

## 2003 Prince Scholar & Sabbatical Approved Projects

### Scholar

**Kimberly Johnson, RN, BSN**

**Emergency Department**

**Kimberly Hunt, RN, BSN**

**Emergency Department**

Kimberly Johnson received a BSN from Loyola University and has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past 11 years. She is currently a family care coordinator in the Emergency Department. She is a certified emergency room nurse and maintains additional certifications in PALS, TNS, TNCC, ENPC and is an ACLS Instructor. Kim serves as the chairperson for the ED Nursing Practice Committee and serves on the Staffing & Scheduling and Recruitment & Retention Committees of the unit.

Kimberly Hunt received a BSN from Valparaiso University and has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past four years. She is also a family care coordinator in the Emergency Department. Kim maintains certifications in PALS, TNS, TNCC, ENPC, NRP and ACLS. She serves as the chairperson of the Recruitment & Retention committee in the Emergency Department and is a member of the Staffing 7 Scheduling Committee.

Kim and Kim will use their Prince Scholar award to attend and present at the 4<sup>th</sup> International US-Russian Nursing Conference, "Building Bridges for Collaboration between US & Russian Nurses" in St. Petersburg, Russia, this summer. The paper they will present is, "Pediatric Window Falls: Prevention and Utilization of the Trauma Triage Categorization." During the conference, they will visit a variety of health care and educational settings in Moscow and St. Petersburg. This multicultural learning experience will provide them with an opportunity to network with nurses from around the world.

**Jacqui Toia, RN, ND, CPNP**

**Hematology/Oncology**

**Janice Nuuhiwa, RN, MSN, CPON**

**Hematology/Oncology**

Jacqui Toia received a BSN from the College of St. Teresa in Winona, MN, a master's in nursing administration from DePaul University, and an MSN in maternal child nursing and a doctor of nursing from Rush University. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past 17 years. She is currently an oncology pediatric nurse practitioner. She is active on many hospital and unit level committees. She has written chapters in several well-known nursing oncology textbooks and has presented papers at national and local conferences.

Janice received a BSN from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas, a MSN from Texas A & M University and a PNP certificate from Rush University. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past two years. She is currently a staff development specialist for the Hematology/Oncology/Transplant Unit. Janice is a certified pediatric oncology nurse and is very active on many hospital and unit level committees. In 2002 she became the president of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses. She has presented oncology nursing papers at national and local conferences.

Jacqui and Janice will use their Prince Scholar award to create an integrated, educational, information packet that will help facilitate the transition of pediatric oncology patients back to school. They will establish benchmarks with other institutions and hold two focus groups to assess needs, knowledge, and misconceptions of area educators. Feedback will provide a framework for content to be included. Packets will be distributed to parents, educators, administrators, social workers and school nurses.

**Melinda Bicchinella, RN, BSN, ACS**

**Respiratory/Transitional Care Unit**

Melinda received an associate degree in accounting and computer science and an associate degree in nursing from the College of DuPage. She continued her education at Northern Illinois University where she received a BSN. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past six years. She is currently a

Level III, family care consultant on 9 West where she cares for children experiencing respiratory illnesses. She is a member of the unit self-scheduling committee and the hospital cross-cultural care committee.

Melinda will use her Prince award to develop an interface between Onestaff and QuadraMed that would facilitate scheduling. The new interface would provide an integrated print-out of patient names, patient acuity, primary nurse assignments and staff scheduled to work on a daily basis. The integrated form could decrease the time required to make daily patient assignments, while insuring standards of practice such as, continuity of care, are maintained.

**Laurely Fusilero, RN, BSN**

**Pediatric Intensive Care Unit**

Laurie received a BSN from North Park University. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past 14 years. She is currently a clinical manager within the PICU. She is a member of many unit and hospital level committees and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.

Over the past year, Laurie has been an active member of a hospital-wide task force to identify and address the educational needs of clinical managers within the hospital. In addressing the needs of clinical managers, it became apparent that relief charge nurses also need supports to adjust to the demands of this role. Laurie will use her Prince award to develop a structured orientation program to support the learning needs of relief charge nurses. Focus group and benchmarking assessments will be held to help identify learning needs and best practices. Findings from these activities will be incorporated into the new orientation program.

