nurse as of January 2010. Must be an RN.

Emergency Nurse: Must work at least part time in the ED. Serves as a role model for others, promotes patient advocacy, and demonstrates active participation in their department. Must be an RN.

Nurse Educator/Mentor: Must work in the ED. Serves as a role model and promotes staff development at all levels. Is a good role model in the community. Must be an RN.

Nurse Manager: Must promote the Emergency Nursing profession, be a good role model for staff and in the community. Must promote staff development. Must be an RN.

ED Support Person: (EMT, Cert NA, Nurse Tech, PCT, Secretary, Registrar) Must provide direct patient care in the ED and facilitate teamwork. Must be motivated and demonstrate self-initiation of duties.

EMS Personnel: Serves as a role model and promotes increased cooperation and teamwork between EMS in the field and emergency care personnel. This is for medics who work out in the field—not in our department. (See above – ED support person if you have a medic in your department you want to nominate.)

Forensic nurse: SANE-P/SANE-I for nurses who have gained expertise above and beyond what is expected for daily staffing to provide specialized care for victims of sexual assault and inflicted violence.

Name: _____

Title: _____ Employer: _____

Award applied for: _____

Nominated By: _____ Title: _____

Contact Info for Nominee: _____

Please write a narrative describing why your candidate deserves this award.

Please submit all entries to: faye.hughes@nkch.org

If you are unable to email your entry – you may mail it to:

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Any questions? Call Faye Anne at 816-691-5100

Nominations Deadline: Friday, September 15, 2011