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NEWS OF INTEREST TO RPMH EMPLOYEES

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!!!



Congratulations to Ashley Burton, our January Employee of the Month! Ashley was hired as a Radiology Staff Technologist, September July 2018. Ashley received two nominations for EOM, one by a patient and another from a department director. A patient stated that "Ashley was very professional while doing my sonogram. She explained things so they made sense. I knew I was in good hands." The second nomination stated that, "Ashley is always cheerful and great with all her patients. She is always willing to help anyone when needed. She is a great asset to the Radiology department." Ashley was a 2002 graduate of Odessa High School and graduated from Odessa College in 2006 with an Associate of Applied Science. Ashley and her family live in Sweetwater. Congratulations Ashley!

NEW EMPLOYEES



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Destaine Wilson-Housekeeping



Taryn Davis-Lab Assist.

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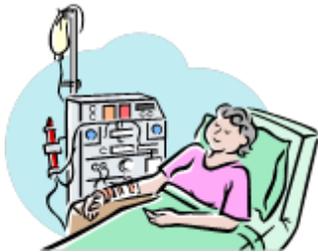


WELCOME!!!



Samantha Jones-Admissions

PATIENT OPINION POLL



"Jebby Forbes and Mikallya, a nursing student was amazing with my mom. I was very pleased with them...the guy who did the CT scan was very professional and uplifting. Shawna Ham also went out of her way to make my mother comfortable as well. We were very pleased with the doctor as well... thanks to all these wonderful people for making everything a great experience."

"The staff was very attentive and friendly. Hydie Stewart was very friendly and helpful to her daughter. The staff drawing blood was kind and didn't hurt her unnecessarily."

"Jose Rangel was very helpful in Physical Therapy and attentive to my pain so as not to create more problems. He is a great coach and encouragement while doing the exercise. Jose is an excellent Physical Therapist and RPMH is very blessed to have him. Louise Turney was great to get me scheduled quick and is caring when she noticed I was in pain. She too is a great asset to RPMH PT department."

"I went to the Rural Health Clinic they were so kind to walk me through everything that they were doing. They all were very kind to me."

"RHC X-Ray department had a patient who commented about how helpful and very pleasant Jennifer Pena was to her over the phone. The patient asked to meet her when she comes in for her appointment."



We appreciate all of your donations to help out our Christmas family. You have all made a huge difference and there are not enough words to show our gratitude. It never ceases to amaze us when a community, business, and/or people come together for the greater good.

Sincerely,
Your ATMOS Family in Sweetwater



We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation to the Roscoe Homecoming Committee. Without your donations and support the Homecoming activities that we sponsor would not be possible. During the noon meal on Saturday, which is our primary fundraiser we were able to have several door prizes and we also held a silent auction with many of your donations. The auction was a big success and the door prizes were a nice surprise for some of our Alumni. Once again, your support is greatly appreciated.

PROFESSOR



Online Education: health.edu, myersnursing.com, txhealthsteps.com
Healthcare Provider BLS: Renewal class February 26th, 1-3pm Cardiac Wellness
ACLS: February 4th, 10-4pm Cardiac Wellness Classroom
PALS: February 18th, 10-4pm Cardiac Wellness Classroom
NRP: Coming Soon.... Watch for dates

Remember to check bulletin boards for upcoming education!

Jewel Parker, R.N.
Staff Educator
Ext. 6056

VOLUNTEERS



Scrub Show, Thursday, February 27 in the ER Classroom



- February
- 2 – Groundhog Day
- 7 – Wear Red Day
- 14 – Valentine’s Day
- 17 – President’s Day
- 29 – Leap Day

National Wear Red Day takes place on February 07, 2020. National Wear Red Day is a day in February when many people wear red to show their support for the awareness of heart disease.

