
NATIONAL NURSES WEEK



“I just love the nurses here. They are fantastic and the care and love and compassion they show is terrific. I had a choice of where I wanted to have it done and Sparrow was the first choice.”

- Kezia Amber

May 6 - 12, 2022



Kent VanKleek

“When I was a little girl I wanted to be like my dad that works at the hospital as a nurse. I would sometimes visit my dad and wear his scrubs and match him down to the pens in his pocket. I would watch him take care of people and babies. I would sit on his stool.

Fast forward lots of years, I work at the hospital down the road from him. As a cook I get to wear a uniform and I put pens in my pocket. It reminds me that God sees our desires and how he changes small things. If I couldn't be a nurse, I could be a cook at a hospital for people.”
- Brooke Richey (Dad is Kent VanKleek)



Sparrow Carson's Emergency Nurses

“Sparrow Carson's Emergency nurses take time to ensure every patient receives highly skilled care in a comfortable, compassionate setting. THANK YOU SPARROW CARSON ED NURSES! Happy Nurses Week.” - Anonymous

Sparrow Carson ICU/Med/Surg

“This group of nurses is a strong nursing team who work together cooperatively and collaboratively to provide exceptional, kind and compassionate care to the patients and their families. This team is a family and they support each other professionally and personally.”
- Jodie D.

Sandra Ward

“She shows compassion to all of our patients and is a great, positive team member to have close by. I appreciate all her hard work!” - Stacy

SMG St. Johns Nurses

“All of our nurses go above and beyond to care for our patients. Some even go the patients house to make it easier for them to receive care.”
- Kathy B.

Sparrow Clinical Research Institute (SCRI) Nurses

“The Clinical Research Coordinators at SCRI are an amazing group of dedicated and caring nurses. They continuously go above and beyond to make sure our patients get excellent, safe and appropriate care.”

- Jessica Bristol-Piper

Sparrow Infusion Center Nurses

“The nurses at the Sparrow Infusion Center are top notch! They are so caring and compassionate. I had to use their services and they made me feel so comfortable. I was very impressed that all of the nurses that cared for me, made a point of researching the medication that I was getting as it was something that had not been given there before.”

- Teresa Decator



Eric Eiseler

“My name is Lucas Eiseler. I am a mid-level provider for Sparrow Urgent Care. For the past eight years I was a bedside RN at the main campus along with my brother, Eric Eiseler. I saw the email about nurses week and wanted to give Eric a shout out and commemorate his extraordinary compassionate care as a bedside RN at Sparrow Main.”

- Lucas Eiseler



Stephanie Prosser and Kim Spencer

“Both were the primary nurses who took care of my daughter Madelyn born at 24 weeks. They saved my daughter’s life and we are forever grateful for them! The nurses in the NICU are true angels!”

- Nichole Grider



Ashley Newman

“She always has the best attitude and a smile on her face. Always going above and beyond for her patient’s when she can and never hesitates to try!” - Anonymous

Jamelynne Cvangros, RN

“Jame is an outstanding nurse and above all a great human being. I have seen her go above and beyond while caring for her patients in the Neuro ICU. Just the other day, she walked all the way to the pharmacy across the hospital to grab meds for a patient so that the patient had meds to take when she got home that evening. I have seen her run down to the hematology labs multiple times just to make sure urgent labs are resulted in due time. She is a compassionate, empathetic, and hardworking nurse and a great team member of the Neuro ICU.” - Mohammed Ismail

Emily (Labor and Delivery)

“Outstanding care. She saved my son’s life by recognizing his prolapsed cord!” - Karla R.

Jessica McBee

“In 2011, the Guinness Book of World Records chose a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree as the toughest degree to obtain among all undergraduate college degrees. They based their findings on the following requirements: 64 university exams, 130 series exams, 174 assignments, and 1,000 working days. And, as a practice, pediatric nursing requires many more hours of specialized training. It is indeed a labor of love and Sparrow is fortunate to have Pediatric RNs who treat each and every patient as if they are their own. Jess has been a Pediatric nurse for more than a decade. She has a gift of compassion, insight into family dynamics and astute clinical mind. She is a great team member who respects other team members but advocates effectively for her patients. Very recently, she had managed to assess the medical acuity and need for expedited care for two patients during a OneCall who were triaged efficiently based on her quick yet accurate clinical assessment that positively affected the outcomes.”
- Fareeha Naz



Sparrow Carson Nursing Supervisors

“Thank you Sparrow Carson Nursing supervisors for your all your efforts.”
- Anonymous

