Christmas Is On The Way!
Wish lists were sent out last month to sponsors. Some shoppers have some unique wish lists to fill - novelty shirts with Marvel characters and rock bands, sports team apparel, posters of celebrities, paperback novels, and educational books and workbooks. Most have included new winter clothes and personal care items on their lists. With new admissions expected before the holidays, there’s still time to call and help fill a wish list. Contact Theresa in Community Services at 812-469-6800, ext. 4208.

Holiday Gift Item Needs
Shirts (tees, sweatshirts, hoodies, novelty sports apparel in size large, XL, and 2X)
Pajamas (sizes large, XL and 2X)
Robes (one size fits all)
Watches (Digital or easy read numbers)
2019 Calendars
Novelty two pocket folders
Board or card games (Rook, Uno, Skip-Bo)
Puzzle/activity books (word search)
500-1000 piece jigsaw puzzles
Ear buds (soft flexible tips)
Simple mp3 players (Sandisk 8 GB)
Stick deodorant/Hand lotion
Body wash/Body spray
Toothpaste/lip balm
Shampoo/conditioner
Mousse/styling gel
Cloth head bands
Soft hair brush
Gift Cards (Shoe Carnival, Walmart, Target) Amazon, Visa, Mastercard gift cards (for downloading music onto mp3’s)

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Fridays Focused on Investing in Health, Home, Purpose & Community

What does a person need for recovery and wellness? A caring environment, a glimmer of hope, education, and personal investment to name a few. Activities on Fridays during recovery month focused on patients learning about community resources, volunteerism, nutritional benefits, and healthy lifestyles. The patients were also witness to inspiring stories of recovery with table discussions and sharing of experiences. Blankets and pillows were made for clients of the Ronald McDonald House. Positive notes were written and adorned the windows of the dining room hallways to display an affirming sense of community.

Donna West, Infection Control Nurse, portrayed a Germbuster, spoofing the popular Ghostbusters.

Animals from Lil’ Rexing Pony Express visited and included a rabbit, skunk and ferret.

Above pictures: Kathi Goen, Tonya Smith, and Kristy Ashley supervise the stuffing of pillows for the Ronald McDonald House. United Way of Southwestern Indiana participated in the volunteer fair in the gym.
Hakuna Matata means no worries and that was evident on a Friday afternoon with the patient choir performing popular tunes from the Lion King to a moderate audience in the gym. The rhythmic songs had everyone in the stands clapping, tapping, and mouthing the words along with the music. The audience took part in the singing of “Can you Feel the Love Tonight?” The fall concert was a crowd pleaser that concluded with an open dance. Kudos to directors Mindy Miller and Jake Steffanhagan for a lively care-free show.

Upcoming Events

November 27 – Greeting card party 1:00 pm Treatment mall
December 1 – Holiday Family Mixer 10 am – 1:00 pm Gym
December 2 – Our Saviour Lutheran Church (F Unit) 2-3:00 pm Treatment Mall Rm 1,2,3
December 4 – Christmas Party by Southwestern IN Building Trades Council (All Units) 6:00 pm Gym
December 8 – Oak Hill Baptist Church (D Unit) 10-11 am Treatment Mall Rm 1,2,3
December 9 – Hospital Wide Christmas party (all units) 2-3:00 pm various locations
December 11 – Holiday Lunch with American Legion Auxiliary (veterans) 11 am Treatment Mall Rm 3
December 13 – Friend to Friend party (program participants) 2-3:00 pm River Birch Dining Room
December 17 – USI Stellar Club (F Unit) 3:00 pm F unit
December 17 – Hadi Community Band (all units) 6:00 pm Gym
December 18 – D Unit Gift Opening party 9-10:30 am River Birch Dining Room
December 19 – E Unit Gift Opening party 9-10:30 am River Birch Dining Room
December 19 – F Unit Gift Opening party 1:00-2:30 pm River Birch Dining Room
December 20 – G Unit Gift opening party 9-10:30 a.m. River Birch Dining Room
December 21 – C Unit Gift opening party 9-10:30 am River Birch Dining Room
December 23 – Protestant Services 4:00 pm; Catholic Services 6:30 pm Chapel
December 25 – Treats on Unit 9:00 am (all units)
December 26 – Catholic Services 4:00 pm chapel
SECC Fun Brings in Money for Charities

In addition to the pledges to employees' favorite charities, the hospital sponsored four fun events that raised an additional $1,822 - a picnic and coin collection, a cook-off featuring the delicious specialties of employees, and a dog and cat photo contest. Overall, ESH employees raised over $9,500 to national and local charities through the State Employees' Community Campaign.

New Employees
Jackie Foster, Housekeeping
Kyle Gross, Housekeeping
Tiffany Spidell, Housekeeping Director
Melinda Johnson, Nursing Service
Terry Oxford, Nursing Service
Troy Dickerson, Physical Plant
James Grant, Physical Plant
Nancy Terry, Lobby Receptionist
Jeffrey Duncan, Security

Goodbye Employees
Nursing Service
Favene Billa  Andrea Kissel  Ronald Roy, Physical Plant
David Mitchell  Chad McKinley
Cody Kitchens  Cathy Jo Henderson
Tatiyonia Holman