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McLeod Nurses Receive 2018 Palmetto Gold Award

A statewide nursing recognition program



First row, left to right: Andrea Atkins, Patricia Milligan, Jeanette Tindal, Renee Barry, Ashley Bell, Pamela Harris, Bridget Bryant, Regina Floyd, Peggy Manning; Second row, left to right: Kris Howell, Charity Gerald, Rocky Cagle, Lionel Rajotte, Teresa Bell, Dana Tyree

McLeod Health is honored to announce that fifteen McLeod Registered Nurses (RN) were selected to receive the 2018 Palmetto Gold Award. These nurses represent McLeod Regional Medical Center, McLeod Health Darlington, McLeod Health Dillon, McLeod Health Loris and McLeod Health Seacoast. They join the ranks of the **167 previous McLeod Nurses** who have received this outstanding award.

The fifteen nurses from McLeod Health who received the 2018 Palmetto Gold recognition include: Andrea Atkins, Renee Barry, Ashley Bell, Teresa Bell, Bridget Bryant, Rocky Cagle, Regina Floyd, Charity Gerald, Pamela Harris, Kris Howell, Peggy Manning, Patricia Milligan, Lionel Rajotte, Jeanette Tindal, and Dana Tyree.

The Palmetto Gold Award was created by various nursing organizations throughout South Carolina as a platform to recognize nursing and support nursing education with scholarship funds.

Each year, employers from a wide variety of South Carolina health care settings nominate outstanding nurses from their

organizations to be considered as one of the 100 nurses honored with this prestigious award. The nominators are asked to provide evidence of how the nominee demonstrated excellence to the profession by addressing the following criteria: promoting and advancing the profession of nursing; displaying caring and commitment to patients, families, and colleagues and demonstrating leadership by assisting others to grow and develop.

To select the recipients, a team of six nurses from across the state participate in a blind review process. The nominees are not referred to by name or place of employment on the nomination sections seen by the judges.

The recipients of the 2018 Palmetto Gold Award will be recognized at the Palmetto Gold Gala on April 21 in Columbia. To support the future of nursing, the proceeds from the Palmetto Gold Gala are used to provide scholarships to each of the 23 approved registered nursing programs in South Carolina.

Isgett Recognized as a Recipient of the 2018 Mary Dean Brewer Women of Distinction Award



Donna Isgett, at right, is pictured with Jeannette Glenn, a member of the McLeod Health Board of Trustees, who previously received the Mary Dean Brewer Women of Distinction Award.

Donna Isgett, MSN, Senior Vice President of Corporate Quality and Safety for McLeod Health, received the 2018 Mary Dean Brewer Women of Distinction Award on March 10 during the Girl Scouts of Eastern Carolina's annual gala. Isgett was honored with Lori Beatty, Dr. Lesley Kirby, Christine Osbourne and Ruth Ann Wilson.

The Mary Dean Brewer Women of Distinction Award is given to recognize women living and working in the eastern South Carolina area who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their personal and professional endeavors.

Isgett has served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Quality & Safety since February of 2010. She is currently also serving as the interim Senior Vice President for McLeod Physician Associates.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Isgett received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Georgia State University and her Master's Degree in Nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina in

Charleston. She also completed a Master's in Business Administration at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

Her leadership skills have been evident during the past 20 years with McLeod as numerous distinctions, awards and recognitions have acknowledged McLeod as a model in health care performance due to her efforts to develop quality and safety initiatives. This recognition has included McLeod Regional Medical Center receiving the 2010 American Hospital Association-McKesson Quest for Quality Prize™, which is awarded annually to one hospital in the country for leadership and innovation in quality, safety, and a commitment to patient care. McLeod is also the first and only hospital in South Carolina to receive this prestigious honor since the inception of the national Quest for Quality Prize in 2002.

Isgett serves as Co-Chair of the McLeod Health Quality Operations Committee and as a member of the McLeod Regional Medical Center Community Board. In 2015, she was elected to the Coker College Board of Trustees. Isgett served as founding co-chair for the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) Re-engineering Committee and is a member of the Board of Trustees for SCHA. In 2011, she was one of two South Carolina healthcare leaders appointed to the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Executive Quality Leader Network. She also served as the co-chairperson for the 2005 Institute for Healthcare Improvement's National Forum.

Isgett has personally been honored by receiving the Milliken Medal of Quality Award from the South Carolina Quality Forum, the Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Award from the South Carolina Hospital Association, the Tribute to Women of Influence award and the She Magazine Extraordinary Women's Healthcare Award. She is also a 2011 Liberty Fellow with the Aspen Global Institute.

Camp Jessie's Kids Scheduled for Saturday, April 28



Camp Jessie's Kids, a day camp for children who have suffered the loss of someone they care deeply about (for example, a special family member, relative or friend) or for those who have someone in their family who is very sick at this time, will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The camp is open to children ages four through 14. Parents or guardians are asked to accompany children who are four to six years old.

Camp Jessie's Kids is held to help children learn about grief and understand their feelings; to learn ways to cope with feelings of loss and concern when someone is sick; to talk with other children who are going through similar experiences; and to meet new friends and enjoy a day of fun activities.

The camp is staffed by professionals and trained volunteers who understand the importance of a child's feelings and the grief experience.

Camp Jessie's Kids is free. The camp is funded by generous gifts to the McLeod Health Foundation and donations from local businesses and individuals in the community.

Registration for the camp is required. To register for the camp or for more information, please call Jessie Tanner with McLeod Hospice at (843) 777-2007. The deadline for registration is April 20.

Shaw Air Force Base Family Nurse Advocacy Program Members Visit McLeod Health Clarendon



Debi Love-Ballard, Director of Women's and Infant Services at McLeod Health Clarendon, demonstrates the use of wearable blankets while explaining the importance of safe sleep.