Sparrow Specialty Nurses

“Every single nurse at SSH has dealt with unprecedented times, caring for post-covid patients among all our other very sick and complex patients. I am proud to work with each and every one of you. You give your all, exhaust all options to care for our patients, and leave beyond tired, yet return each day with a smile on your face and kindness in your heart. I am so thankful to call you co-workers.” - Anonymous

Victoria Howe

“Vicki is so hard working and always working to get all our patients needs met for discharge safety. She is such an important part of SSH.”
- Anonymous

Ashleigh Vansickler

“Ashleigh is such a great asset to SSH. She is a wonderful case manager who works so hard to get our patients everything they need for a safe discharge, and she does this with a smile on her face.”
- Anonymous

Sparrow Home Care Nurses

“My fellow Sparrow Home Care RNs go above and beyond to ensure that patients’ needs are met in the home. They act as advocates and often the only “eyes and ears” that patients have other than themselves. Home care RNs and the entire home care team are assets to Sparrow and the community.” - Renee Emerick BSN RN

Beth Roberts

“Beth has been a great mentor, peer, and caregiver on 4 South and should be recognized for the value she contributes to the Sparrow experience. Beth demonstrates compassionate care throughout her interactions while responding effectively to critical events. Beth should also be recognized for being a strong advocate for her patient’s insight of meeting opposition. Thank you, Beth, for leading by example.”
- Anonymous

Miranda Ridenour (Home Hospice)

“Miranda is one of the best nurses I’ve had the privilege of working with. She is objective, straightforward, tempered, and hard working. She is also equally compassionate, nurturing, open-minded, and flexible. While teaching was her first career, she has not stopped being an educator for patients, their families, and fellow caregivers. Miranda served as chair for our department UBC during the pandemic, working very hard to move things forward. Then this last year, she recognized that her role was getting to be too much and stepped down. I admire her ability to know her limits and dedicate herself only to things for which she can fully commit. She values the interdisciplinary approach to hospice, emphasizing the gifts that others bring. Miranda is a brightly shining star in the midst of dark times for our patients who are bravely facing their last season of life. It is a pleasure to work alongside her and I hope that I can continue to do so for a long while.”
- Anonymous



Samantha (Sparrow Carson Medical Surgical)

“Thank you Sparrow Carson Medical Surgical RN, Samantha, for providing our patients excellent care while they stay with us.”

- Anonymous

Nurses on 7N

“I was contacted by Jenn Siebert in the spring of 2021 about the nursing staff on 7N wanting to recognize a patient who had recently passed away. This patient had become very close to the caregivers, and they wanted to remember her. I thought it was very noteworthy, and with the help of the Foundation we displayed a piece of art and a plaque to be hung in this patient’s honor. I think this is a good representation of the thoughtful and caring staff we have at Sparrow!” - Rebecca Roberts

Sara Patrick, RN (SMG Ionia OB/GYN)

“Sara is a great nurse that goes above and beyond for our patients.”
- Anonymous

Jeanne Mead, RN (SMG 111)

“Jeanne is always going above and beyond for patients. If a patient need helps, she will get it!!” - Anonymous

Jennie Suder, RN

“Jennie has been a wonderful resource and collaborative partner as the Manager over the CDI team (coding and documentation integrity). She and her team have worked tirelessly to educate providers and improve the accuracy of the medical records for patients admitted to Sparrow. She often works after hours and spends a great deal of time and effort working one-on-one with physicians and APPs to be sure our documentation captures all the appropriate clinical information to best reflect how sick our patients really are. I am very appreciative to have her skills and knowledge and count it a blessing to be able to work with her!” - Shirin Doshi, DO

Hye-Suk Marshall, RN (4 Foster)

“I believe in her duty she goes beyond the norm of what is expected. Case in point, patient was being discharged. I sat and observed Hye being very meticulous and caring and this, I thought, was very unique.”
- Anonymous

Lisa Deehan, RN

“She has been a wonderful partner to work with as I took on the leadership role of being the physician advisor for the hospital. She has a wealth of knowledge in many areas, is a strong leader over the UR and case management nurse and MSW teams, and has helped us move forward in so many ways from regulatory needs to the structure of how case management is provided in the ED and so many other areas that are too numerous to list. I have learned so much from her in such a short time and greatly appreciate having her as a resource!”
- Shirin Doshi, DO

Elizabeth Anderson

“Amazing, relentless, high-quality work on Documentation and Epic optimization.” - Anonymous