**Deborah Brown, RN, BSN**

**Neuromuscular/Endocrine Service**

**Maria Chiapetta, RN, BSN**

**Neuromuscular/Endocrine Service**

Deborah received a BSN from Marian College, in Indiana. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past six years and is currently a family care consultant on 3 West. She is a member of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses and the Society of Pediatric Nurses. She is active on several unit-based committees and maintains PAL certification.

Maria received a BSN from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past five years and is currently a family care coordinator on 3 W. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses. She is active on several hospital and unit-level committees, is a CPR instructor, and is certified in PALS and ACLS.

Debbie and Maria will use their Prince award to attend and present a paper and poster at the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) National Conference in Atlanta, GA. Titles of their presentations are, "*Creation of a neuro-constant care unit in a pediatric hospital,*" and "*Cervical spine instability in the pediatric patient: Pathogenesis, treatment and nursing implications.*" The conference will provide them with an opportunity to share best practices with neuroscience nurses throughout the United States.

**Teri Crawley-Coha, RN, MSN, WOCN, CPN**

**Pediatric Surgical Services**

Teri received a BSN from Northern Illinois University and a MSN from Loyola University. This past year she attended Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis, MN, to complete "The wound, ostomy, continence" nursing certificate program. Teri has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past eight years. She is currently a clinical nurse specialist for pediatric surgery and is known for her expertise in gastrostomy and skin care. She has presented at many local conferences and has published articles on childhood injury in *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, *Nursing Clinics of North America*, and *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing*. She is member of Sigma Theta Tau, the Society of Pediatric Nurses, the Chicagoland SAFE KIDS Coalition, the American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, and the Wound, Ostomy, Continuity Nursing Society.

Teri will use this Prince Award to attend the National Wound, Ostomy and Continence (WOC) annual conference this summer in Cincinnati, Ohio. Attending the conference will allow Teri an opportunity to learn new approaches to care, prepare for WOC certification, and network with other WOC nurses.

**Vickie Grabowski, RN, BSN**

**Sirgusa Transplantation Center**

Vickie received a BSN from Concordia University-West Suburban College of Nursing. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past 13 years. She is currently the evening clinical manager on 6W, the liver and renal transplant unit. She is an active member of both hospital and unit-level committees. She is a past recipient of the nurse exemplar award for nurse preceptors and is a BLS and PALS Instructor.

Vickie will use this Prince award to attend Nurse Manager Boot Camp this summer in Chicago. The program will provide her with the latest leadership information and trends in the areas of recruitment, retention, coaching and financial planning.

**Cathleen Shanahan, RN, MS**

**Emergency Department**

Cathleen received a BSN from DePaul University and a master's of science in health services administration from the College of St. Francis. She has been a nurse at Children's Memorial for the past three years and is currently the director for the Transport Team, EMS, Trauma Team and the Emergency Department staff. She is certified in ECRN, ACLS, PALS, ENPC, TNS and is an instructor for the Illinois Department of Public Health Emergency Medical Technician program.

Cathleen will use this Prince Award to attend the Medical Transport Leadership Institute in West Virginia. The program is designed to enhance leadership and management skills of participants within a medical transport environment and would move the hospital closer to achieving certification through the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS).

**Lisa Kohr, RN, MSN, CPNP, MPH**

**Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgery Division**

Lisa received a BSN from Bowling Green State University and a MSN in pediatric primary and critical care from Northeastern University. Last year she completed a master's of public health from the University of Illinois. She has been a nurse at Children's for the past eight years. She is a nurse practitioner for the Division of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgery where she provides management for pre- and post-operative cardiac surgical patients. She is very active in the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners and the American Association of Cardiovascular Nurses. She is active on numerous hospital-wide committees, has presented at over thirty national conferences, and has eight publications. Lisa is a past recipient of the nurse exemplar award for nursing research.

Lisa will use this Prince Award along with a grant from the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners to survey pediatric nurse practitioners on the facilitators and barriers to research utilization within their practice settings. The survey will also identify APN research-related activities and resources needed to promote research among advanced practice nurses. The survey will be sent to advanced practice nurses and APNs at Children's Memorial who belong to NAPNAP.