

**Valentine's Day at the LAC+USC Medical Center!**



*Morrison's Dining Service* provided a yummy cooking experience in the CARES Childcare Centers by helping the children to decorate cupcakes.



**CARES helps the Medical Center celebrate Valentine's Day:**  
 ♥ CARES Board members **Toby Horn, Martha Galaif, Weta Mathies, Anita Tsuji, Ruth Turner & Norma Zagorsky** once again helped the Medical Center employees enjoy the day by donating their time assisting in the Gift Shop and delivering balloons on-site to medical center employees. This event to benefit the patients has become a Valentine tradition!



In Memoriam  
**Rosalie Campbell**  
**John Denney, M.D.**  
**Robert R. Dockson**  
**Aida Duarte**  
**Stephanie Patterson**

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**Newsletter**



**President's Message**

**CARES Celebrates "45 Years of Service"**

Greetings to CARES Friends,



I am excited to announce that the featured speaker at the CARES Annual Awards Meeting April 30th

will be **Nancy Alba Mullenax, Ph.D.**, Executive Director of "The Wellness Center at the Historic General Hospital." The Wellness Center is the creation of First District Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina in partnership with The California Endowment, the County of Los Angeles, and eighteen health promoting nonprofit organizations. It was formed with the vision of a community where adults, children and families are healthy, safe and ready to learn. The Wellness Center celebrated its grand opening on March 15, 2014, and looks forward to providing a way to honor the history of healing at General Hospital by utilizing it as a common space where nonprofits can coordinate wellness programming and promote prevention of disease. For over 20 years, Dr. Mullenax has worked in planning, implementation, evaluation, research and policy efforts to increase access to healthcare and education in California. Please come see how the first floor of General Hospital has been transformed into a beautiful and colorful new space for the Wellness Center, and learn more about the Wellness Center from Dr. Mullenax at our CARES Annual Awards Meeting: watch the mail for your invitation.

*Mindy Halls*

**CARES Awards Meeting & Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, April 30, 2014**  
 9:45 a.m.  
 The Valley Hunt Club  
**Nancy Alba Mullenax, Ph.D.**  
 Executive Director, The Wellness Center  
 "The Wellness Center at the Historic General Hospital"



**Meade B. Johnson, M.D.**  
**CARES 2014 Woman of the Year in Medicine**

**Dr. Meade B. Johnson** has been chosen as the CARES Woman of the Year in Medicine for her work in the Department of Radiology, LAC+USC Medical Center. Dr. Johnson started at LAC+USC in 1980 as an intern. She then joined the Department of Radiology resident training program in 1981. In 1986, Dr. Johnson was appointed to the full time attending staff as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Radiology, Keck School of Medicine, and subsequently was promoted to Associate Professor. **Dr. James Halls**, former Chairman of the Department of Radiology, said the following: "Meade was an excellent resident and quickly became a valuable member of the staff. During her tenure, Dr. Johnson has made important contributions to the development of



the Women's Imaging Division of the Department of Radiology and she has helped create an outstanding relationship with the Department of OB-GYN. In addition to her research and clinical activities, Dr. Johnson is an excellent teacher. She received the Modcai Halpern Teaching Award in the Department of Radiology and the Teacher Appreciation Award in the Department of OB-GYN. Dr. Johnson has been an ideal advocate for our patients at LAC+USC Medical Center and a loyal member of the attending staff throughout her career." In Dr. Johnson's words, "What a wonderful privilege I was given to provide healthcare to an underserved community of women!" CARES is pleased to honor Dr. Johnson at the 2014 Annual Awards Meeting this April.



## The Sanctuary Room

LAC+USC Burn Services is moving forward with a project that has been supported by CARES through a generous donation of time by **Mr. Peter Barraza** and funding by the late **Robert Norton**. The origin of what the Burn Services has named the "Sanctuary Room" came from the Barraza family after their young son was a burn patient. The family spent many hours and long days at the hospital, but had

nowhere they could rest. As a result of their experience and their generosity and caring for other similar families, the "Sanctuary Room"



will soon become a reality. Families of pediatric burn

patients will have a place where parents can spend time with their children in a stress free/no treatment zone. The room is about 50% completed. It has been painted, custom cabinets have been installed, and the TV and DVD player have arrived, but are not yet installed. The room is now waiting for the finishing touches. Check the next CARES newsletter for pictures of the "grand finale"!

## Photos of Historic General Hospital Available

**Andy Gero**, Chief of the LAC+USC Medical Center's Photography Department for many years, has photographed some beautiful views of General Hospital and many locations in and around the building. Some of these photographs are still available to order and purchase from the CARES Gift Shop to benefit the patients. His view of the entire Medical Center before the new facility was built is available on a postcard as well. The picture of General Hospital shown on the top right of the front page of the CARES newsletter (in the



The front entrance of General Hospital has welcomed many to the stately building over the years.

Photograph by **Andy Gero**

small circle) is one such photograph. CARES is grateful to Mr. Gero for his artistic talent and generosity.

With the opening of the new Wellness Center comes the opportunity to appreciate why General Hospital has been named an historic landmark as a fine example of Los Angeles architecture.

**Please check CARES new website: [lacusccares.org](http://lacusccares.org) for more up-to-date information about CARES programs and items to order to benefit the patients from CARES Gift and Thrift Shops.**

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