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Making Spirits Bright

WPH and Ursuline Senior Services Help Seniors in Need

West Penn Hospital employees made the holiday season brighter for local seniors through the annual Giving Tree program.

A tree decorated with the names of homebound seniors was displayed in the Hospital's Friendship Dining Room through mid-December. Employees selected a senior's name from the tree and purchased the gift suggested on that senior's ornament.

From stationery and fruit baskets to pajamas and books, Hospital employ-

ees selected personalized gifts for approximately 200 seniors who are unable to leave their homes.

"Each year West Penn employees continue this tradition of generosity and make the season happier for seniors who, many times, do not have family to spend the holidays with," said Roxanne Tyger, Director of the Community-Based Options Program for Ursuline Senior Services.

Ursuline distributes the gifts to seniors in late December.



Employees from Ursuline Senior Services collected gifts at West Penn Hospital and distributed them to homebound seniors.

Ursuline Senior Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing services to address the physical, social and economic needs of home-based elderly age 60 and over throughout Allegheny County.

Partnership Hosts Successful Flu Shot Clinics

The West Penn Hospital Community Partnership distributed more than 170 flu shots at a series of clinics in November and December.

With donations from Family Services of Western Pennsylvania and other local community groups, the Partnership's fourth annual flu shot clinic focused on providing seniors with fixed incomes with low-cost vaccinations.

The Partnership distributed shots to seniors via a lottery system at two clinics at Vintage senior center in East



West Penn Hospital nursing student Sarah Nicini administers influenza vaccine to Carl Charles.

Liberty. All seniors age 65 and older who signed up for the lottery received vaccinations.

Remaining vaccine was distributed during two additional flu vaccine clinics held at Vintage in December.

All adults age 18 and over were eligible to participate in the second round of clinics and shots were administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants in each clinic were encouraged to contribute \$5 toward the cost of the vaccine. Those who gave the suggested donation received their shots at less than one half of the cost of the vaccine.

Upcoming Events

Cintas Corporation Job Interview Session

Job interviews with Cintas Corporation will be held Thursday, **January 5, 2006** at Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC). A variety of openings are available at this uniform and linens company, including jobs in processing linens, driving or sales. Please call ENEC for details at 412-362-8580.

Career Planning for High School Seniors

Students who will graduate from high school this spring can get a jump on their career planning and job search at ENEC. Information

on paid training opportunities or higher education is available now through the Center's YouthLINK Program.

YouthLINK, a program of the City of Pittsburgh/Pittsburgh Partnership, is sponsored in part by United Way of Allegheny County and the ALCOA Foundation.

ENEC is located at 5100 Penn Avenue in Garfield above National City Bank. For more information, please call ENEC at 412-362-8580.

Website Launch Party

The newly redesigned website for the Lutheran Service Society of Western Pennsylvania--

www.lsswpa.org--will be online soon! Join LSS for a website Launch Party on Monday, **January 30, 2006** at our Bellevue location from 4 to 7 p.m.

This event also will commemorate the birthday of Katharina Von Bora, wife of Lutheran Church founder Martin Luther and the naming of LSS's upcoming HUD 202 housing project, Von Bora Place. Von Bora Place will open in 2006 in Titusville, PA.

Come join in the birthday celebration for Katharina Von Bora and the new LSS website. For more information or directions to the Bellevue office, please call 412-734-9330.

WPH United Way Campaign Boosts Partnership Groups



Christy Wenger, Director of Planning and Community Services, presents John Aquafondata, an employee in West Penn Hospital's Transport Department, with a \$300 cash prize.

West Penn Hospital employees donated more than \$3,500 to Community Partnership member organizations during the Hospital's 2005 United Way campaign.

Each year, the Hospital works with Partnership groups to encourage employees to consider earmarking donations to help these non-profit institutions continue their outreach efforts in Pittsburgh's East End.

In October, Hospital employees were invited to learn how their con-

tributions can make a difference for Community Partnership organizations at a special fair.

A brochure describing each Partnership organization's mission and projects was distributed to employees with their pledge forms.

All employees who opted to donate to a Community Partnership organization during the campaign were entered into a second raffle to receive \$300 cash.

Workshop Helps Youth Hone Job-Search Skills

Young people participating in Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center's YouthLINK Job Readiness and Soft-Skills Workshop Series learned that finding a job *is* a job.

Youth at the Parental Stress Center met with YouthLINK staff weekly for six weeks to learn to identify their skills, conduct a job search, write a resume and cover letter, use

the PA CareerLink system and excel in a job interview. The workshop featured a mock job interview and guest speakers who discussed possible career options.

Harold McDonald, of the Greater Pennsylvania Regional Council of Carpenters, provided useful information on the Carpenter Union's apprenticeship program while

Alissa Kline told workshop participants about careers at Cintas Corporation, a uniform and linens company.

For more information on job readiness and soft skills workshops for adults or youth contact Eastside YouthLINK at 412-362-8580. YouthLINK is a program of the City of Pittsburgh/Pittsburgh Partnership.

