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TMH celebrates National Nurses Week May 6-12

(Warren, Ohio) — Nearly 3.1 million registered nurses work tirelessly every day to save lives and maintain the health of millions of individuals in America. To honor all that they do, Trumbull Memorial Hospital is joining in the celebration of National Nurses Week, May 6-12.

During the week, the 575 registered and licensed practical nurses at TMH will be recognized for the exemplary work they do and care they provide for patients of TMH. A variety of activities will be held on Thursday, May 6 as organized by the TMH Professional Practice Council.

Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as Nurses Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession.

TMH has a rich history of nursing dating back to when the hospital first opened as Warren City Hospital on October 27, 1907. At that time, the school of nursing opened its three-year program with the first class graduating in 1910. A total of 1,848 students graduated from what became the TMH School of Nursing until the last class in 1988.

In honor of this history, nurses' uniforms dating back to 1907 have been framed and will be on display on May 6 in the back of the cafeteria. After the event, the six uniforms will be showcased on various floors throughout TMH. The professional mounting of these historic garments was sponsored by various donors including: the AFSCME United Nurses of America Local 2026 ; the TMH Foundation; the TMH Professional Practice Council; the TMH School of Nursing Alumni Association; the TMH School of Nursing former faculty and staff and the TMH Women's Auxiliary;

“We are very proud of our past and this documentation of our history is truly a treasure,” according to Candy Smith, RN, TMH Chief Nursing Officer. “Our nursing staff takes great pride in the care we deliver here and in the profession of nursing. These uniforms serve as a reminder of those nurses who walked the hallways before us and we remain dedicated to our patients with the same commitment and dedication,” she added.

The first uniforms were worn from 1907-1926. The blue dress with white stripes was ankle length and had long sleeves with white cuffs. High-topped black shoes and black stockings were also worn. The cap was cuffed and conical in shape. This uniform along with the others depict its evolution as the rules of style relaxed and designs became more comfortable and practical. Along with the uniforms, historic nursing memorabilia will be displayed and yearbooks from the school of nursing.

Also on Nurses Day, 50 TMH nurses will be recognized for their outstanding service as part of the day's festivities. This select group was nominated by outstanding patient comments and from nursing schools and newly hired nurses who recognized outstanding mentors. Awards will be given at 1:30 p.m. in the back of the cafeteria.

National Nurses Week is one of the nation's largest health care events, recognizing the contributions and commitments nurses make and educating the public about the significant work they perform. TMH salutes the nurses who are central to its mission and dedicated to the patients of this community.

Nursing alumni are available for interviews. For more information, please contact Christine Ruggieri at 330-240-4838.

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Photos:



Photo 1 - This is the first uniform worn by students of the Warren City Hospital School of Nursing from 1907-1926. The blue dress with white stripes was ankle length and had long sleeves with white cuffs. It was worn with high-topped black shoes and black stockings. The cap was cuffed and conical in shape. Left – Candy Smith, RN, TMH Chief Nursing Officer is shown with Christine Ruggieri, TMH Director of Community Relations. The TMH Foundation provided the donation for the framing.



Photo 2 - Janet Richards, a current member of the Women's Auxiliary, is a graduate of the TMH School of Nursing and wore the uniform pictured while she was a student. The short-sleeved dress had a slim, darted waist with princess lines and was blue and white checked fabric. It was worn with white oxford-style shoes and white hose from 1951 through 1968. Diane Snelson, right, is current president of the TMH Women's Auxiliary. The Auxiliary provided the donation for the framing.