

# **The Miriam Hospital Door To Door Bulletin**

**January 2012**

## **Community Informational Meeting**

You are invited to attend a Community Informational Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. The time will be from 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the Hurvitz Conference Room. The meeting will provide an overview of the upcoming internal renovation project planned for the Emergency Department and the impacts of the work to the neighborhood. Refreshments will be served. Please call the Community Hotline at (401) 793-4040 to R.S.V.P

Consistent with our Institutional Master Plan, the Emergency Department renovations are expected to last 2-3 years with most of the construction occurring internally. Community sensitive construction practices will be implemented in order to ensure minimal impact to the neighborhood. As in the past, "Door to Door" notices will be hand delivered to alert neighbors to any potential noise, traffic or other community impact. Renovation work on the Emergency Department is expected to commence in February 2012.

## **The Miriam Hospital Environmental Sustainability Program**

An extensive environmental audit called the "Eco-Checklist", provided by Practice Green Health, is currently underway. Topics of the internal audit include energy, water and climate conservation, waste management and reduction, employee engagement and stewardship and more. Every major department within the hospital is undergoing the audit. The aim of the audit is to raise employee awareness and to track, leverage and measure sustainability strategies across all operations of the hospital.

Sustainability goals for 2012 include aligning our green programs with our mission and core values, growing and reinvigorating the hospital's "Green Champions Team", tracking our waste in partnership with the EPA, celebrating and communicating our successes internally and externally, and measuring the effectiveness of all of our green practices.

## **Season of Giving**

In December, the Annual Toy Drive and Gingerbread Cookie sales commenced with great enthusiasm from our employees. Monica Anderson worked directly with Camp Street Community Ministries, The Mount Hope Neighborhood Association, The Mount Hope Learning Center and the Vincent Brown Recreation center to find families in need of the gifts of toys or basic winter warmth items for the holidays. Families from the Mount Hope Neighborhood received their gifts on December 21 during a special holiday party where food, fun and holiday cheer were in abundance. Over 100 families were identified and assisted during this effort.

On Wednesday, December 21 neighbors from both the Summit Neighborhood and The Mount Hope Neighborhood joined us for a Chanukah celebration in the main lobby of the hospital. Led by Rabbi Janie Hodgetts, neighbors learned about the history of the holiday and enjoyed traditional refreshments and snacks. Neighbors from the Summit commenced their annual evening of caroling in the neighborhood by singing two Chanukah songs before leaving the hospital. Thank you to all of the neighbors who joined us for our celebration and lighting of the menorah.