Good, but not clean, family fun

Lansing’s first-ever visit by The Color Run benefitted the Sparrow Children’s Center and Kelleigh’s Cause, a charity formed by supporters of Kelleigh Gustafson, Sparrow’s CMN Miracle Child of 2007.

On Saturday, July 13, nearly 14,000 participants left the starting line in front of the Capitol a clean slate but crossed the finish line looking like an artist’s palette.

And to cap off the run, Sparrow sponsored the first free Common Ground matinee concert by Fifth Harmony, an all-girl band discovered on last season’s “X Factor” TV show.

Sparrow Children’s Center Patients and their families were treated to special access seating for both events.

Enjoying the festivities was Taylor Tew, 9, a long-time Sparrow Children’s Center Pediatric Rehab patient and her family.

“Taylor has cerebral palsy and we were told she would never walk or have emotion. She walks without any assistive device, talks and laughs, plays t-ball and performs ballet and I owe that to the amazing work of the Caregivers at the Sparrow Children’s Center,” said mom Tammy. “We’re there twice a week. It’s our second home so we’re so happy to be out here having fun and showing our support.”
Health Classic raises $216,000 to support extraordinary care

This year’s Sparrow Health Classic was a huge success, raising more than $216,000 to support Sparrow’s commitment to extraordinary care for our region.

Thanks to the more than 300 golfers who participated in our signature golf event at Eagle Eye and Hawk Hollow Golf Courses, and thank you to all of our sponsors for their support!

Join us next year to golf, play putt-putt or volunteer – mark your calendar for June 18, 2014.

‘Miracle Minutes’ bring inspiring stories to life

Whether it’s watching a young boy take on cancer, or another battle a neuromuscular disease, you’ll be inspired by Sparrow Patients’ stories of courage, determination, and love in WILX-TV’s “Miracle Minutes.”

Each one minute video will air on WILX and tells the emotional story of a Sparrow Pediatric Patient who has been helped by the Sparrow Children’s Center, a Children’s Miracle Network Hospital.

Log on to wilx.com/MiracleMinute to watch the videos and donate to the Sparrow Foundation and help write the success stories of the future.

Remembering a friend, family member, and volunteer

For more than 20 years, Joann Elaine Mills, 84, served as a volunteer in the Sparrow Gift Shop, much of that time as the Manager.

Tragically, her life came to an end in a traffic accident on June 15 in Grand Ledge.

“Joann was known for many things – hugs, baking, warm smiles and most of all her compassion for those she served. When people met her, they knew how much she cared. She loved Sparrow because people here shared her same core belief that Patients come first,” notes Melissa Sherry, Director, Sparrow Volunteer Services.

Joann’s love of baking drove her to bake cookies during the holidays and deliver them with notes of appreciation to the departments who supported the gift shop, a tradition that continues today.

Save the Date: Sparrow Day at the Lansing Lugnuts

Sparrow Day at the Lansing Lugnuts will be held Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Cooley Law School Stadium.

Caregivers can receive two free tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis. Watch your email for more details on tickets, and we hope to see you there! We’re also looking for Sparrow Superheroes who embody Sparrow Mission, Vision and Values. Nominations are due Aug. 12 to Melissa.nufer@sparrow.org.
iSparrow EMR system upgrade/downtime scheduled for Aug. 14

An iSparrow EMR system upgrade/downtime is scheduled for 2-6 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14.

During this downtime, the iSparrow EMR will be unavailable to Caregivers and Providers. We will be installing updates and improvements that will enhance the functionality of the iSparrow EMR.

**In order to prepare for downtime:**

» Locate & review the downtime manual
» Locate your downtime computer (BCA)
» Log-in to the downtime computer
» Look for your reports and ensure all forms are available
» Review the information in the following Tips and Tricks located on iSparrow Central:
  • Sorting Reports Found on the BCA-Web or PC
  • Finding the Most Recent Reports from the BCA-Web or PC
  • Saving Paper Documentation of Patient Care After a Downtime
  • Printing ID Wristbands and Stickers for New Patients

If you have questions pertaining to the system upgrade/downtime, please call the HelpDesk at 443-57 or 517.364.4357.

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**Time to brush up on severe weather procedures**

Do you know what you need to do at the hospital in case of severe weather?

It’s important for you to review your role if we are hit with severe weather to help ensure we can safely care for our Patients. Severe weather policies for many departments are available on Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) by searching for “weather.”

Remember our first priority is always the safety of our Patients and Caregivers. In the case of severe weather, following these policies will help us ensure we can care for our Patients safely and effectively.

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**RN Caregiver Spotlight: Michael Maher**

When Michael Maher was a young boy, he wanted to become a TV meteorologist. But that all changed in high school when Maher’s grandfather was diagnosed with leukemia.

“I was amazed by the knowledge and compassion the nurses showed my grandfather,” Maher said. “That’s when I decided I wanted to become a nurse.”

Maher now applies that same knowledge and compassion to his Patients in the Intensive Care Unit. It’s one of the reasons he’s being honored in this month’s RN Caregiver Spotlight – a program that recognizes nurses for their achievements and contributions to Sparrow and its Patients.

“The work we do as a team in Sparrow’s ICU is very rewarding,” he added. “We see many Patients at their worst and then to see them heal and recover is very inspiring.”
RNICU Caregivers volunteer time to make positioning devices for babies

Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Caregivers and their family members volunteered their time last month to make bean bag positioning devices for premature newborns in the RNICU. Fabric for the devices was donated by RNICU parents and the bean bags were filled with 50 pounds of beans. The devices help hold our smallest Patients in a comfortable, tucked position while they’re in an isolette to help with physical therapy.

⇒ This was the second annual RNICU Bean Bag Party. Caregivers volunteered their time and expertise to make the positioning devices.

⇒ The finished bean bags will keep babies comfortable and help with their physical therapy.

Drew, Kristin Stanton, Lexus of Lansing dedicate treatment room

An underwater adventure with buried treasure, mermaids, and even a former Michigan State University football great is helping to ease the minds of pediatric Patients at Sparrow while they endure invasive procedures and treatments.

The new Pediatric Treatment Room was recently dedicated by former MSU and current Arizona Cardinals quarterback Drew Stanton, his wife, Kristin, and leaders from Lexus of Lansing. Drew and Kristin’s foundation, High 5ive, teamed up with Lexus of Lansing to donate money to renovate the room, which cost about $25,000 to complete.

“This community and Sparrow Hospital have always been a big part of my life,” Drew Stanton said. “I was born here and want to do everything I can to ensure these kids are getting their treatments in a comfortable and safe environment.”

The treatment room is a welcome distraction for kids. In addition to the underwater mural painted by local artist Cam Pohl, the room also features a TV and games.