

We have so much going on at Sparrow Health System!

In January, the Sparrow Tower opened and units now occupy the area including the Emergency Department, Orthopedics on the 6th floor, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the Cardiac Critical Care (CCU) on the 3rd floor. In March the Oncology unit will open on the 5th floor and in May the new surgical area will open in the lower level.

There is a connector between the third floor to the Sparrow Tower and your badge provides access. This area is only for transporting patients and use by staff and volunteers. The elevators in this area are also only for patient transportation and it leads to restricted areas of surgery (lower level) and the Emergency Department (1st floor). With that in mind, please help us keep the area secure by redirecting visitors to use the main hallways on the first floor to get to the Sparrow Tower.

If your badge isn't working on the card readers, please visit Security so that it can be updated.

National Volunteer Week

This year National Volunteer Week will be recognized during the week of April 27-May 3, 2008. Please join us that week as we celebrate the gift of your time and talents.

We will have treats in the offices and at work stations – if appropriate. We hope you will enjoy a break from your work and let us say “Thank you!”

Also look for special guests to visit your worksite during that week or around that time.

With the opening of the Sparrow Tower, we have the following vacancies for volunteers:

- Emergency Department – Fast Track (available day, evening and weekend)
- ICU/CCU Family Lounge (available day, evening and weekend)



- Float Greeter – greet visitors and assist in finding patients' rooms (available day, evening and weekend)
- Escort – both campuses (available day, and at Sparrow, also evening and weekend)
- Sparrow Gift Shop (available day, evening and weekend)
- Surgical Lounge – both campuses (available day, evening and weekend)
- Information Services – both campuses (available during the day)

WHA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

The Annual Meeting for the Sparrow Women's Hospital Association will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2008, at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel. Invitations to the event will be issued in April.

If you believe that you will receive a service award this year, please check the list within this newsletter. If your name does not appear, please contact the Volunteer Services Office at 364-3606.

Sparrow Health System

55 Years of Service

Donna Bernitt, *The Sparrows*

Helen Toebe, *Mary Magdalen League*
Marietta Wahl, *Mercy League, Pastoral Care,
Eucharistic Ministers*
Laura Wilkinson, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary, ETC*

50 Years of Service

Helen Benner, *Mary Magdalen League*
Bonnie Hawkins, *Escort/Information Desk*
Bee Moulton, *Service Auxiliary*

15 Years of Service

Joyce Bordui, *Surgical Lounge*
Shirley Gingrich, *Division IV*
Susan Herman, *Service Auxiliary, Sparrow Guild*
Monica Jennings, *Patient Ambassadors*
Marilyn Nugent, *Sparrow Guild, Service Auxiliary*
Marlene Peterson, *Service Auxiliary*
Janice Pfeifer, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary*
Jane Scofield, *WBM, Information Services, SEA*
Lucille Smeage, *Information Desk, Hospice*
Margery Weston, *McAuley League*
Kathleen Zerkle, *Hospice*

45 Years of Service

Shirley Ambrose, *Division IV, E.W. Sparrow
Auxiliary*
Margaret Sullivan, *Mercy League*
Marilyn Thimmig, *Assisium, Escort/Information
Desk*
Helen Weinman, *Mary Magdalen League,
Escort/Information Desk*

10 Years of Service

Phyllis Blost, *Escort/Information Desk,
Christopher League*
Richard Blost, *Mercy League*
David Bordui, *Surgical Lounge*
Marilyn Bowker, *Service Auxiliary*
Carol Brooks, *Lifetime*
Vivian Bryde, *TLC Critical Care Lounge*
Michael Burns, *Information Desk*
James Carroll, *ETC*
Nevenka Dines, *Patient Ambassadors*
Nancy Fineis, *Mary Magdalen League,
Industrial League*
Ruth Ann Foiles, *TLC Critical Care Lounge,
Service Auxiliary*
Diana Folleth, *Service Auxiliary, Office Support*
Joan Forgrave, *Division IV, Service Auxiliary*
Lori Fuller, *Sparrow Guild*
Jeanne Gaskin, *Pastoral Care, Eucharistic
Ministers*
Lucille Gustafson, *Service Auxiliary*
Carol Haasch, *Patient Ambassadors*
Evelyn Haueter, *Service Auxiliary*
Beth Hubbell, *Service Auxiliary*
Bill Kandler, *Hospice*
George Kellogg, *Cardio Ambassadors*
Rosanne Klunzinger, *Mary Magdalen League*
Florence Lyons, *Patient Ambassadors*

