The Dianne Karasinski Friends of Nursing Award

The Dianne Karasinski Friends of Nursing Award has been established to honor and memorialize the life of Dianne Karasinski who passed away prematurely in 2016. Dianne was an outstanding Meridian Health team member who was truly loved by all who had the privilege of working with her. Dianne consistently garnered the respect of colleagues, administrators and most of all the nurses who she served with unwavering commitment and dedication.

She touched many lives through her years first at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, and then as an assistant to two Chief Nursing Officers at Meridian Health. Dianne worked closely with Dr. Richard Hader through his career as CNE at Jersey Shore and as Chief Nursing Officer for Meridian Health. Dianne continued to serve nursing as an essential supporter for the Nurse Executive team after Dr. Hader's death. When the new CNO, Maureen Sintich was appointed, Dianne helped her through the transition and became a close friend and confidant.

Dianne was a passionate champion of nursing and made many contributions to the goals of nursing over her years of service. She supported nursing in achieving the Magnet recognition award and most recently assisted in the changes made to the shared decision making process. According to Dr. Hader, her organizational skills and ability to anticipate needs were exceptional. Not only did Dianne have an extraordinary work ethic but she also possessed a joy for life. She was a positive influence who seemed to know what to say and do in all situations.

To honor Dianne's memory, this award will be presented annually during Nurses Week to a Legacy Meridian Health Hospital team member on each hospital campus who demonstrates a strong commitment to nursing. The application must document how the nominee has made significant contributions to nursing and/or has demonstrated extraordinary dedication and commitment to the goals of nursing at Meridian Health.
DIANNE KARASINSKI MEMORIAL
FRIENDS OF NURSING AWARD
2017 Nomination Form

Nominee’s Name_________________________________ Team Member #_______________________________

Which Legacy Meridian Health Hospital Campus:  ____ JSUMC  ____ RMC  
____OMC  ____ SOMC  ____ BCH  ____ RBMC-PA  ____ RBMC-OB

Department or Unit__________________________Work Phone___________________

Email ___________________________________________________________________

Home Address____________________________________________________________

City_______________________________State_____________________Zip__________

Home Phone _________________________ Cell Phone __________________________

Nominated by______________________________________ Role:__________________

Campus__________________Unit_________________________Phone__________________

Email _____________________________________________________________________

Attach the following:

1. Narrative Statement not to exceed 2 pages addressing:
   ♦ How the nominee exhibits a commitment to nursing at Meridian Health
   ♦ Specific contributions made by nominee to nursing at MH

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 20, 2017

Contributions to the Dianne Karasinski Friends of Nursing Award can be made and sent to the Meridian Health Foundation, Ann May Center for Nursing in memory of Dianne Karasinski. For more information, please contact Dr. Teri Wurms at 732 977 9128.