COMMUNITY CANCER CENTER NORTH: NOW OPEN! • • • The first patients have now walked through the doors and are receiving care at the brand-new Community Cancer Center North. The three-story, 104,000-square-foot facility officially opened for business April 3 and provides medical, radiation and surgical oncology services. It’s a patient-centered, healing environment designed to maximize comfort and conveniences for guests, and its integrative healthcare model blends state-of-the-art medical services with such complementary features as support groups, physical therapy, art therapy, music therapy, tai chi and massage. You can check out the facility on Saturday, April 22, at a public open house that runs from 9 a.m. to noon. The event begins with a ribbon cutting and remarks, and guided tours will be available.
REFER AN EXPERIENCED RN, COLLECT UP TO $2,000

The Community team is in need of experienced RNs, and if you know one who would make a great addition to the team, it would be worth your while to help bring that nurse onboard. Community’s employee referral bonus program is still in effect, and from now until the end of May, there’s an enhanced reward for helping us grow our experienced nursing team. Refer a nurse with at least two years of experience, or a nurse practitioner or physician assistant, and you could take home a referral bonus of up to $2,000. There are bonuses of up to $1,000 for referring nurses with less experience, as well as ultrasound techs, and bonuses of up to $500 for referring new team members for a long list of other high-demand roles. Want to learn more about who is eligible to receive a referral bonus, plus the eligible roles and locations for which we’re hiring? Just click on the link below.

GET YOUR WELLNESS SCREENING, EARN EASY POINTS

Free wellness screenings are now available, and they’re the fastest and easiest way to earn points that can turn into dollars for you to spend on healthcare next year. You earn 100 points just for completing the screening, and as many as 400 more depending on how many of your screening results land within the healthy range. Remember, to earn the maximum reward of $750 deposited into your health savings account or health reimbursement account for 2018, you need to earn a thousand points by the end of September. Free wellness screenings are available through the end of June. To register, log in to the MyWellness portal at the link below, click on “Upcoming Events,” and find the screening appointment that works best for you.

PATIENT STORY FROM THE ALL-TEAM EXPERIENCE GOES NATIONAL

If you were among the more than 12,000 Community team members who attended the All-Team Experience last November, you remember the story of Bruce Richardson. He’s the heart attack patient who beat incredibly long odds, survived to see the birth of his grandchild, and shared his miraculous story onstage at Community’s event. Now, his story is going national. Recently, a production crew from “The 700 Club,” which airs each weekday on the Christian Broadcasting Network, spent some time at Community South to chronicle Bruce’s amazing story. “The 700 Club” can be seen in 96 percent of all U.S. households, is viewed by about a million people each day, and is hoping to air the story later this month. Stay tuned for viewing details!
DOCTORS’ DAY: IT’S MORE THAN JUST A DAY • • • Community marked the annual Doctors’ Day observance in lots of ways, from countless personal “thank you” messages to social media posts. In fact, we heard so many stories of exceptional doctors that we couldn’t fit them all into a single day. Even after Doctors’ Day, we’ve continued to share stories on social media, and we hope to add to the list at least once a month. To check out the latest Doctors’ Day stories, please click on the link below.

“NURSES AMONG US” • • • Barbara Schrader, R.N., a nurse with Community Heart and Vascular Care, recently was named a recipient of the “Nurses Among Us” honor. The award recognizes Central Indiana nurses who are excelling in their fields. The spouse of a patient nominated Schrader, citing her hard work, dedication and compassion for her patients, and Schrader will be featured on WRTV-TV. Schrader practices at Community Anderson, Community Heart and Vascular Hospital and on the East campus. Her interview with Channel 6 will be edited into a 30-second promo that will run toward the end of April.

