Jackie Lee Houston Shining Stars February 2014

This program rewards individuals that go above and beyond their job responsibilities in exemplifying one of the five supporting commitments. These commitments are Safety, Clinical Excellence, Courtesy & Caring, Healing Environment and Efficiency.

CLINICAL & PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO: Darlene Dierkes, Michael Donlon, Sara Grunow, Andrea Preciado and Robert Hambly
RECOGNIZED BY: Marites Pascual

SITUATION/TASK : The PeriOp 101 students had been in Classroom B in the Wright Building. A person notified Michael there was someone slumped over in their car and not responding, outside of the Wright Building. Michael notified Darlene, and the class went outside to assess the situation.

ACTION: Robert, Andrea, Michael, Sara, and Darlene pulled the man out of the car and immediately started CPR on the man. They comforted the wife during the event while they waited for the paramedics to arrive.

RESULT: The wife was comforted during the event and reassured EMC employees are there to help. The man was taken directly to the Emergency Dept. Due to these individual's quick action they were able to save the man's life.

HEALING ENVIRONMENT

AWARDED TO: Gerald F. Park
RECOGNIZED BY: Tina Wallum

SITUATION/TASK:
Jerry Park, RN, BSN, attended a presentation on "Improving the End of Life Experience in Critical Care" at a Magnet Conference in Los Angeles. The focus of this presentation was on improving the experience for patients and families throughout the dying process in critical care. Jerry presented an idea from this conference, to have a symbol outside the rooms of dying patients, in order to provide a visual queue for all staff. The purpose is to offer a sensitive and peaceful environment for patients and family members. Jerry worked with the ICU Shared Governance Council, on designing a flower representing end of life and "A Gentle Good-bye".

The purple flower from our comfort packets was chosen for the laminates that are posted on the door outside these rooms. The program has been well received by all members of the healthcare team in ICU and was also presented to the nursing Professional Practice Council for approval and adoption throughout the organization.

Thank you Jerry, for your sensitivity and contributions to a healing environment for our patients and families, at the end of life.

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