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NYM Honors Registered Nurses at 19th Annual Dinner

BROOKLYN, New York (December 7, 2011) – New York Methodist Hospital hosted the 19th Annual Registered Nurses Dinner on November 11, 2011. The dinner honored NYM’s nurses and their devotion to the well-being of the Hospital’s patients and community.

“When I think of our nurses, I think of the sensitivity, the skill set, and the softness that makes the Hospital memorable,” said Mark J. Mundy, president and CEO of New York Methodist Hospital.

“In 2011, we have seen more than 100,000 patients in the emergency department, 5,500 in the cardiac catheterization laboratory, and have aided almost 12,000 procedures,” said Rebecca Flood, R.N., senior vice president for nursing at NYM. “At NYM, we strive to offer the highest level of care. I believe the numbers reflect the compassion and care shown by the Hospital’s nurses, as well as patient satisfaction.”



Four nurses were recognized for going “above and beyond” their call of duty by volunteering one week of their time serving patients in foreign countries. They were: Donna Constantine, R.N., N.P. of East Flatbush—OR/Surgical Services; Michelle Chester, R.N., F.N.P., of East Flatbush— Pre-Surgical Medical Testing; Ronell S. Kirkley, R.N., C.R.N.A., of Fort Greene—Anesthesiology; and Keti Saintelus, R.N., N.P., of Midwood—Cardiology.

Above: Ronnell Kirkley, R.N., Keti Saintelus, R.N., Michelle Chester, R.N. and Donna Constantine, R.N., with senior vice president of nursing, Rebecca Flood, and Wayne Christie, director of nursing.

Donna Constantine, Michelle Chester and Ronell Kirkley dedicated their time and expertise in Guyana, while Ketié Saintelus volunteered in Haiti. All four nurses paid for their own airfare and used their personal vacation time in order to volunteer.

“The nurses are the true face of the Hospital,” said Ms. Flood. “The warmth and care that NYM’s nurses show patients is a reflection of their dedication to the health care field.”

About New York Methodist Hospital

New York Methodist Hospital (NYM), a voluntary, acute-care teaching facility located in Brooklyn’s Park Slope, houses 651 inpatient beds (including bassinets) and provides services to almost 38,000 inpatients each year. An additional 300,000 outpatient visits and services are logged annually. The Hospital, founded in 1881, has undergone extensive renovation and modernization over the years. NYM offers Institutes in the following areas: Advanced and Minimally Invasive Surgery, Asthma and Lung Disease; Cancer Care; Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery; Digestive and Liver Disorders; Diabetes and Other Endocrine Disorders; Vascular Medicine and Surgery; Family Care; Neurosciences; Orthopedic Medicine and Surgery and Women’s Health. New York Methodist Hospital is affiliated with the Weill Cornell Medical College and is a member of the NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System.

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