

Award winners!

Foundation honors three employees for winning suggestions

The Marquette General Foundation would like to thank the many creative and caring employees who submitted entries to the Foundation's first **Patient Centered Improvement Contest** using \$1,750 of the funds from the Getz's Get Casual for a Cause Employee Fundraising Program.

Congratulations to **Sarah Balko** from Diabetes Education, **Shari Smith** from the Occupational Therapy/Therapeutic Recreation Department and **Roxanne Soderstrom** from Doctors Park Clinic/ Donor Services.



Sarah Balko's entry won the \$1,000 category. With this \$1,000 a new **Continuous Glucose Monitoring System** will be purchased. This completely wireless, pager sized device records blood glucose values continuously for 72 hours allowing the diabetes educator and physician to discover patterns and make changes to diabetes

treatment. This small device is much more comfortable for the patient and provides more accurate information. The service is reimbursable by most insurances and puts MGHS on the cutting edge of diabetes care.



Shari Smith's entry won the \$500 category. The Rehabilitation Units (inpatient and outpatient) and the Psychiatric Units (adult and child) will share a new **Wii gaming system**. The units have tried the Wii gaming system with several patients and found amazing results. Patients sometimes can find therapy boring, but the Wii system makes it fun while the patient is moving and going through the motions needed to recover. Patients quickly achieve rehabilitation goals using everyday recreation activities in a virtual sense without any sort of physical consequence. Patients with long lengths of stay and those on bed rest will also be able to enjoy this therapeutic tool.



Roxanne Soderstrom's entry won the \$250 category. The Donor Services area of Doctors Park will receive a new 12-inch Digital Photo Frame with MP3 Player. A blood donor tech in the clinic setting, Roxanne often hears how donors would like some entertainment during their blood donation. She tried bringing in her own CD player and found many positive responses from the

donors, stating they felt more at ease and comfortable during their donation. Roxanne proposed soothing music be played with rotating Employee Photo Contest photos and suggests this be considered for other departments, procedure rooms or any areas where patients and families need comfort.

