St. Mary's Welcomes...

Elizabeth Alfonso as our Physical Therapy team supervisor. Elizabeth comes to St. Mary's with 12 years' experience in the field of rehabilitation.

She can be reached at 718-281-3822.



Judith Fine as our new Infection Control Coordinator. Judith comes to St. Mary's with 35 years of experience as an Infection Control Preventionist. Judith will be working closely

with staff and on the units helping to prevent the spread of germs and infections.



Friendly Reminder

What is infection Prevention?

How we prevent the spread of germs and infections from person to person.

What is the best way to prevent the spread?

We prevent the spread through Hand Washing or through Hand Hygiene with an alcohol hand rub.

Please use the wipes in the blue canister to wash the hands of your child, or the child you are visiting, as often as possible.

Please remind the staff to wash their hands prior to working with your child.



Dear Parents, Families and Children,

It is my pleasure to be introduced into the St. Mary's family, as the new Administrator! I look forward to being part of the many wonderful things that happen here every day. Prior to my position with St. Mary's, I was the Director for Administrative Services at the Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation.

St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children is a place of compassion and hope. I am excited to work together to continue its mission and purpose for the many kids we serve, as well as getting to know each and every one of you to make St. Mary's a premier children's care center. As we continue our 21-bed expansion project, my goal is to ensure a smooth and comfortable transition

for the children and their families.

Sincerely,

Maggie Sidarous



Our Commitment to Patient -and- Family Centered Care

The staff at St. Mary's continue to focus on building strong family partnerships and improving communication. We want to ensure that residents and families are at the center of every resident care decision made.

Contact Us...

212.812.2911 Nursery Unit Nurses Station: 718 281 8730 Vanessa White, Social Worker: 718.281.8530 Eileen Alvarez, Asst. Dir Nursing: 718.281.8808

Ombudsman

Children's Unit 3 Nurses Station: 718.281.5820 Desiree Borre, Social Work Supervisor: 718,281,3985

Marion Smith, Asst. Dir Nursing: 718.819.2752

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Nurses Station: 718 281 8740 Sheena Mathew, Social Worker: 718.281.8805 Eileen Alvarez, Asst. Dir Nursing: 718.281.8808 Children's Unit 4

Hospital Reception

718.281.8800

Toddlers Unit

Nurses Station: 718.281.5830 Katie Haas, Social Worker: 718.281.8921 Marion Smith, Asst. Dir Nursing: 718.819.2752

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Tiffany Damers Director, Rehabilitation Services 718 819 2854 tdamers@stmaryskids.org

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2:00 - 3:30 Family Advisory Council & Sibling Hour



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Summer 2018

Our Annual Walk at Crocheron Park was a success thanks to you!

I We would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to all who came out on Sunday, April 23 for the Big Hearts Walk for St. Mary's Kids. Walkers completed a 1/2 mile walk around the Crocheron Park finished with a "family fun day" where the children were able to visit with Disney Princess's, Mr. Met and partake in games I and activities. We are very proud to say that over \$100,000 was raised for vital programs and services that will help us improve the quality of life for children and families with special needs and medically complex conditions at St. Mary's. Congratulations to our top teams - Catherine Manzione, The Kliener Family, Beatus Musica, MLT Foundation and Merrit Riley. To our participants, teams, sponsors and volunteers - we thank you for all you've done - and all you to continue to do for our kids! We could not have done it without you! We look forward to seeing you next year!



3:30 - 5:00 **Family Fun** Day

For more information on our amily programs contact Rosey Vasquez at 718.281.8826 or rvasquez@stmaryskids.org

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Here's What's Happening at the stmary skids

June

9	Project Sunshine on units 1 –3
15	Meet & Greet for Latin Families 3:00—4:00pm , Ground floor Conference Room
28	St Mary's Sibling Support Group (siblings ages 5-17) 11:00 -12:30pm
30	Superhero Day hosted by Out of Zion 1:00 - 3pm, Main Lobby
July	
	St. Mary's Sibling Support Group - Family Picnic

(siblings ages 5-17)

3:00 - 5:00pm

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Auburn Alabama Junior Choir Performance

10:30am, Main Lobby

Family Day at St. Mary's

*to attend please RSVP rvasquez@stmaryskids.org or 718.281.8826

Family Advisory Council 15

2:00 - 3:30pm - Ground Floor Conference Room

Family Fun Day - Summer Singing Fest

3:30 - 5:00pm , Music Room



Our kids at St. Mary's know how to work and play hard when it comes to Occupational Therapy!

August

St Mary's Sibling Support Group 14 (siblings ages 5-17) 11:00 -12:30pm

EVERY MONDAY Farm to Table Cooking Group 3:00pm - 3:30pm, 4th floor Great Room

EVERY SUNDAY

Catholic Service

12:45 pm , St. Mary's Chapel

For more information about the groups on the summer calendar, please visit their organization's websites.

Project Sunshine www.projectsunshine.org

We encourage families to join us as often as you can.

Monthly Siblings Group

We are hosting monthly siblings group led by Social Work to develop positive coping skills, gain peer support and enhance self-awareness through the use of social work therapeutic interventions, music therapy, and therapeutic art activities. Please call Sheena Mathew, LMSW 718-281-8805 or Katie Haas. LMSW 718-281-8921 to register your child. When you RSVP (register) please provide the child's name, age and number of siblings attending.

*All Children must be pre-registered and parents may • not leave St. Mary's while children are participating in the group.

> Please note, activities are subject to change For the most up to date information email: recreationtherapy@stmaryskids.org





Thank you for your patience as we continue renovations on the 2nd floor of the old building.

Our staff are working hard to minimize any inconvenience to our residents, family visitors and guests

We are pleased to share that we are on schedule to open our new 21 bed resident unit at the end of the year.

More detailed information to come in early Fall.

St. Mary's Celebrates Diversity

DID YOU KNOW.....OUR RESIDENT'S FAMILIES SPEAK 11 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES DID YOU KNOW......OUR RESIDENTS IDENTIFY WITH 13 DIFFERENT RELIGIONS



On June 15, St. Mary's will host its first Meet and Greet gathering for Spanish speaking families.



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On Saturday, May 19th, St. Mary's Spiritual Care Program held its first gathering for Muslim Families. Shaykh Ibad Wali, joined us to mee and greet Muslim families on the first Saturday of Ramadan.

> We are grateful to Shaykh Ibad Wa who joins our community clergy offering spiritual care.



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Improving Family Communication

St. Mary's has a new partnership with Phonetree, a company helping to broaden our system of communication. More information to come about our new method of sharing general hospital information quickly and directly with families.

*Comunicación estará disponible en español



Family Satisfaction Surveys

We believe that a positive patient and family experience happens through good communication, mutual respect and true partnership between patients, families and staff. We care about your experience and want to hear from you. Whether you love the service and care you've received or if you have suggestions on ways in which we can improve, we want to hear from you. Family Surveys are mailed and hand delivered, please fill them out and return them via by ratings reviews input mail or in person to the **Patient Family Services**

Office, RM 103.

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