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If winning isn't everything—why do they keep score?

Vince Lombardi

WRH Sweeps Ontario Hospital Association Conference

Windsor Regional Hospital made a terrific showing at the recent OHA conference. Three awards presented to our organization included:

Green Health Care Award for initiatives in the area of pollution prevention including the recycling program, move toward a mercury free lab, reduction of air pollution emissions and water conservation.

Best Practice - for the Surgical Safari program. Surgical Safari is a pre-operative tour conducted by Child Life Specialists intended to reduce the anxiety of children undergoing surgery. The tour allows children and their families to prepare for and become more familiar with the hospital environment.

Healthy Hospital Innovators Award - Given by the National Quality Institute, the purpose of this award is to recognize OHA member organizations for their commitment to implementing a comprehensive and strategic approach to the development and sustainability of a healthy workplace. WRH has now earned a Level II award. This achievement also serves to recognize healthcare organizations that demonstrate their willingness to participate in the transfer of knowledge regarding their program successes and challenges.

Ron Foster Named Communicator of the Year by the OHA

In addition to our organization winning awards, our own **Ron Foster** was named *Communicator of the Year* at the 2007 OHA Conference. To be eligible, one must be a member of the communications staff of OHA's member hospitals. Winners demonstrate outstanding work in the field of health care communication, for the betterment of health care in Ontario as well as a commitment to excellence in communications and involvement in external networks, associations or professional affiliations. Hilary Short, President of the OHA, in presenting the award said "*You are the ambassadors of the health care system, sharing our greatest successes and advocating tirelessly on behalf of our hospitals and patients. The individual we are honouring today exemplifies the best qualities of a great communicator*". In accepting the award, Mr. Foster indicated that winning the award was unexpected but graciously accepted on behalf his team.

Influenza Vaccination Clinics Continue

There is still time to get your flu shot—for dates and times contact Krista Miller at Ext. 75160. In addition, the Windsor and Essex County Infection Control and Prevention committee is holding a draw for those who work in health care agencies. Proof of having received the shot is required to claim the prize. Ballots will be available on the WRH Intranet or by contacting Infection Control.

In Honour of the Ones We Love continues support of Peads Program

In Honour of the Ones We Love, a local organization devoted to supporting children in our community will be sponsoring Holiday Trees at the Met and Western Campuses. Ornaments can be purchased in honour, in memory, or in appreciation of a loved one and hung on one of the trees. Watch for volunteers selling ornaments in our lobbies. All proceeds support Paediatric Outpatient Services.

Did you know? Cafeteria Convenience Cards are available for use at Met/Western cafeterias. These can be used in lieu of cash and the balance is deducted from your pay. For more info, call Karen Wills at Ext. 52752.

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