LAUNCHING SOON: PATIENT AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCILS • • • In partnership with the North region and the cardiovascular product line, the Office of Patient Experience is launching Patient and Family Advisory Councils. The councils are to launch in May and then spread to other regions and product lines. A Patient and Family Advisory Council is an organized collaboration between patients, families and Community team members. The goals of the councils include enhancing the patient and family experience as well as the quality and safety of care. The councils aim to improve communication and collaboration between caregivers, patients and family members, helping to ensure care is patient- and family-centered. And input from the councils will help guide network priorities and planning. We’re presently seeking potential council members who can bring a positive approach and the ability to share and see many different points of view. Candidates should have good listening skills; enthusiasm for Community’s promise of exceptional care, simply delivered; the ability to share both positive and negative experiences in a constructive way; and the ability to communicate and work with others whose backgrounds, experiences and styles may vary. If you know of a patient or family member who fits the bill, please have the potential candidate call 317-621-7001 or visit eCommunity.com/patientexperience and click on “Learn More & Apply” under “Patient & Family Advisory Council.”
REACHING OUT TO SENIORS • • • Community recently connected with more than 50,000 seniors with the latest issue of *Simply Good Health*, a consumer-focused marketing outreach aimed at readers in their 50s and beyond. The 12-page magazine is distributed by mail three times a year, and features helpful information aimed at the health needs of seniors, along with details about Community services and facilities targeted at meeting those needs. It also includes listings of senior-focused events planned by Community Touchpoint, Community Anderson and Community Howard Regional Health.

HAVE HOPE RETURNS TO WTHR HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO • • • Community’s partnership with WTHR-TV Channel 13 enters its second year of raising awareness about suicide in Indiana and helping more Hoosiers get the help they need. A 400-square-foot booth space at the WTHR Health and Fitness Expo on April 22 and 23 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds will feature support from our behavioral health and primary care teams, as well as interactive displays to help more parents and youth find hope. Funded in part by donations and grants to Community Health Network Foundation, the Have Hope effort complements Community’s HaveHope.com, an online suicide-prevention resource for teenagers, parents and educators. Click on the link below to learn more about the WTHR Health and Fitness Expo, and visit HaveHope.com to learn the warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide.

OUR SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES IN THE SPOTLIGHT • • • The second annual Community Health Network Multidisciplinary Scholarly Activity Symposium is just around the corner, and you’re invited to the showcase of our organization’s scholarly works. The event features brief oral presentations and poster presentations by medical, nursing, pharmacy and allied health team members, and it includes lunch. Chad Priest, R.N., J.D., will give a keynote presentation titled “The Healthcare Professionals of the Future,” and another keynote titled “Addressing the Healthcare Worker Coalition for Migrants and Refugees” will spotlight Ileana Ponce-Gonzalez, M.D., MPH, CNC. The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 19, at the University of Indianapolis’ Schwitzer Student Center. Register by logging into MySuccess Center and searching for course number 45672.
PUTTING THE SPOTLIGHT ON ATHLETIC TRAINERS • • • March was National Athletic Trainer Month and Community’s team of certified athletic trainers (ATCs) were active at our partner middle and high schools, as well as supporting the professional athletes of the Indy Fuel and Indy Eleven at practices and games, just like they do all year. Our ATCs also presented the Athletes Saving Athletes program at Franklin College. In that program, 25 area partner high school students and 25 Franklin College students were trained in recognizing signs and symptoms in six core areas: concussion, head and neck injuries, sudden cardiac arrest, heat illness, diabetes and asthma.

REACHING HIP AND KNEE PAIN PATIENTS • • • Community’s Center for Joint Health, a dedicated unit for hip and knee joint replacement patients, is hosting a hip and knee pain dinner seminar on Thursday, April 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Orthopedic surgeon Sakkapol “Zach” Ongwijitwat, M.D., will present information to address available hip and knee joint pain and treatment options, including joint replacement surgery. Registration is required at eCommunity.com/jointcenter or 800-777-7775.

CATH LAB UP AND RUNNING • • • Employees, providers and the public turned out to tour the newly remodeled catheterization lab at Community South. The updated lab affords patients access to minimally invasive techniques available to diagnose and treat heart conditions, including heart failure, coronary artery disease and peripheral arterial disease. The remodeled cath lab is 600 square feet with state-of-the-art equipment, including the Philips AlluraClarity FD20 technology. The minimally invasive system allows physicians to complete a variety of diagnostic and interventional procedures faster, resulting in quicker recovery time and reduced radiation doses. Physicians can capture and view detailed 2D and 3D images of the patient’s heart, arteries and blood vessels for a faster and more accurate diagnosis and treatment of cardiac diseases.

Sakkapol “Zach” Ongwijitwat, M.D.