Erika Hanson, RN, Recognized with Daisy Award

Erika Hanson, RN, joined the Jewish Hospital Shelbyville (JHS) Emergency Department in 2013, but her interest in the health care field started much earlier. However, she quickly proved to be a standout nurse leader in our community with outstanding skills, character, and dedication, and was promoted to charge nurse. Now, she has been recognized with the national Daisy Award.

According to JHS Emergency Department Nurse Manager, Amy Capps, Hanson always supports staff with her excellent clinical knowledge, critical thinking skills, and calming demeanor in times of chaos. “When I needed a sit down for our first Big Pic, the Emergency was one of the first choices,” said Capps. “Erika not only accepted the extra leadership role, she was excited and jumped right in to make it happen.”

In addition, she spent many hours of overtime doing fundraising, helping to prepare standard steps and brainstorming new areas, all with a smile on her face.

Hanson’s multiple nominations for JHS’s Daisy Award were submit by patient families, emergency department physicians and nurses. She was a dedicated nurse, dedicated to the safety and well-being of patient care, for excellent support with physicians, and teamwork.

The Daisy Award is a national recognition program for providing outstanding support and excellent care to patients and families, and a community of peers ultimately choses the winner. The Daisy Award Program is in over 2,000 KentuckyOne Health hospitals internationally and over 90,000 nurses have been recognized. Other Daisy Award recipients from Jewish Hospital Shelbyville are Barbara Booth, RN, Barb Erway, RN, Julie Shepherd, RN, and Richard Hewitt, RN.

Prior to joining JHS, Hanson worked as a travel nurse for more than seven years in Alaska, Colorado, Arizona, and Kentucky. She currently lives in Mt. Eden, but has purchased a home in Looxmont that is she is indignantly remodeling.

Congratulations to Erika Hanson, RN, for being KentuckyOne Health’s value of Reverence, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence!

Meet new Green Dot Coordinator Daniel Braaksma

Daniel Braaksma has joined the Center for Women & Families as the new Green Dot Coordinator for Shelby County. Through a partnership with Jewish Hospital Shelbyville, KentuckyOne Health, and the Center for Women & Families, Daniel will work with local high school students on Green Dot methodology – focused on prevention of violence, bullying, and suicide via a value-driven model, date, more than 400 students at Martha Layton Gymnasium.

While other programs focus on how to test for genetic conditions, the genetic counselor can help a patient decide whether it is appropriate for you to receive testing, and will discuss the potential risks, limitations, and benefits. The counselor will take into account the family and medical history, assess your risk of developing cancer, discuss the risks and benefits of genetic testing, and outline your options.

The High Risk Breast Clinic at the center of the image begins every two years with a high risk for developing breast cancer to meet with a medical oncologist to discuss the potential risks, limitations, and benefits of genetic testing, as well as the decision-making process.

For more information about genetic counseling, please visit www.kentuckyonehealth.org/hopecenter on KentuckyOne Health's website.