

HIGHLY RELIABLE (TEAM) HERO AWARD NOMINATION

NOMINEE INFORMATION- A multidisciplinary team of professionals who all worked together seamlessly, compassionately and diligently on Tuesday November 13, 2018 to help save the life of an infant born in our facility at 25 weeks gestation weighing in at only 1 pound 15 ounces. Those team members are as follows:

Dr. Heidi Matterson, Neonatologist

Dr. Robert O'Donnell, Obstetrician

Mirna Ayoub, Physician Assistant

Dr. Jason Mendelson Resident

Christine McAlister RN

Cynthia Brown RN

Dawn Wohlgemuth RN

Elizabeth Buggeln RN

Janette Tan RN

Rose Farbaneic RN

Rosemarie Rocchio RN

Deirdre Joyce RN

Phoebe Larkin RN

Stephanie Diaz RN

Renise Hall RN

Sheila Blaise CST

Rhys Longton RT

Steven Sokolowski RT

Rosita Ferran RT

Diane Volpe Radiology Tech

Holly Ferrarro Radiology Tech

Sonia Stephenson Unit Secretary

Jacqueline Bourne Unit Secretary

Oswald Bourne Housekeeping

Golda Beyers Housekeeping

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: Christine McAlister RN Interim Director Women's Health Services

BRIEF SUMMARY DESCRIBING WHY YOU ARE NOMINATING THIS TEAM HERO:

On Tuesday November 13, 2018 a pregnant woman presented in labor and delivery in active labor. She was only 25 weeks (6 months) pregnant. Within 2-3 minutes the medical team was able to establish that, unfortunately, delivery was imminent. An amazing stream of communication from labor and delivery to newborn nursery to neonatology to respiratory to radiology to nursing leadership took place mobilizing every possible resource to enable this infant and this family the absolute best possible outcome. At the time, in a separate conference room on the unit, a STABLE certification class was going on for several of the nurses who had come in from home just to attend class. Word of this impending delivery spread to that class of 5 nurses who all jumped in to action, throwing gowns on over their street clothes to help out. The infant delivered within 10 minutes, giving staff desperately few minutes to arrange all the lifesaving equipment that would be required. The infant was critical and weighed a mere 1 lb 15 oz. **EVERY** single person on this list of people, contributed to the care of this infant, the mother and the poor dad who arrived in his Bloomfield Police Officer's uniform shortly after the delivery of his daughter to witness what must have seemed like a terrifying scene. This amazing team worked seamlessly together and tirelessly for over 2 hours stabilizing this infant for safe transport to Hackensack University Medical Center. The nursery staff worked under heaters pumping out 100 degree heat to maintain the infant's body temperature. Some staff ran for bottled water to cool down thirsty care givers, while someone else threw the only thing we had, a plastic container of left over candy corn, on the nurses station to provide something to eat to a staff full of people who missed breakfast and had not eaten since dinner the day before.

Some team members were delivering direct care to both Mother and Infant while others played an equally important role by making calls to mobilize Respiratory, Radiology and the Hackensack Transport Team. Still other were tasked with cleaning up the colossal mess that spanned 3 departments, maybe not as glamorous a role but equally important. From physicians to residents to nurses to unit secretaries to radiology, respiratory and housekeeping, this **village** helped save a tiny life that day. Everyone 'did the right thing, at the right time, in the right place, with the right people, for the right reason, with the right feeling, the first and only chance this baby had.'

I am beyond proud to be a part of this team that put not only their skill sets to work that day but their heart and souls.

This team embodied what it means to be a Highly Reliable Hero and I humbly nominate them for this recognition.

Respectfully,

Christine McAlister