Community celebrates groundbreaking for new Sparrow Ionia Hospital

More than 100 elected officials, including Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, community members, Sparrow leaders and Caregivers gathered on Oct. 14 to celebrate and break ground on a new Sparrow Ionia Hospital, the first new hospital in the mid-Michigan region in decades. Once completed this all new, Patient-centered, state-of-the-art hospital will include 22 Patient rooms, outpatient services including Chemo and Infusion Lab, X-ray, Nuclear Medicine, Emergency Department with private Patient rooms, triage area and two trauma rooms. It will also feature a Surgery Department with two operating rooms, administrative offices, a cafeteria, and an education center. The new facility is expected to open in Spring 2015 and replaces the current Sparrow Ionia Hospital, which was built in 1953. See more photos from the event inside, and follow the project at BuildingSparrow.org.

Sparrow and Mayo Clinic experts speak during breast cancer event

Sparrow Caregivers and the community had the chance to hear from Sparrow and Mayo Clinic experts on the prevention and treatment of breast cancer during an event held this month. The free panel was moderated by Sparrow Breast Health Navigator Sharon Cosgrove and featured Physicians from Sparrow and Mayo Clinic. Sparrow’s membership in the prestigious Mayo Clinic Care Network allows Sparrow Physicians to consult with Mayo Clinic experts to provide some of the most advanced care in the nation in mid-Michigan. For more information, visit Sparrow.org/Mayo.

Stephen Guertin, M.D., Medical Director of the Sparrow Children’s Center, was honored by Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals as this year’s recipient of the Children’s Miracle Achievement Award.

► Sandhya Pruthi, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic

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Center for Innovation and Research awards first grant

Sparrow and MSU’s Center for Innovation and Research has awarded a grant to fund the development of a mobile app that aims to tackle an issue causing thousands of unnecessary deaths each year.

The $75,000 grant, the first from the newly created Center for Innovation and Research, was awarded to Erin Sarzynski, M.D., M.S., of Michigan State University, Department of Family Medicine, Geriatrics Division.

The grant will be used to develop and test a mobile app that will streamline medication management for Patients with chronic illnesses and encourage adherence to medication regimens. For more information, visit the Center’s new website at SparrowMSUInnovations.msu.edu.

RN Caregiver Spotlight: Carley Parsons

All it took were a few seeds and a little elbow grease to help provide a new therapeutic treatment to Sparrow Behavioral Health Patients.

Behavioral Health Nurse Carley Parsons, R.N., helped to spearhead a garden project to give Patients a sense of commitment, hard work, and fulfillment. Because of the garden and her commitment to caring for Patients, Sparrow is recognizing Parsons as this month’s RN Caregiver Spotlight.

“It’s very humbling to be honored by your peers,” Parsons said. “But this was a team effort. I don’t look at this as going above and beyond. Just like all of our Nurses, I look at it as a way to treat our Patients and make their stay with us as pleasant as possible.”

Patients maintain the garden and helped to expand it over the past several months. Parsons also received the DAISY Award for her work earlier this year.

Register now for Nov. 8 Critical Care Conference

Sparrow will be the scene of a major Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Conference that runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the Sparrow Auditorium.

The conference, organized by Sparrow’s Critical Care Transport Team, will offer lectures by some of our most prominent Physicians and hands-on demonstrations to provide treatment options for Patients with traumatic injuries. It’s especially aimed at Nurses and Paramedics.

The event is free for Sparrow Caregivers and $10 for non-Sparrow Caregivers.

Go to http://goo.gl/QgAc5 for online registration information.

Mason Soccer brings home a win for Sparrow kids

The Mason Bulldogs Boys Varsity Soccer Team brought home a win for the team and a win for Sparrow kids at the 2nd Annual Compete for a Cause soccer game vs. Eaton Rapids.

100 percent of the proceeds from the game, including donations and silent auction items, are donated to the Sparrow Children’s Center for kids undergoing cancer treatment.

Many students and fans sported yellow shirts in remembrance of Spencer Sowles, a senior at Mason last year who died in March after a four-year battle with testicular cancer. A local TV station featured Spencer during one of his treatments at Sparrow last fall when he was named Homecoming King.

Celebrating 30 years of compassionate hospice care

The 2013 Hike/Bike for Hospice was a huge success in supporting the future of compassionate care at Sparrow Hospice.

The event comes ahead of our November celebration of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Sparrow is marking 30 years of providing compassionate hospice care with special events for Hospice Caregivers and the public.

The month wraps up with a presentation from Hospice Palliative Care Physician Carol Scot, M.D., during a free evening program at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club Wimbledon Room, 2900 Hannah Boulevard, East Lansing.

For more information, visit Sparrow.org/Hospice.

More than 300 people attended the 2013 Hike/Bike for Hospice to honor those who have completed life’s journey.
SMG practices awarded for vaccination rates

Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) awarded Sparrow Medical Group practices the 2012 Governor’s Interim Award of Excellence. Only 16 practices statewide earned this honor, and the interim award is a stepping stone to achieving the Governor’s Award of Excellence in 2014. Michigan practices that participate in the Preventive Care Learning and Action Network are eligible to receive the Governor’s Award of Excellence by completing additional requirements and demonstrating quality care improvement.