40 Years of Service

Mary Jane Wilson, *WBM Active Honorary,
Sparrow Guild*

35 Years of Service

Edith Newman, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary*

25 Years of Service

Karen Asiala, *Service Auxiliary*
Julianna Clark, *Service Auxiliary*
Yvonne Groak, *Service Auxiliary*
Karen Hines, *Service Auxiliary*
Stella Kinney, *Industrial League*
Barbara Marsh, *WBM, Service Auxiliary*
Loraine Metzger, *Escort/Information Desk*
Lois Miller, *Escort/Information Desk*
Phyllis Nolan, *Escort/Information Desk*
Katherine Rehkopf, *Division III, Office Support*
Janice Ruppert, *Surgical Lounge*

2008 Volunteer Awardees

Sally Olszewski, *Mary Magdalen League*
Mary Beth Pirich, *Sparrow Guild, Pediatrics*
Carolyn Rawsthorne, *Sparrow Guild*
Sharon Russell, *Hospice*
Mary Louise Schmitz, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary*
Louanne Service, *Service Auxiliary*
Mary Lou Sprague, *Hospice, Information Services,*
Mary Magdalen League
Margaret Stevens, *Lifetime*
Betty Van Vorst, *Pastoral Care, Eucharistic*
Ministers
Kathryn VanAlstine, *Medical Library*
Thomas Woodward, *Hospice*

Georgialynn Most, *Service Auxiliary*
Jerry Neimeyer, *Escorts*
Kaye Olson, *Hello Hospital, Hospice*
Nancy Ort, *Service Auxiliary*
Lawrence Parker, *Emergency Services*
Rosemarie Perrone, *Helping Hands*
Paulette Piiranien, *Hospice*
Carol Pixley, *Service Auxiliary*
Ivy Rolland, *Escort/Information Desk, SEA*
Cathy Rynbrandt, *Helping Hands*
Shirley Sharp, *Service Auxiliary*
Nancy Stillson, *Mary Magdalen League*
Jackie Swain, *TLC Critical Care Lounge*
Tonja Tarry, *Mercy League*
Judith Valentine, *Infant Massage, ETC*
Linda Zimmerman, *Infant Massage*

5 Years of Service

Sue Anibal, *Service Auxiliary*
Janet Baker, *Hospice*
Esther Bennett, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary*
Joanne Bernest, *Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral*
Care
Phyllis Blake, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary*
Chrissie Brogan, *Sparrow Guild*
Karen DeLuca, *Helping Hands*
Ruth DeMarco, *Escorts*
Michelena DeRose, *Helping Hands*
Mary Fedewa, *Infant Massage*
Cecyl Fischer, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary*
Piper Fountain, *Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral Care*
Jean Frentz, *Helping Hands*
Kay Fullerton, *Service Auxiliary*
Janice Gage, *Industrial League*
Shirley Gates, *Office Support*
Peggy Gonser, *Mercy League*
Judith Green, *WBM, E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary, SEA*
Darlene Griffin, *Service Auxiliary*
Carrie Hale, *Patient Ambassadors*
Laura Hall, *Service Auxiliary*
Janice Hanley, *Mary Magdalen League,*

If you have any questions or corrections related to the list of awardees, please contact the Volunteer Office at 364-3606.

Escort/Information Desk
Charles Harper, *Escorts*
Marion Heil, *E.W. Sparrow Auxiliary*
Leo Henning, *Hospice*
Juanita Hernandez, *Pastoral Care, Eucharistic*
Ministers
Elaine Krause, *Mary Magdalen League*
Carolyn Lohr, *Surgical Lounge*
Ronald Lott, *Surgical Lounge*
Douglas MacArthur, *TLC Oncology*
Joseph Martin, *Cardio-Ambassadors, Oncology,*
Heart Center

Volunteer Groups Celebrate Anniversaries

The Sparrows (55 years) - make stuffed toys for children in Emergency, EEG, Oncology, Radiology, Endoscopy, and the Outpatient Clinic.

Emergency Services (50 years) - assist patients, their families and staff in the Sparrow Emergency Department.

MSU Students (40 years) - assist several departments with their patient care as they prepare for medical careers.

TLC Critical Care (25 years) - provide a welcoming atmosphere in the Critical Care Lounge, monitor phone calls, and assist family members or patients in Intensive and Cardiac Care.

ETC (20 years) - work in individual placements in hospital departments as needed.

Information Services (20 years) - staff the information phone-line, sort and deliver mail and check in flowers. Facilitate communication between the patients and their families/friends.

Popcorn (20 years) - make and sell popcorn for visitors, patients, their families and staff on the St. Lawrence Campus.

ChildTime (10 years) - work, support, and aid the ChildTime staff by providing activities of interest to children from infant to pre-school.

Helping Hands (5 years) - provide information and support to the patients, visitors and staff in the OB and Mother-Baby Departments.