Caregiver's dream of a Pink Christmas an inspiration to others at Sparrow

Cheryl Kalawert, a Secretary in Patient Support Services, was diagnosed with breast cancer in February of this year. When her department started an office decorating contest for the holidays Kalawert, who finished her last round of chemo and radiation in October, came up with the idea of a pink Christmas.

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Operation Santa 2014 provide gifts for nearly 170 Lansing children

Sparrow Caregivers have once again generously supported less fortunate local children and families to ensure they enjoy the holiday season.

Forty-five families, with a total of 168 children, with students at Lansing’s Fairview Elementary School received gifts during Operation Santa 2014.  

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Sparrow nurses use skit to advocate for Patients, importance of their needs

Imagine not feeling well and not being able to communicate with the people trying to help you.

"My grandmother was in that exact situation," said Sparrow nurse Cassie Russell. "She didn't speak English."  

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Events

Stay up to date on the latest events at Sparrow. Click here.

Mark your calendars!

Sparrow & Burcham Hills Stroke Support Group
Thursday, Jan. 8 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Burcham Hills Center for Health and Rehab, 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing
Private Dining Room on second floor of the Resident Center

WINS Breast Cancer Support Group
Caring and Sharing
Monday, Jan. 12 | 7-9 p.m.
Sparrow Professional Building, Suite E
For more information, call 517.364.5471.

Comprehensive Approach to Medical Weight Loss
Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24 | 9-10 a.m.
Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club
Wimbledon Room, East Lansing
To register for a class, call 1.800.Sparrow (772.7769).

Start your New Year’s resolution at the Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club
Join the Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club today. Please contact the Membership Services Office for a tour of the club and a complimentary VIP Guest Pass to the MAC. For information, call 517.364.8888.
Bottomless Toy Chest delivers presents to Sparrow pediatric Patients
Santa's elves, working with The Bottomless Toy Chest, recently delivered presents to young Patients at the Sparrow Children's Center.  >>Read more

Holiday Pops Concert treats Caregivers, Patients and visitors
The Shiawassee Strings, a small string orchestra based out of Owosso, performed an informal Holiday Pops concert in the Atrium of the Sparrow Professional Building, bringing some festive mid-day cheer to Caregivers, Patients and visitors.  >>Read more

First phase of renovations begin for Mary Free Bed at Sparrow rehabilitation unit
Construction crews have started working on the first phase of renovations for the $7-million Mary Free Bed at Sparrow rehabilitation unit, a joint venture between Sparrow Hospital and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital.

The project will expand the inpatient rehabilitation unit at Sparrow to 40 private Patient rooms and two therapy gyms on the same floor to provide advanced rehabilitation care for Patients in the mid-Michigan region.  >>Read more

Area Zonta Clubs donate comfort pillows for mastectomy Patients
More than a dozen members of the Lansing, East Lansing, and Michigan Capitol Area Zonta Clubs gathered at the Sparrow Cancer Center recently to present nearly 300 handmade comfort pillows.  >>Read more

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Caregiver Spotlight
Juan Martinez, a Nuclear Medicine Technologist and Exercise Physiologist with Sparrow TCI, is most known for how he treats his coworkers, his Patients, and his referring Physicians - with the utmost respect.  >>Read more

Sue Torgerson of Lansing named December Volunteer of the Month
The Sparrow Women's Board of Managers and Sparrow Volunteer Services department have named Sue Torgerson of Lansing as the December Volunteer of the Month.  >>Read more

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Open house held for Sparrow Ionia Physical Rehab, Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Sparrow Ionia Hospital is pleased to announce its outpatient Physical Rehabilitation, Orthopedics, and Sports Medicine facility has relocated to 537 W. Main Street, Ionia.

An open house for Patients, Caregivers, and the public was recently held.

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Sparrow aims to achieve Baby-Friendly designation

The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) is a global initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Baby-Friendly USA recognizes and awards birthing facilities that successfully implement programs promoting successful breastfeeding

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Sparrow Physician, former Chief Medical Officer honored with major award

Larry Rawsthorne, M.D., was recently recognized by the Capital Area Health Alliance (CAHA) as the 2014 recipient of its Physician Recruitment and Retention Leadership Award.

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Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club welcomes new team of tennis pros

Tennis standouts Rebecca Bond, Joey Farias, Katarina Lingl, and Katie Miness have brought their wealth of teaching experience and love for the game with them as the newest additions to the Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club (MAC) fitness staff.

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Sparrow Caregivers donate 6,650 pounds of food, nearly $2,000 during food drive

Sparrow Caregivers systemwide participated in the Harvest Food Gathering Food Drive this fall. The Michigan Harvest Gathering is an annual statewide campaign that raises food, funds, and awareness for hunger in Michigan. >>Read more

Memorial service held to honor, remember pediatric Patients

Parents and Sparrow Caregivers recently gathered to remember and honor pediatric Patients who passed away during the last six years. >>Read more

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