Representatives from the Shaw Air Force Base Family Nurse Advocacy Program recently toured McLeod Health Clarendon and McLeod Women's Care Clarendon to learn about women's and infant services offered.

During the tour, McLeod Health Clarendon physicians and staff members highlighted services unique to the hospital, including midwifery, Centering, nitrous oxide availability during labor, breastfeeding support, and more.

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McLeod Nurse Receives DAISY Nursing Award



McLeod Regional Medical Center's March DAISY Award recipient Cheryl Wilhelm, RN, is pictured with Kay Slice, who nominated Cheryl for the care she provided to her husband.

McLeod Registered Nurse Cheryl Wilhelm was named the March DAISY Award Recipient for McLeod Regional Medical Center on March 26, 2018. Wilhelm, a staff nurse for McLeod Hospice, received four different nominations from family members of patients she had cared for over the last six months.

To recognize those Nurses at McLeod Regional Medical Center who are true examples of Nursing Excellence, patients, family members and co-workers may nominate nurses for the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

In one nomination form, a family member wrote, "Cheryl is a phenomenal Hospice Nurse. She truly cares about all of her patients and always goes the extra mile. She treats her patients as a member of her family, with the kindness and compassion that they need."

Kay Slice, who nominated Wilhelm for the care she provided to her husband said, "We didn't know what to expect when my husband was brought to the McLeod Hospice House. Fortunately, Cheryl was there for us, answering all of our questions. Cheryl is so special to my family. We are grateful for the care she gave my husband during his last days."

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, California, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique way of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Nurses may be nominated for their strong clinical skills and the compassionate care they provide. Nomination forms are available on each nursing unit at McLeod Regional Medical Center or by clicking [here](#).

McLeod Health Dillon Radiology Team Presents to Auxiliary



Tommy Moody, Director of Radiology at McLeod Health Dillon, at right, and Matt Matthews, MRI Technologist, at left, recently presented to the McLeod Health Dillon Auxiliary on Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), which consists of capturing images of major blood vessels throughout the body. Both technologies are available at McLeod Health Dillon.

Child Life Program Brings Comfort with Care to McLeod Children's Hospital



Hospital experiences can be extremely stressful and frightening to children and their families. The interruption of their normal routine, medical procedures, and family separation all have the potential to interfere with a child's response to medical treatment.

In an effort to help our pediatric patients, ages 18 and under, have the best possible experience, McLeod Children's Hospital offers the Child Life Program, which seeks to establish trust and provide children and their families a positive, informative and comfortable hospital stay.

An integral part of this program is the Child Life Specialist, who is specially trained and specifically certified to create an individualized treatment plan based on an assessment of the child's development, temperament, and coping style.

"Child Life Specialists help patients cope with trauma and/or hospitalization, provide normalization techniques, and advocate for patients, families and nurses," says Olivia Whatley, McLeod Children's Hospital Certified Child Life Specialist. "This involves explaining procedures by focusing on the child's senses – what they may see, hear, smell, taste, or touch with regard to their medical treatment.

"Another component is normalization techniques, which simply means bringing things into the patient's room that they would normally see outside of the hospital," continues Whatley. "This is where Medical Play Therapy plays a special role."

Medical Play Therapy allows children to play with medical equipment in a non-threatening manner and understand what treatments they are undergoing. One of the most important aspects of the Child Life Program is the opportunity for play. The Child Life Activity Center provides age-appropriate activities for young patients to learn and be creative while in a home-like environment. This play time encourages the use of motor skills, which is particularly beneficial for orthopedic patients.

"One of my favorite aspects of being a Child Life Specialist is advocating for patients, families, and nurses," says Whatley. "I have a unique opportunity to advocate for the needs, wants, fears and privacy of our patients while also collaborating with their families and nurses to ensure a positive experience for everyone."



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McLeod Sports Medicine Awards Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarships



McLeod Sports Medicine and Sally Kier, mother of Geoffrey Kier, presented the McLeod Sports Medicine Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarships to student athletes on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Pictured left to right: Angel Knight, McLeod Sports Medicine Certified Athletic Trainer; Sally Kier, Mother of Geoffrey Kier; Katherine Brown, scholarship winner; Baker Garland, scholarship winner; and Brian Pettis, McLeod Sports Medicine Certified Athletic Trainer.

McLeod Sports Medicine presented the Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarships to three local athletes. The scholarship recipients were recognized at the annual McLeod Sports Medicine Scholarship Run Walk held Saturday, March 17, 2018. The athletes receiving the scholarships are: Katherine Brown, Caroline Falcone, and Baker Garland.

Katherine Brown is the daughter of Craig and Kay Brown. She attends Florence Christian School where she participates in volleyball and basketball. She plans to enroll at Charleston Southern University and major in Nursing.

Caroline Falcone is the daughter of Brian and Mary Falcone. She attends West Florence High School where she participates in track and field and cross country. She plans to enroll at the University of Georgia and major in Bio-Medical Sciences. She will then pursue a career as an Occupational Therapist.

Baker Garland is the daughter of Ken and Cathryn Garland. She attends Wilson High School and participates in soccer and tennis. She plans to enroll at the College of Charleston and major in Exercise Science and German. After which, she will continue to a graduate level education and pursue a career in Physical Therapy and Athletic Training.

Sponsored by McLeod Sports Medicine, the Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarship recognizes student athletes who personify excellence. The athletes chosen exhibit excellence in academics, athletics, and also possess strong leadership skills. The scholarship is awarded annually to college-bound high school seniors. The athletes are selected from participating area public and private high schools.

For more information on McLeod Sports Medicine or the Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarship, please visit www.McLeodSportsMedicine.org or call 843-777-8167.

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