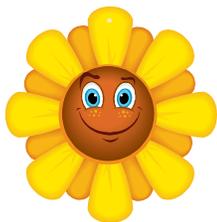
RURAL HEALTH CLINIC



PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Gloria Gonzalez, Licensed Professional Counselor at RHC has added another day to her busy schedule. She will begin seeing patients on Tuesdays starting February 3rd as well as her normal days of Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

SPECIAL MENTIONS



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| Alisha Ruth | Jebby Forbes | Naomi Chavez |
| Amanda Gonzales | Jennie Daniel | Paul McAlister |
| Becky Bohall | Jennifer Pena | Rose Diaz |
| Bonnie Garcia | Jill Moncada | Ryan Moore |
| Bryan Dowling | Jose Rangel | Sarah Silva |
| Chelsea Miller | Kayrene Ham | Sarah Trospen |
| Deni Davis | Kenzey Digby | Shawna Ham |
| Destanie Wilson | Kim Watson | Sylvia Ramirez |
| Detessa Fowler | Kristin Reyes | TJ Wilson |
| Doug Hardin | Lindsay Sanders | Tana Gutierrez |
| Dr. Ford | Liz Reams | Tracy Villanueva |
| Dr. Moses | Loran Hendrix | |
| Georgie Porter | Louise Turney | |
| Helena Beltran | Maggie Gomez | |
| Hydie Stewart | Marcus Rosas | |

In 2019 we had 166 employees mentioned! 44 employees received a \$5.00 gift card, 20 employees received a \$20.00 gift certificate to Skeet’s, five employees received a \$50.00 gift card and 4 employees received a \$100.00 gift card.

Congratulations to Hydie Stewart for receiving five mentions – she received a \$5.00 Walmart gift card.

Human Trafficking Month



On January 2, 2020 President Donald Trump proclaimed January 2020 National Human Trafficking Awareness month. So as the month closes out lets discuss the hard topic of Human Trafficking. 40.3 million people were being trafficked in the world in 2019 and the numbers continue to grow. So just what is and what classifies as Human Trafficking?

By definition Human Trafficking is the willful act of forcing another individual to perform any activity for payment that the individual is not paid for. In other words it is modern day slavery. Trafficking has become a multifaceted word in today's society as it may be the forced farm or domestic laborer that is brought to an area for specific work with an agreed on wage. When that person arrives to perform the work typically all identification including work visas, passports, and other forms of ID are removed from the individual and they are forced to work under threats of being deported, punished physically and either without pay or for pay significantly less than the agreed wage. The victim typically is not allowed in public alone this eliminates the threat of them reaching out for help. The work performed by these individuals may range from farm laborers, sweat shops, factories, nail salons, massage parlors, nannies or housekeepers, and may include sex trafficking.

Statistics the areas of trafficking are not available, but sex trafficking seems to be one of the highest areas identified by victims. Many say they initially were brought for domestic labor and then the services asked progress to sex trafficking. Sex trafficking can and does occur across the life span unfortunately and current statistics show it occurring in both male and female gender groups. The typical age of introduction or captivity currently is from 11-14 years of age. The individuals that "handle" the victims of this age group are shown to use social media as their key tool. They will befriend the child posing to be another child and become well acquainted through multiple apps, identifying as a child of same sex and age. As the victim becomes more acquainted they perpetrator may ask for more and more personal type information from the individual being groomed. This may include pictures initially everyday photos and then will progress to request for body shots in the nude. These pictures then will be used as control mechanisms to make the person do what is requested of them. This may include meeting other people to have sex or to make them run away with the perpetrator.



Education about this process with children is imperative. The trust level that is established will make the difference in how and what information your child feels comfortable with sharing with you. Reinforcement should be given that no matter what you still love them. Children should understand that anytime anyone asks them to send pictures or send private messages that they should immediately share with their parents and that it is not their fault.

So what happens when a child goes missing? Typically they will be taken to a area that is either secluded or far enough away from where they live that they will not be recognized. Statistics from Homeland Security show us that these area are typically small rural towns. IT ISN'T HAPPENING HERE – you say. It is, unfortunately happening right here in our own backyard.



Victims have been rescued, treated and missed right here. A recent investigation by the FBI after a Trafficking Ring in the panhandle had been busted, showed that three of the young girls involved in the ring stated that they had been sold and traded right here in Sweetwater Texas. They also identified that they had been arrested, by local law enforcement, treated in the “hospital” and county health department without anyone questioning their safety. One of the victims stated that her trafficker had multiple “other girls” at different places in Sweetwater. She was unable to identify them as they were “kept in different places”. These predators are living in our backyards and victimizing the vulnerable populations of our communities.

