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Be curious not judgmental. **Walt Whitman**

March is Child Life Month

March is Child Life Month, the time of year dedicated to honoring Child Life Specialists and increasing awareness about their important work. Many may be unfamiliar with the term “Child Life Specialist,” but for thousands of families that benefit from Child Life Services, the impact of the profession is tremendous and unforgettable. Child Life professionals specialize in child development and adhere to a philosophy of family-centered care. Armed with professional skills and expertise, they work to ease the anxiety experienced by children and families undergoing challenging healthcare experiences and other life events. They prepare children for medical procedures by planning and practicing coping skills, and engaging children in play activities with therapeutic and diversionary objectives. Congratulations to WRH Child Life Specialists.

Trip of a Lifetime

Join Dr. Bachevie and Dr. Nwaesei for a 14-day trip to explore the Plains of Africa. The trip is scheduled from January 23-February 5, 2014 with a portion of each ticket going towards the NICU at Windsor Regional Hospital. Visit www.wrhonefoundation.ca for the complete trip itinerary. For more information contact Kathleen Warren at Allison’s Travel Agency at 519-258-5404, or kathleen.warren@allisonstravel.com.

2013 Human Touch Awards - Call for Nominations

The Human Touch Awards recognizes individuals for providing exemplary compassionate patient care in Ontario. All part-time and full-time health care professionals, providers and volunteers at either a Regional Cancer Centre, a Regional Renal Centre or as part of a Regional Cancer Program / Regional Renal Program are eligible. Congratulations to previous WRH winners of this prestigious award: Donna Danelon, Debbie Gammon, Jo-Anne McGuire, Tony Peters and Pam Lalonde. Contact Cathy Mombourquette at ext. 58774 for nomination forms. The deadline is March 18, 2013. Recipients will be honoured at a ceremony on April 25, 2013 in Toronto.

Save the Date—The Big Night

The Big Night in support of W-PEP will be held on April 19, 2013. The event will be held at the Ciociaro and tickets are \$100. For more info contact Mary Ann Roy at ext. 76970 or Danielle Ramsten at ext. 52656.

Did you know?

Donations of used magazines will be gratefully accepted by Volunteer Services at both campuses.

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Submissions can be made to gisele_seguin@wrhone.ca or by calling ext. 52008.