An out-of-state truck driver who wasn’t feeling well pulled into the emergency department (ED) parking lot at LVH–Hazleton. In her truck were her traveling companions, two puppies named Weezie and Baby. The night was cool, so she left the truck’s heat on to keep the pups comfortable while she went inside for care.

After the woman was admitted for treatment, she became increasingly concerned for the well-being of Weezie and Baby. Nominator Stephen Palmieri, Director of Safety, Security and Nutritional Services, was notified of the situation. He called in Jennifer Kaminsky, Therapy Program Director of the Gunderson Center of Inpatient Rehabilitation and resident “dog whisperer,” for assistance. Other colleagues also pitched in to help.

Director of Plant Operations Michael Kempchinsky and Heavy Machine Operator Steve Clark assisted with the truck and the pups. And with the patient’s permission, the dogs were let out for fresh air, food, water and relief. While Clark tended to the truck, Environmental Services colleague Duane Kline kindly volunteered to clean up the inside of the truck, which had been soiled while the pups awaited their owner.

Rehab Case Coordinator Lynn Koch offered to foster the dogs for the night after learning that colleagues were struggling to find overnight shelter for the pups. She even took them to a veterinarian for a manicure with the owner’s approval. Koch also gave the patient her telephone number so she could talk to the dogs from her hospital room. The next day, still more colleagues cared for the dogs until dinner time when a friend arrived to take them under his care.

“ITakes a village,” Palmieri says. “In this case, staff went above and beyond the call of duty to come together to care for some lovable pups.”

Please extend your congratulations to the following colleagues who also were nominees for the March Service Star:

Joan Carrelli, RN, Danielle Wiley, Jane Antinozzi, Theresa Palamar, RN, Rebekah Nenstiel, Megan Marinock, cardiology, psychiatry, orthopedics and podiatry, Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton

Colleagues came to the aid of a frantic woman whose husband was unwell and couldn’t get out of the car. Colleagues assessed the man, took a medical history from his wife and checked vital signs. They also called 911 and accompanied the wife to the hospital when she was unable to drive herself.

Marisel Mieses, RN, Lehigh Valley Home Care–Hazleton

Mieses performed CPR on a woman who collapsed while crossing the road with her 12-year-old daughter. Mieses instructed her son to call 911, then continued CPR with the help of a colleague. After learning the family didn’t have a car, Mieses drove the girl home and transported the family to the ED. When she followed up with the family later that evening she learned the sad news that the woman didn’t survive.

Karen Fuchs, RN, and Carly Feddock, RN, cardiology diagnostics, Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton

Fuchs and Feddock jumped into action to get emergency supplies to assist a patient who collapsed while exercising at the fitness center. They supported other colleagues also on scene by starting an IV, administering oxygen and putting a pulse oximeter in place.

Service Stars for March 2017

The following is the winning nomination story provided by Stephen Palmieri.
LVH–Pocono Acting President Elizabeth Wise Knows We Will Always Make the Right Decision If We…”

There are numerous words you can use to describe Elizabeth Wise. She’s a nurse and a leader. She’s a people-person, collaborator and go-getter. She’s a singer and sports fan. She’s a wife and daughter. And she’s Acting President of LVH–Pocono, a role she assumed when the hospital became part of LVHN in January. “I’m honored to serve in this role,” says Wise, who realized at a young age that a career in health care would fuel her passion for helping people.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Wise began her career as a bedside nurse and became a nurse manager. She soon discovered a desire to develop business acumen to blend with her clinical background. After earning master’s degrees in nursing and business administration from Rutgers University, Wise held leadership positions at health care systems throughout the nation. In 2014, she joined what is now LVH–Pocono as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer.

During her career, Wise learned the importance of building relationships and that teamwork breeds success. She hosted “Breaking Bread with Elizabeth” sessions where colleagues were invited to breakfast or lunch to discuss their challenges, accomplishments and questions. Today, she gets feedback from colleagues by rounding on units throughout the hospital and hosting Colleague Town Hall meetings.

Enjoy Springtime in New York City; Free Crayola Experience Admission for Nurses; Join the LVHN Golf League

Springtime in the City: New York on Your Own
June 17, 2017

Crayola Experience – Free offer for nurses
Throughout April, all nurses get in free, and additional tickets they buy cost only $9.99 (with valid ID) at Crayola Experience, 30 Center Square, Easton. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

LVHN colleagues can order online anytime and pay only $15.99 for entry. To order tickets, visit https://tickets.crayolaexperience.com/ and use store name LVHN.

LVHN Golf League
There are still openings for colleagues interested in joining the LVHN Golf League at Wedgewood Golf Course in Coopersburg, which begins play in April and continues through September.

The league is open to beginners as well as skilled golfers. A nominal annual membership fee covers an end-of-year picnic, prizes and awards. Members also pay a 9-hole greens fee at the golf course prior to each round.

Contact Chad Carver at golfgenes@gmail.com for more information.

For more information, go to the Recreational Activities page on LVH–Hazleton’s Intranet.
Leadership Rounds Continue

Here is next week’s rounding schedule.

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Welcome to New Director of Talent Acquisition

Joe Stewart will be joining Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) as our new Director of Talent Acquisition. Joe comes to LVHN from DoubleStar, Inc., a talent acquisition firm, where he was the Practice Director for Talent Technology Solutions.

Joe has had a successful career in talent acquisition, working in both a consulting role for international clients, and for Einstein Healthcare.

He will lead our talent acquisition team. His role is critical in maintaining the strength of our network as we seek to attract the best and brightest talent and continue to provide exceptional care for our patients. He is responsible for LVHN recruitment activities including the design, implementation and management of talent acquisition and workforce strategies to support network-wide staffing needs.

Joe has a background in HR technology to support talent acquisition and retention.

Health Center Providing Free Events for the Community

The Health Center at Mountain Top is celebrating its one year anniversary by hosting a week-long list of health screenings and programs for the community from April 3-7.

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For a list of these and other LVHN events, go to LVHN.org/calendar.