Awareness is the first step in combating and protecting those around us. If you would like more information about trafficking please feel free to contact me. If you see something, say something. The following link is to a very informational video produced and released by the Attorney General’s Office of Texas. <https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/juman-trafficking> For presentations of information for groups you may contact me as well. No group is too small and if awareness results in one person saved it is worth the time.

POWER OF ATTORNEY OR MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY?

There are different types of power of attorney. A general power of attorney gives the person named in the power of attorney the authority to manage your affairs such as financial, legal, property, etc. A general power of attorney that does not include decisions related to health care in its scope DOES NOT authorize the holder of the power of attorney to access the patient’s protected health information.

A medical power of attorney allows you to designate another person as your agent in the event you become incapacitated or incompetent and cannot make treatment decisions for yourself. According to HIPAA regulations, your agent may request and review your protected health information – such as your medical record – request a copy of your protected health information, authorize release of protected health information to another party, and exercise other rights allowed by the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

However, if a physician or other covered entity reasonably believes that a patient could be a victim of domestic violence, abuse or neglect by the person named in the health care power of attorney, the physician or covered entity (hospital) in their professional judgment may choose not to honor the request of the agent.

With respect to personal representatives (agents) of deceased persons, the HIPAA Privacy Rule requires the covered entity (hospital) to treat the personal representative as the individual as long as the personal representative has the authority under law to act for the deceased person or the estate.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Human Trafficking Facts: is a growing problem that is occurring quietly right here in our own back yard. Unfortunately it's not easily recognizable and can be easily dismissed as just another domestic situation that can be worked out on its own. Unknown to us is the fact that the person in trouble doesn't know how to ask for help. Coming up are some of the facts that our professionals in the Health Care and Law Enforcement industries should take a closer look at before just brushing off as just another domestic situation.

Human Trafficking is a viscous circle of "POWER AND CONTROL". Many people USE COERCION and THREATS: making and /or threats to do something to hurt him/her. Threatening to leave him/her, to commit suicide, report him/her to welfare.

USING INTIMIDATION: making him/her afraid, making looks, actions, gestures. Smashing things, destroying his/her property. Abusing pets, displaying weapons.

USING EMOTIONAL ABUSE: putting him/her down, making him/her feel bad about themselves, calling them names, making them think their crazy, playing mind games, humiliating them, making him/her feel guilty.

USING ISOLATION: controlling what he/she does, who he/she talks too, what he/she reads, where he/she goes. Limiting his/her outside involvement, using jealousy to justify actions.

MINIMIZING DENYING AND BLAMING: making light of the abuse and not taking his/her concerns about it seriously. Saying the abuse didn't happen, shifting responsibility for abusive behavior and saying he/she caused it.

USING CHILDREN: making him/her feel guilty about the children, using the children to relay messages, threatening to hurt the children.

USING MALE PRIVILEGE: treating him/her like a servant, making all the big decisions, acting like the master of the castle, being the one who defines men's and women's roles.

USING ECONOMIC ABUSE: preventing he/her from getting or keeping a job, making him/her ask for money, giving him/her an allowance, taking his/her money, not letting him/her know about or have access to the family income.

Human traffickers recruit, transport, harbor, obtain and exploit victims—often using force, threats, lies, and or other psychological coercion. Traffickers promise a high-paying job, a loving relationship, or new and exciting opportunities. Their common thread is a willingness to exploit other HUMAN BEINGS FOR PROFIT.

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The penalties for Human Trafficking are severe. A conviction for holding a person in peonage carries potential fines and a maximum PRISON TERM of 20 years in a FEDERAL PRISON.

TEXAS as a whole ranks #2 among all 50 states in terms of HUMAN TRAF-FICKING, while the City of Houston is #1 among cities. Anybody in need of support or that knows of somebody else in need of support is directed to contact the Regional Victim Crisis Center at 325-677-7895.

