

Donna Wang Named Nursing Director

MCH has appointed Donna Wang as Director of Nursing, succeeding Kristen Schulmerich, who is retiring after 31 years of service.

Wang stepped into the role in Marc, having already begun to meet with staff, and is working with Schulmerich to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

"Donna's clinical expertise, leadership, and dedication to our residents and staff make her the perfect choice to lead our nursing team," said Alyssa Tallo, Executive Health Director. "We are grateful to Kristin for her years of service and support during this transition."

Wang, who previously served as

an Assistant Director of Nursing at MCH, has experience in obstetrics, emergency, home and long-term care. She holds a master's in nursing and is focused on geriatric care.

"With Kristen's support, I'm focused on a smooth transition and growing our team to meet residents' needs," Wang said.



Wang



New Veterans Group Forms

Laughter drifted from the Resident Game Room as veterans gathered – some meeting for the first time, others reconnecting over shared memories. It marked the beginning of a new visitation program designed to bring veterans together in a setting where conversation flows easily and camaraderie grows.

"This program creates a space where our residents can connect with other veterans to share stories in a way that makes a difference," said Mary McDowell, Director of Resident Programs. "There's something powerful about being able to sit with someone who understands your background without needing to explain it."

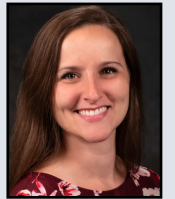


With support from VFW Memorial Post 412 in Chili, the initiative aims to create a welcoming space where veterans living at MCH can talk openly on a monthly basis with fellow service members.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friendship Place Nears Opening

To everyone who has already joined in celebrating Friendship Place, and to those who have expressed interest in working on the unit, thank you for your support.



Construction is progressing, and we are planning to open in July. Those interested in working on the unit should complete an interest form at MonroeHosp.org/fr1winterest.

Submitting the form is the first step in being considered and helps us track interest but is not a formal application. Hours, shifts, and floating status for these roles will be based on operational needs. We are also recruiting external candidates to join us.

Anyone with questions about these positions should contact Liz Marsh, Donna Wang, or Human Resources.

We look forward to welcoming staff into Friendship Place as we prepare to open this important new chapter at MCH to meet a need in the community while continuing to grow and sustain our future.

Alyssa Tallo

HIGHLIGHTS

MCH JEOPARDY! COMING TO THE AUD

To celebrate Skilled Nursing Week and the bicentennial of MCH, Resident Programs will be hosting a series of events from May 10-16 including a very special edition of "MCH Jeopardy!" with staff.

Residents are invited to this special event at 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the Auditorium. Come cheer on your favorite representatives from Friendship, Hope and Faith buildings.

SIM CENTER SEEKS STAFF IDEAS

The Simulation Center seeks input from clinicians on the types of training and learning experiences that would be most valuable. Feedback will help guide the development of future trainings and ensure offerings are aligned with clinical needs across departments.

Share your ideas by completing the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/4yx6zt5n>. For additional input, please contact Lead Clinical Instructor Shawna Rizzi at shawnarizzi@monroehosp.org or extension x6518.

MCH HOSTS GRAPE MEETING

The Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly (GRAPE) recently met at MCH, bringing together community partners dedicated to enhancing care for older adults across our region.

During the visit, GRAPE members heard directly from MCH leadership about our approach to care, compassion, innovation, and community connection.

Attendees also toured several areas across campus, seeing firsthand the ongoing investments and improvements designed to better serve our residents.

New Hires Step into Key Roles

MCH is excited to welcome Shawna Rizzi, Adya Senior, and Jason Vinette to key leadership positions within the organization.



Rizzi



Senior



Vinette

Rizzi joins as Lead Clinical Instructor of the Simulation Training Center, advancing hands-on staff education to strengthen clinical skills and readiness across the organization.

Senior joins as Clinical Risk Coordinator, bringing 10 years of clinical, quality, and research experience from the University of Rochester. She will focus on resident safety, rights, and dignity while investigating policy

and regulatory compliance.

Vinette joins as Director of Human Resources, bringing extensive experience from his decade-long tenure

as HR director for the Town of Irondequoit. At MCH, he will oversee personnel policies, benefits, recruitment and retention, union negotiations, and staff development.

Together, they bring expertise, energy, and dedication to MCH, supporting residents and staff alike. Their appointments reflect MCH's ongoing commitment to excellence, innovation, and compassionate care.

Thank You, Mike and Kim!



Congratulations to Mike Tackling and Kim Williams, who were celebrated with friends and colleagues recently during separate retirement parties. Tackling spent 25 years at MCH, including the last seven on our team, and Williams served 12 years. We wish them both well and hope they return to visit!



City Students Explore Careers at MCH

MCH recently welcomed students from Padilla High School and East High School to explore a variety of health care careers and support opportunities.

Approximately 30 students met with MCH staff in transportation, security, administration, facilities, food and nutrition, admissions, human resources, leisure and recreation, the Simulation Center, and laundry. Each team showcased the roles that make patient care possible, helping give students a full picture of operations at MCH.

Students engaged in hands-on experiences



in the Simulation Center, where they interacted with robotic mannequins, and also viewed engaging demonstrations from the Food and Nutrition team.

Staff praised the students' curiosity and energy, and school coordinators reported positive feedback from participants as well.