Sparrow Pediatric Preop/OR/PACU Nurses

“My son had surgery last November and was very nervous. The nursing staff explained what they were doing in terms he could understand, were kind and attentive, and overall provided top notch care. We are so thankful for the nurses at Sparrow!” - Aimee Johnson, FNP

Nursing Leadership

“Throughout the past 2 years this group of leaders has demonstrated resilience in so many ways. They have gone above and beyond to support not only our patients but most importantly our caregivers. They continue to come back each day with a great attitude. They are an amazing group and I am so fortunate to work with them.” - Amy Brown

Sheri Forell, RN

“Sheri is such an amazing nurse! She is friendly, patient and is always willing to help out other caregivers. She also takes extra time to assist patients with mobility in order to help them get stronger.”
- Anonymous

Alyssa (OB at Sparrow Hospital)

“Alyssa was an incredible nurse. she helped me out immensely as a first-time mom. I went in super anxious, and she was there for me. I will forever be appreciative.” - Anonymous



Julie - Sparrow Carson Emergency Department

“Thank you, Julie, for the care your provide our patients and your leadership of our Sparrow Carson Emergency Department” - Anonymous

Jenny Braeutigam (Labor & Delivery)

“Jenny was the nurse who helped bring my baby boy into the world in November. She was authentic and kind in a way that made me feel safe and protected. I couldn’t have ever known how to ask for the type of care that Jenny provided me. It was like having my closest friend next to me during my most vulnerable moments. She was honest and positive even at times when I began to have worries and doubts. I struggle now to even put into words how much Jenny in L&D means to me even to this day. She doesn’t even know it, but she is my role model for how to treat others within and outside of this organization. Thank you, Jenny, you undoubtedly change the world around you every day.”

- Luisa Rhynard

Cindy Meteyer

“Cindy is one of the most dedicated nurses I have ever met. She consistently goes above and beyond for all of our pediatric hematology/oncology patients. She is always working hard to teach us as residents to learn more about our patients and their diagnoses and goes above and beyond to make sure that all the extra details are accounted for. For example, a few years ago, she was here into the early morning hours on a Saturday working on making sure a patient’s discharge medications were delivered to their home at the same time she attempted to facilitate chemotherapy for a relapsed patient. She is kind, compassionate, efficient and someone we should all work hard to emulate.” - Anonymous

Neurosurgery Nurses

“To the dedicated, empathetic and truly exceptional nursing staff on NICU & 9W - your efforts and tremendous dedication to your patients is NEVER unrecognized in my eyes. Thank you for everything you continue to provide, overcome, and embody as a profession.”

- Rachel Skipworth



Tracie – Sparrow Carson

“Thank you, Tracie, for your knowledge and skills in the surgical room and at the patient bedside.” - Anonymous

Labor and Delivery Nurses

“The nurses on labor and delivery are amazing. They have the ability to support new families who want a natural childbirth experience, but at a moment’s notice they become OR nurses, adult critical care nurses, and pediatric critical care nurses. These nurses have taught me so much over the years!” - Candace Metcalf

“I had a baby in 2020... during the beginning of COVID. My Sparrow nurses were absolutely amazing. Being a first-time mom and having a baby during the pandemic was terrifying and stressful but the nurses were so caring and supportive. I felt like they were part of my family. They held my hand when I was scared, cheered me on during contractions and were there for me through my whole stay. Thank you to the wonderful L&D Team!” - Anonymous

Sharon Angus, Tammy Kimmel, Nicole Doolittle, and Kelly Husted (Medical Oncology Nurses at Sparrow Carson and Sparrow Hospital)

“This team of amazing women take care of my cancer patients on a daily basis. They bring calm to their anxieties and help troubleshoot their side effects around the clock. They keep track of chemo schedules and lab schedules. They talk with loved ones and get to know the patient family as a whole. These women keep cancer care running both in Carson City and in Lansing and I very literally could NOT do my job without them. I feel very blessed to call them teammates.”

