IT’S MAY, which means it’s time to celebrate the Community caregiver experience with our winning teams! Healthcare Team Week is next week, and it’ll be a week full of special activities, meals and deals.

To help you plan your Healthcare Team Week experience, we’ll be providing a schedule of events each day—watch your email for links to the daily online celebration booklet, and keep an eye on inComm for updates in your area.

Here’s some of what to be on the lookout for…

A MEAL WITH THE COMMUNITY TEAM
Grab a lunch, dinner or midnight meal and enjoy great company.

BLOG YOUR GRATITUDE
Post your thanks for a fellow employee.

THEMES WITH TEAMS
Many Community places are celebrating with special themed days.

A WEEK OF DEALS
Enjoy discounts from various Community retailers, from our cafés and coffee shops to our gift shops.

BE SURPRISED BY A PRIZE
It wouldn’t be Healthcare Team Week without contests and prize drawings.

REFRESHING TREATS
It’s snack time at a variety of Community sites during Healthcare Team Week.

A CHANCE TO LEARN AND GROW
Watch for opportunities to learn more about our support for your educational development.

ADD TO THE COMMUNITY
Find out how inviting a friend to our team can make everyone a winner.
COMMUNITY EARN GRANT TO HELP ADDICTED MOMS AND THEIR BABIES  

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb visited Community East recently to announce that Community Health Network has been awarded a $570,516 grant to further our work in addressing maternal opioid use disorder and neonatal abstinence syndrome. Community already has been a pioneer at helping pregnant women battle addiction issues, providing them with compassionate treatment and offering advanced care for their newborns who have been exposed to addictive substances. Our program has already served 67 pregnant patients at Community East have who have signed up for medication-assisted treatment for drug addiction. Of those who tested positive for drugs prenatally, half tested drug-free by the time they delivered their babies (and we feel that our success rate is even greater than the statistics suggest, because those on medication-assisted treatment still test positive as a result of the treatment). For those babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome, our team has both made them more comfortable and reduced their average hospital stay from 26 days last year to 19 days this year. The new state grant funding will help to expand Community’s program. With this boost from the state, Community is developing a Maternal and Neonatal Center of Excellence for the Treatment of Drug Use. Beyond caring for moms and babies, Community will be enhancing data collection and analysis to help identify best practices that others can adopt.

ALL-TEAM EXPERIENCE: REGISTRATION IS UNDER WAY  

Leaders across Community are busy registering their teams for next month’s All-Team Experience, a celebration of the people, accomplishments and culture that make Community exceptional. There are six identical sessions of the All-Team Experience on June 12, 13 and 14, and everyone who wears a Community badge is invited to attend. Managers are in charge of scheduling those on their team, so we’re able to maintain patient care while ensuring everyone has the opportunity to attend. If you have questions or want to learn when you can be part of the All-Team Experience, please ask your leader.

A VIDEO UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY NURSES  

Be sure to catch the latest episode of “Rounds and Grounds,” the video program featuring Community’s chief nursing officer, Jean Putnam, RN. It’s a quick conversation, timed to fit your busy day. Topics this time include National Nurses Week and a nursing perspective on the upcoming All-Team Experience. To view the video, please click on the link below the page.
CHVH TO GET AN EXTERIOR UPGRADE • • • A plan has been approved to make improvements to the exterior of Community Heart and Vascular Hospital. These improvements will include front enhancements, painting the entire building, installing new lighting and upgrading the landscaping. The project will have a color scheme similar to Community Cancer Center North. The start and completion dates for the project have not yet been determined.

EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGNS BEGIN • • • Community’s foundations are in the midst of this year’s employee giving campaigns. Our foundations provide support for patients and caregivers alike, helping us to further our mission of enhancing health and well-being and creating exceptional patient and caregiver experiences. Community’s Culture of Giving shines regularly in many ways—including generous support for our foundations, for United Way campaigns in our communities, and for Serve360° volunteer projects. Please consider being a part of our Culture of Giving—just click on the link below to learn how. And watch your email for news about the Employee Giving Campaign in your area.

COMMUNITY, UINDY CREATE A COMMUNITY GARDEN • • • Community and the University of Indianapolis recently collaborated to create the University Heights Community Garden, located on the university campus. The garden will soon supply fresh vegetables to local residents, part of our work with UIndy to provide health-and-wellness opportunities to the Indianapolis south side. Volunteers last month cleaned the raised garden beds, spread mulch, glued the beds’ cement blocks, and planted seeds and plants. University students will manage the garden for the first year.
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DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT COLLECTS HUNDREDS OF POUNDS • • • The drug take-back event at Community Cancer Center North and Community Cancer Center South was a huge success. More than 700 pounds of drugs were collected in four hours one recent Saturday in April. The event, planned in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, was designed to keep families safe by getting expired and no-longer-needed medication out of homes. The goal is to help prevent accidental poisoning of young children or pets. Also, as the epidemic of prescription drug abuse grows, theft is becoming more common—including theft of medications as well as personal information on prescription bottles.

WOUND CARE SITE NAMED CENTER OF THE YEAR • • • The Advanced Wound Care Center East has been recognized as Center of the Year and Center for Distinction by Healogics, the nation’s largest provider of advanced wound care services. The Healogics network is made up of nearly 700 wound care centers in seven regions. Community was the recipient of the Center of the Year award for the south-central region. In order to qualify for Center of the Year, stringent quality measures must be met such as clinical healing outcomes, median days to heal and excellent patient satisfaction rates. Community’s Advanced Wound Care Center East achieved patient satisfaction higher than 92 percent, and a minimum wound healing rate of at least 91 percent within 30 median days to heal, earning it the Center for Distinction award. Community offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time. Advanced treatments include negative pressure wound therapy, bioengineered skin substitutes, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, biological and biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.

DR. WHITEMAN NAMED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTERIM MEDICAL DIRECTOR • • • Aaron Whiteman, DO, has been named interim medical director of Behavioral Health. He is taking over for Dr. Frank Covington, who will continue to serve as program director of the psychiatry residency. Dr. Whiteman has spent the last several years as an addiction psychiatrist with Midtown Community Mental Health Center Adult Addictions at Eskenazi Health. He also has been serving as an assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He has past experience as an adolescent unit medical director at Fairbanks Hospitals, where he also served as a staff psychiatrist/physician. He also previously worked as a psychiatrist and a physician/psychiatric consultant at various psychiatric practices, hospitals and in private practice.