SMG Dewitt, Eastside, Lansing, Mason, North, Okemos, Senior Health, and West received the interim award after increasing pneumonia vaccination rates to the National Committee for Quality Assurance’s 90th percentile benchmark and then maintaining the improvements.

Sparrow Nurses honored with DAISY Award

Three Sparrow Nurses were honored recently with the DAISY Award, given to a Nurse who goes above and beyond for Patients and families. Nurses Teresa Miller, R.N.-I.N.T.O.B., Labor & Delivery; Amy Tinker, R.N., 7 South; and Elizabeth Schieding, B.S.N., R.N., Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, were all surprised by Sparrow leaders and fellow Caregivers when presented with their awards.

The DAISY Award is a way to recognize and make visible the contribution and value of Nurses wherever nursing is practiced. Nurses are nominated by their fellow Caregivers and Patients.

The Michigan Hospital Association Harvest Gathering Food Drive nears Oct. 28 deadline

There’s still time to help us achieve our goal of setting another record in the annual Michigan Hospital Association Harvest Gathering Food Drive before its Oct. 28 deadline.

Last year’s drive collected more than 13,000 pounds of food that went directly to those in our community struggling with hunger. Drop off a non-perishable food item in any contribution box located on the Sparrow main campus, the St. Lawrence campus or outpatient areas.

For more information, call 517.364.3606 and select option 5.

Sparrow欢迎两名新成员加入董事会

Maude Guerin, M.D., a University of Michigan graduate, practiced in Maine and New Hampshire before returning to Michigan. She formed Alliance Obstetrics and Gynecology in East Lansing in 1997 after briefly working as a Sparrow Employed Physician and as an associate professor at the MSU College of Human Medicine.

Timothy Hodge, D.O., is the CEO of Emergency Medical Associates, the primary physician staffing group for the Sparrow Hospital Emergency Departments and serves as the Executive Medical Director of Emergency Services at Sparrow. He is on the Physician Health Plan Board of Directors and Olivet College Board of Trustees.

United Way campaign kicks off Nov. 11

Sparrow Caregivers are once again being asked to help those less fortunate in the community by contributing to the annual Capital Area United Way campaign. The campaign kicks off Nov. 11 and runs through Nov. 30. Watch for more details and fun activities to promote our United Way efforts. Assistance with online enrollment will be offered at the 3rd floor atrium of the Sparrow Professional Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11; 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14; and 7-9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 25.

Patrick Brilliantes, FACHE, Administrative Director for Neuroscience, Orthopedic & Metabolic Services, received the Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent’s Award, presented by the American College of Healthcare Executives. Winners are chosen from a group of statewide nominees and selected by the Regent’s Advisory Council based on their demonstration of leadership, innovative and creative management, and community and industry participation.

Paul Sturgis has joined Sparrow as the new Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer. Sturgis previously served as the Vice President for Human Resources & Organization Effectiveness at the Detroit Medical Center. He has also worked for Detroit Public Schools and DTE Energy.

Gordan Srkalovic, M.D., PhD, FACP, Director, Clinical Trials Office at the Sparrow Cancer Center, has been elected to serve as President of the Bosnian-Hercegovinian American Academy of Arts and Sciences. This growing organization is comprised of physicians, academicians, researchers, financial specialists and artists with connections to his native country.

Sparrow welcomes two new members to its Board of Directors
Izabella Mitchell, 6, of Mason, had a special surprise for Patients and Caregivers when she serenaded them with her violin during “Pass it Forward.”

“Pass it Forward” benefits Children’s Center

Many thanks to the kind folks at FOX 47 TV who recently dropped off baskets of toys, books, DVDs and other goodies for the Sparrow Children’s Center playroom.

The donations from station staff were part of “Pass It Forward,” a local event similar to “Pay it Forward” in which community members take a day to spread kindness and recognize hundreds of volunteers, often by surprise. The event is sponsored by ePIFanyNow, a local organization committed to doing good.

FOX 47 staffers and their children donated the toys to a very grateful Sparrow Child Life Specialist Kelly Hebert who said, “This is like Christmas.”

Everything was collected in just a couple days, said Dana Kromer, who organized the donations for FOX 47. “We wanted something that would connect with the kids. Every one of them were born here. We all have these connections to Sparrow.”

Caregivers decorate bras for It’s a Breast Thing

Sparrow Caregivers showed off their creative side while raising funds for Patients impacted by breast cancer.

Five bras decorated by Caregivers in radiology departments and the Sparrow Cancer Center were entered in the bra decorating contest that’s part of the annual It’s a Breast Thing event.

Proceeds from the event support women undergoing the diagnosis, treatment and survivorship of breast cancer. Visit ItsaBreastThing.org for more information.

(From left to right) Sparrow entrants in It’s a Breast thing decorating contest were Pocahontas by Mary Meister and Jamie Kiel in the Mammography Department; Mardi Bra by Sonographer Annie Case, which was selected to be part of the 2014 It’s a Breast Thing calendar; Bling Bra by Senior Tech Katrina Steinsultz; Glam Bra by CT Tech Lynne Richey and CT Nurse Lanta Winn; and Take Me Out to the Ballgame by Mary Jane Holmes, Sandra Mazuchowski and Kris Lindquist in the Cancer Center.