- Brittani Thomas

Monica Sinicropi (Surgery)

“She is so thoughtful and always kind. She comes to work with a smile on her face and is willing to help out however needed. She is always there for her coworkers and makes us feel loved. She is a great nurse and treats every patient with respect and kindness.” - Sylvia Pauda

Stephanie Acker

“She goes above and beyond for our patients as our RN care facilitator. She is so caring, always thinking of patients and resources for them to better their lives. She is so hard-working and considerate, and it shows in how she helps the lives of our patients and also us as providers. If only we could have two Stephanies at our office!” - Anonymous

Emily Oberst, RN (Health and Wellness)

“Emily is the embodiment of a Sparrow nurse - compassionate, knowledgeable, and kind. She takes special care with each individual that she sees and is passionate about women’s health and wellness. Thank you, Emily, for all that you do!” - Leslie Batchelor

Erin Roberts, Jill Trevino, Tracy Pail

“The nurses here are amazing and go above and beyond to help the patients and to make things run smoothly in the office. I appreciate you all so much.” - Nicole McPharlin

Christa Schrauben

“Christa is a hard-working, dedicated employee who treats all her patients with respect and care. She is knowledgeable and helpful.”
- Anonymous

Sparrow Diabetes and Endocrinology Clinic Nurses

“For their exceptional care and dedication in helping to manage the critical lab results, avoiding hospitalizations with their interventions, and going above and beyond each day to care for our endocrinology patients.” - Melissa Mayes, RNs

Angela Gregg

“Excellent/Compassionate patient care. Patients request Angie because she is so caring and engaging.” - Anonymous

Carolyn Krahulik

“Carolyn is an exceptional nurse that goes above and beyond for her patients. She is always friendly, caring, and personable with her patients, not only strongly advocating for them to receive the best care but also ensuring they understand it. She is a wonderful coworker and a true asset to the Sparrow community.” - A. Kraft

Catherine Brennan

“Amazing work on Falls Risk assessment and Delirium assessment enhancing patient safety and quality of care.” - Anonymous

Allison Ulstad (SMG Urology)

“Allison is the most amazing nurse. She will do whatever it takes to help our patients and goes above and beyond what might be considered routine care. She comes in early and stays late. She is always so helpful and truly cares about her patients. Patients are always so thankful for her prompt attention and excellent care.”
- Anonymous

Deanna Wennberg, NP

“Deanna has great concern for the wellbeing of our patients in the post discharge clinic, even beyond their medical needs. A patient walked 45 min in the brutal single digit weather of February. Deanna gave the patient her \$25 Xmas gift card to allow the patient to book an uber home. She went above and beyond to take care of her patient.”
- Jawad Vaid

Liz Foster

“Liz is our office manager extraordinaire- There actually is no title to describe the work she does. Her clinical knowledge helps guide our staff to make the best decisions for our patients, her thoughtful and fair approach to management keeps us all in line, and her fun and creative personality make her a joy to work with. We are so lucky to have such a talented RN leading our group.” - Amy Odom

Sparrow Clinton Hospital RN's

“Thank you, Sparrow Clinton Nurses! I am grateful for who you are and how you impact someone's life everyday! You are appreciated today and every day! Happy Nurses Week!” - Mariah Hesse

Dee Ann Soper

“We have patients in the Post Discharge Clinic who have limited resources. An individual who couldn’t afford his insulin copay at Meijer, Dee Ann drove to the Meijer and paid for his \$110 copay to allow him to get his medication. She paid for this out of her own pocket.”

- Jawad Vaid

PHSO RN Care Facilitators

“I’d like to take a moment to recognize the entire PHSO Registered Nurse Care Facilitator (RNCF) team, serving the Sparrow Medical Group (SMG) primary care practices. In a year of major change, the team shouldered the transition to Chronic Care Management (CCM), triage of COVID patients, and the ongoing Transitional Care Management (TCM) work. Making sure our patients continued to receive the highest level of care in the ambulatory space. They’ve been instrumental in our health systems moving towards value-based care and will continue to focus on early intervention/prevention work. They are the backbone of our care coordination efforts and the quarterback and frontline advocates for our primary care patients. I’m so thankful for their resiliency and willingness to jump in and learn. This program wouldn’t have been successful without the leadership of Deanna Bachman, Ashleigh Holmes-Benavidez, and Natalie Longoria. Cheers to the entire time. I consider myself lucky every day to work with you.”

- Anna Melville

SMG Urology Nurses

“Our nurses go above and beyond to help our patients. There is no ask too big or too small for our nurses. They come in early, stay late and truly care about the patients and their needs. Every day I have multiple compliments from patients about our nurse team. Our practice would not be as successful as it is without our nurses!” - Jamie Bartley



Sparrow Eaton Hospital ED Nurses

“Sparrow Eaton Hospital ED nurses are so incredibly helpful and friendly, despite the crazy circumstances and situations they deal with. They are not only committed to improving the patient experience but are leading by example when it comes to culture. The ED is truly a fun environment due to its leadership and team of nurses!” - Anonymous