# SuCasa

Saturday, December 12th, Casa Colina employees and their guests, along with members of the medical staff and the board of directors, celebrated another year of working together on behalf of Casa Colina patients at the annual holiday party. Although many coveted prizes, including a 3-D printer, a Mediterranean cruise, a Costa Rican vacation and many others were awarded, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Mother Smith Award to Patty Roney, Outpatient Physical Therapist.

Hired in 1999, Patty is also a Certified Orthopedic Specialist and recently went back to school to obtain her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Patty goes above and beyond in all facets of her profession. She coordinates the student lectures at Casa Colina, and is a mentor in Casa Colina's renowned Orthopedic Residency program. Extremely committed to her profession, Patty is very active in the American and California Physical Therapy Associations and has held a variety of leadership positions in the associations.

Patty's file is full of complimentary letters from patients she has treated Shortly before 5:00 pm during the patient's last treatment before the trip, Patty noticed some unusual swelling. Another person might have told the patient "you should get that checked out" then finished the day's work and gone home. But Patty followed her instincts and intervened by calling the patient's primary care physician. After obtaining the order for an X-ray, Patty worked with Casa Colina's Imaging department to get the patient seen the same day. The result - the patient had a pulmonary embolism and, per the physician, would have died if she had taken the flight as scheduled.

The Mother Smith Award recipient is selected by the Casa Colina Leadership group who donate their own money to achieve the $5,000 prize. Patty is truly an employee that embodies the spirit of Mother Smith – CONGRATULATIONS.

## New Hires

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| Lorna | Altenbernt | Physical Therapist, Inpatient Therapy |
| Debra | Bean | Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley |
| Elizabeth | Glenn-Bottari | Exec Director, Transitional Living Center |
| Irene | Hong | Occupational Therapist, Children's Services |
| Angelica | Ibarra | Patient Care Technician, Nursing |
| Jessica | Keck | Admissions Coordinator, Physicians' Clinic Referrals |
| Zachary | Markle | Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley |
| Johnathan | Morales | Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley |
| Anna | Napoli | Foundation Coordinator, Foundation Services |
| Kristen | Nash | Ultrasound Technician, Imaging |
| Allan | Reyes | COTA, Inpatient Occupational Therapy |
| Brianna | Reynolds | Residential Aide, Apple Valley |
| Josue | Suarez | Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley |

**Catch the Holiday Spirit, Not the Flu!**

**Follow these simple steps to help prevent the flu this holiday season:**

★ The flu vaccine is the best way to protect you and your family from the flu. If you haven't gotten your flu vaccine yet, it's not too late! The flu continues to cause illness, hospitalizations and death long into the spring.

★ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

★ Wash your hands often with soap and warm water. This is especially important before eating.

**Flu vaccines are still available! Schedule an appointment for your flu vaccine now with Naida at x3207.**

# Positive Force & Dr. Loverso Present:

**Casa Colina Day with the Ontario Fury!**

Jan. 31st 3PM

4 Free tickets per family (additional tickets can be purchased)

**RSVP to HR by January 22nd**

Opportunities to purchase raffle tickets to win a jersey!

50/50 raffle tickets

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Congratulations! Mariem Metry – **OT** has been approved for Advanced Practice in the area of PHYSICAL AGENT MODALITITES!

**If you have changed your home address, make sure you update that information with the HR department no later than 12/30/2015 to ensure you get your W-2 forms on time in January.**

**Thank you!**
**Payroll Department**

Congrats to our Patient Safety Good Catch winner for their fall prevention. Each received a $125 gift card.

**Kendra Wood, Nursing**
**Marie Yeseta, Inpatient PT**

Survey Readiness-Ready all the Time

We can expect an unannounced California Department of Public Health survey visit at any time. Our success will require the cooperation of the entire team. Be prepared to demonstrate your competence and our commitment to Excellence.

- Know your department's Response Plan. Be able to speak to what you do every day and how you uphold the highest level of patient safety and patient care.
- Show off what you do well, exhibit pride in your department, listen carefully, and stay calm.
- Primary areas of Focus: Patient Safety, Infection Control (management of MRSA, cleaning/disinfection practices, hand hygiene, state reporting, etc.), Antibiotic Use, Ventilator Associated Pneumonia, Staff Education and Training, Discharge Planning and Fair Pricing Practices.

Thank you for being a part of this team, reflecting each of your dedication, and continuously provide the highest level of patient care.

Linda Leyva, Director of Accreditation/Licensure