National Nurse’s Week 2014
“The nursing team was present for and made so many wonderful moments possible!”

- The Bersee Family

“This was the second to last time we were able to hold Eli. Our nurse Pauline made this photo possible.”

“Pauline from the PCTU instantly made us feel confident and comforted that she knew her job and took it very seriously. She also made us laugh and smile.”

“Pauline was Eli's lead nurse and we knew that when she was present, we could rest, take a walk, and know that everything humanly possible was being done for his care. We trusted her and realized a sense of peace when she was there.”

Thank You, Pauline!
“ECMO Craig was our rockstar”

-The Bersee Family

“Craig was an amazing addition to our team. He was our cheerleader and a protector of our child.”

“We could truly be ourselves in Eli's room with Craig around because he was kind, talented, accepting, and genuinely enthusiastic about helping our son.”

Thank You, Craig!
"We slept because of Sarah"
-The Bersee Family

"Every night that Sarah in the PCTU worked with, protected, and helped Eli, we slept, we rested, and we knew he'd be ok. She fought every night for his progress. Her allegiance to Eli's recovery was palpable and when you know someone else is as passionate about saving your son's life as you are, you can't help but smile."

Thank You, Sarah!
Thank You, Vicki!

“Vicki Shieck has gone far above and beyond the call of duty. She has been a solid rock for me through the ups and downs of this journey. She has dried my tears, made me laugh and has been a vital part of our transplant team. She is simply the best.”

-Shannon Hamet; Mom to Jackson and Marisa
“I feel ever grateful to have a wonderful Mott Nursing Team.”

-Amy Ohmer

“When our daughters are struggling with an extra poke or test, it is the nurses who reach out and provide comfort through extra hand-holding or even by simply producing a pink-colored bandage.”

“Most importantly though, it is from one particular nurse that I love and adore, Miss Christie Byrne. On her personal break she took the time to bring me my favorite chai latte and to sit with our family for a few minutes.”

Thank You, Christie!
“While standing directly in front of the mom this nurse politely requested a signature for an intervention for the family's child. Before she could finish both parents looked at each other and started to giggle.

The nurse winced and asked, “What?”

Mom and dad had just finished an engaging conversation about how staff often approaches moms leaving the dad seemingly out.

The nurse asked if she could try again.

She proceeded to walk out of the room but immediately returned.

Another PFCC lesson learned from real life experiences.”

-Scott Newport
“For Halloween, we decided to have Maddie be the Queen of Hearts from Alice in wonderland (because of her Berlin Heart), while her dad was the Mad Hatter, I was the White Rabbit, and her twin brother and sister were Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee. That left only one main character needed, Alice. Her nurse that day was Kelly. Now, normally Kelly did not ever dress up for Halloween, even when she wasn't working. But on this occasion, Kelly went out of her way to get ahold of a complete Alice costume and stayed dressed up for Maddie the entire shift. It made all of our day. Maddie loved every minute of it.”

“I will never forget these acts of kindness. They have made beautiful memories I will cherish forever.”

-Shannan Shaw

Thank You, Kelly!

“Thank you for your service...”
“John spent time on 7 Mott, PICU and Peds infusion. Each nurse that crossed our path was caring, compassionate and skilled beyond belief. Each brought to our family something treasured.”

“Thank You Peds Infusion Nurses!”
- Paula Crosby-Flake

“Martha and Mary Jo, knew John’s personality and what he liked to be in control of. When you have a cancer diagnosis in your family there is so much that is OUT of control, that anything you can control, you will. With John it was taking a tiny little pill called Cortef. Almost the size of a pinhead, John would sit for hours and stare at this tiny little pill...he would be at the infusion center for HOURS and not until he was being flushed at the end would he decide to pop that little pill in his mouth. Martha and Mary Jo showed the utmost patience with my John, and for that, I will always be grateful.”
“In PICU, there was Regina who managed to talk me “off the ledge” when John was dying before our very eyes; there was Jacquie with her sense of humor and complicated life; Maureen who loved to learn and share what she was learning; Bekah, fresh out of nursing school when we found our faith in common, we knew we were bonded for life.”

