GOOD CATCH!
RECOGNITION, REWARDS FOR EMPLOYEES WHO CALL OUT AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

At Princeton Health, the phrase good catch has nothing to do with football or fishing — it’s all about fostering a culture of safety.

The Good Catch program, an effective effort in past years at Princeton Health, was reimplemented in February by the Patient Safety Committee. Employees and providers are encouraged to report near misses — situations or events that could have, but ultimately did not, cause patient harm. The safety committee then studies each report for potential lessons to promote patient and staff safety.

“Each near miss is a learning opportunity,” said Tina Bloemer, director of patient safety, quality and risk. “Sharing the story of a near miss allows us to identify and mitigate potential harm. It enables us to design highly reliable clinical and operational processes to prevent similar events in the future.”

The near miss can be a broad issue — catching mislabeled IV bags or medications, for instance — or a situation or event related to the treatment of an individual patient.

Most Princeton Health staff members can report a near miss through Midas. (Home Health and Hospice staff members use Safety Net.)

Visit the Princeton Intranet homepage and click Safety Event Report (MIDAS). Then select the event category from the list below:

The Patient Safety Committee evaluates and scores each report based on timeliness and the:
• Impact on safety in the workplace or patient care.
• Potential severity.
• Opportunity for education on lessons learned.

The committee uses the reviews to select Good Catch Award winners. Each month, the committee will select one winner whose submission was determined to have the greatest potential impact on patient or staff safety to receive a $100 cash prize.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD CATCH AWARD WINNERS IN FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL:

Rise and Remember — Together in Unity, 1 Year Later

Penn Medicine Princeton Health employees gathered in the Healing Garden outside Princeton Medical Center on May 26 to mark the one-year anniversary of the death of George Floyd. The Rise and Remember event was hosted by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Religious Ministries Department.

Speakers included CEO James Demetriades, who reinforced Princeton Health’s commitment to equity and inclusion and promoted the culture of antiracism within Penn Medicine, and James Oliver, a transportation supervisor at Princeton House Behavioral Health, who read George Floyd’s biography.

Samuel Yenn-Batah, manager of pastoral care and a talented saxophonist, offered messages of hope and encouragement as he performed A Change is Gonna Come and Let There be Peace on Earth.

A video recap of the event can be viewed at https://vimeo.com/558734319/3ef60bb19e.
**FAMILY YOGA**

**at Princeton Medical Center**

Join us for a mid-summer, open-air yoga class July 28 at Princeton Medical Center (PMC). The class, led by our resident yoga and Community Wellness staffer Ria Benevento, will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the shady Healing Garden outside PMC.

All participants should bring a yoga mat, a bottle of water, and any yoga skill they may have. (Note: No skill or experience required.)


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**LIFE POST-COVID: RECOVERY & SUPPORT SERIES**

Many individuals who recovered from COVID-19 infection are finding that the battle is far from over, as they deal with lingering respiratory effects, fatigue, emotional issues, or damage to their voices. To help people on that journey, Princeton Health will launch a four-session, virtual series featuring professionals across the healthcare system and partners in the community.

The series — moderated by Amy Heffern, a speech pathologist with Princeton Health Community Wellness and Engagement — will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on July 13, 15, 20, and 22. To learn more or register, visit www.PrincetonHCS.org/calendar.

Session 1 will feature an overview of the program and an in-depth, interactive discussion on how to maximize respiratory function after COVID. In addition to Heffern, speakers will include Princeton Health professionals who are knowledgeable in respiratory issues related to COVID.

Session 2 will focus on vocal recovery, with speakers Susan Pattay, a speech pathologist with Princeton Health, and Dante Doganieri, a performer and voice teacher in the Princeton area.

Session 3 will feature an in-depth discussion with Ria Benevento, DPT, and Linda Lucuski, DPT, rehab manager of Princeton Rehabilitation in Hamilton, N.J., will lead the discussion. Finally, Session 4 will focus on the emotional after-effects of COVID, featuring Monique MacManus, an allied clinical therapist with Princeton House Behavioral Health.

The series is free. Individuals who recovered from COVID and their caregivers are encouraged to attend all four sessions, which will be accessible via computer or a mobile device.

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**#PenntoPan Recipes**

Princeton Health’s Penn-to-Pan initiative returned yet again in June to honor LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Each week in June, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee sent an email to all staff introducing inspirational chefs and sharing one of their unique recipes (see below). If you make one of the dishes, please snap a photo and use #PenntoPan on social media.

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