



Associates' NEWS

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Census for Oct. 28, 2009: **284**

Month-to-Date Admissions 2009: **1341**

**Thursday
Oct. 29, 2009**

Census for Oct. 28, 2008: **283**

Month-to-Date Admissions 2008: **1271**

The Holy Cross Difference

Holy Cross Cafeteria Expands its GREEN Initiative

The Holy Cross Cafeteria is expanding its Green Initiative in November. The cafeteria will now offer bottled soft drinks in the vending areas only. A full line of fountain soft drinks will still be available, as well as bottled Snapple, Gatorade, water and assorted juices.

The hospital Green Team members include a cross-section of departments involved in all aspects of products and processes that affect our level of biodegradable waste and energy efficiency. This initiative is spearheaded by our Sisters of Mercy and has been instrumental in supporting past changes that have resulted in hospital wide savings while doing our part to be earth "friendly."

Plastic beverage bottles can take up to 100 years to break down in landfills. While these products will still be available for purchase in the vending areas at the same price as currently offered in the cafeteria, we want to continue to support our GREEN Team efforts.

ASSOCIATE OPEN FORUMS

All Associates are invited to participate in an Associate Open Forum session hosted by our President & CEO John Johnson.

All sessions will be held in the Auditorium for ½ hour as follows:

Tuesday, November 3rd: 7:45 am

Tuesday, November 3rd: 9:30 am

Tuesday, November 3rd: 2:30 pm

(Volunteers Session)

Friday, November 6th: 6:30 am

Tuesday, November 10th: 5:00 pm

Tuesday, November 17th: 11:00 am

Tuesday, November 17th: 1:30 pm

Tuesday, November 17th: 3:30 pm



Holy Cross Physician Participates in Women in Ministry International Conference in Bahamas.

Jennifer Harper, MD, FACOG, was a presenter in the Women Ministry International, a conference for Wisdom Women Worldwide in Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas. She discussed how women have to stay alive. The health topics included cardiac disease, breast and cervical cancer, fibroids and abnormal bleeding.



A special blessing and dedication was held at the Holy Cross Wound Care Advantage last week. Staff members were led in a reflection, which was then followed by the special blessing by Father James Nero.

The staff at the Holy Cross Wound Care Advantage specializes in all types of wounds. The program includes thorough testing and a complete wound care treatment program.

Holy Happenings

A member of Catholic Health East, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy

2010 Benefits Enrollment is scheduled for November 2nd - 14th!

Simply follow the instructions below

- ✓ Carefully review *2010 Benefits Summary Guide* and all other benefit information delivered to you by your Director.
- ✓ Self Enrollment for Core Benefits can be accessed from any PC within the Holy Cross Network (HC Desktop, kiosk, or Learning Center PC)
 - Open HCAP. You will then see the icon called *Employee Self Service*.
 - Information for log ons and passwords is available on the initial log on page. If you are unsure of your password, please use the reset password option to help you access the system.
 - Once you are logged on, go to Benefits on your Navigation Bar then Benefits Enrollment. The system will then walk you through your enrollment. A tutorial is available under HC Tutorials if you need further assistance. Please be sure to print your confirmation for future reference.
 - Although we will not have enrollers available in SICCC this year, HR representatives will be available in Room A, SICCC to help you access Employee Self Service:
 - Monday – Friday: 7:00am-5:00pm
 - Saturday: 8:00am-1:00pm
- ✓ Voluntary Benefits will be enrolled via phone. After reviewing your voluntary options, call 866-766-4840 to enroll in your benefits. Additional information about the voluntary benefits will be mailed to your house.
- ✓ And don't forget to complete your 2009 Health Risk Assessment in order to be considered for a \$200 American Express Gift Certificate raffle (directions in your benefits package).

SAVE THE DATE

October 30th

Ya Ya Sisterhood Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Raffle Basket
2:00pm
Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center, Atrium, 2nd Floor.

November 12th

Compassionate Dining to benefit the Sister Catherine McAuley fund.
Boston Market
1781 East Commercial, Ft Lauderdale
3pm - 10 pm
A ticket must be presented for us to receive credit

November 19th

The Foreclosure Assistance Program will provide relief to those on the verge of losing their homes. For more information and location:

Christ Church United Methodist
4845 NE 25th Ave.
Fort Lauderdale
954.771.7000



The Holy Cross Steppers Walked to Fight Diabetes!

The Holy Cross Steppers hit the pavement for a good cause this past weekend. They had a great time participating in the Fort Lauderdale Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes.

The team has raised \$4,260 and is still collecting funds through next month for this great cause. If you wish to help, please go to <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/holycross> to make your contribution online.

November is American Diabetes Month. 23.6 million American children and adults live with diabetes—including type 1 and type 2.

Associates' Press

The Associates' Press is published every Thursday. For submissions or comments, please e-mail Lidia Amoretti, lidia.amoretti@holy-cross.com.

Cafeteria Grill Services

Grill services have temporarily changed to Tuesdays to Thursdays and weekends. Any concerns or comments, please call extension 5711.