“One night, Jenn called after I had gone home. John had spiked a worrisome fever and she urged me to return to the hospital. When I got there, she asked me if I wanted to get in bed with John. John was in a medically-induced come and his condition was grave. I was able to cradle John in my arms for the rest of the night.

“Thank You PICU Nurses!”

-Paula Crosby-Flake
“Most importantly, she earned the trust of Phoebe.”

-Carrie Keech

“Susie Weber, nurse on the 7th Floor-Infusion, is by far one of the greatest assets CS Mott has! She has gone above and beyond when it comes to the care of warrior Phoebe...and our family! She meets our needs emotionally, socially, and physically. She truly is one of the most amazing people.”

Thank You, Susie!
“All of the staff were kind, supportive and helpful to my children, family and friends during our 7 week stay.”

-Terri Proben

“One evening, when 4 of my best friends since childhood, came to visit the boys, Janet was working. Knowing how badly I needed to hold my son Nick who I had never held, she chatted and joked with my friends and I, when all of a sudden, she slid a rocking chair over next to Nicks bed. She sat me down and gently placed my little Nick, on my arms/lap. As he lay on the cushion from his isolette, connected to a vent, monitors and IV lines, the tears flowed. I was surrounded by my best friends and shared one of the most precious moments of my life with all of them. Nick was finally strong enough. ”

Thank You, Janet!
“Maddie developed such an incredible bond with her nurses that some were almost like second moms.”

-Renee Thelen
“We will always think of Nick like family.”

-Jenn Canvassar

“Nick Parks (PICU nurse) cared for Micah most days of the week during Micah's seven month PICU stay. Nick quickly became part of our family. He was there for our birthdays, holidays, celebrations, for Micah's best days and Micah's worst days. We will always cherish Nick's commitment and deep care for Micah.”

Thank You, Nick!
“Her love, care and commitment to Micah and our family was truly amazing.”

-Jenn

Rochelle Heidt was the very first person who cared for Micah when he arrived to the PICU. I will always cherish Rochelle's empathy, sensitivity and competency. She knew exactly how to care for our fragile son and our overwhelmed family. On day one, Rochelle committed to becoming Micah's primary nurse and cared for Micah throughout his entire seven month PICU stay.

Thank You, Rochelle!
“We will always cherish Rachael's love and commitment to Micah and our family.”

-Jenn

“Rachael Brant adored Micah, and his twin brother, Zachary. Due to Micah's dependency on hemo-dialysis, Micah received blood transfusions daily. When we needed to form a team of long-term, direct blood donors for Micah, Rachael immediately volunteered. As one of Micah's direct blood donors, she would need to donate blood to Micah every 56 days until he was eligible for a kidney transplant.”

Thank You, Rachael!
“I have so many wonderful nurse stories. The best story is when Emily was in for more than ten days and I was knitting a sweater. I got stuck with the knitting...needed help on a stitch and a male nurse...whose name I cannot remember... helped me!”

-Laura Bonnell
“Mott Peds Cardiology Nurses Rock!”
-Colleen Schomaker

“Tommy had a group of nurses that were simply,...“his” and he “theirs”.”
“It is the consistent, genuine concern and love for our child for more than a decade of admissions, surgeries, etc. There is quite a special group of nurses on 10 and 11 West in Mott Cardiology that are absolutely the BEST, have played a vital role in the overall care of our child and who remain a huge part of our lives today! We love them and words cannot begin to express the deep appreciation we feel towards them!”

`The Schomakers

Thank You, Mott Pediatric Cardiology Nurses!
"There was one nurse who stands out in particular named Kristy, who is still on the unit, and every shift she was with Ava she was happy and perky and talked to Ava.

Before we could be discharged Ava had to pass her car seat test where she slept in the car seat but maintained sats. She was still on oxygen at the time, but Ava passed the required level and time. We had been sitting there staring at Ava and the pulse ox machine with great intent.

When Kristy came back in the room we said that the machine never beeped with cautious optimism that all was well. And Kristy said, "That’s my girl!!!" And I just beamed and exhaled and loved that Kristy so naturally and nonchalantly called Ava her girl!! It's hard to put into words, but that simple phrase instilled confidence and love and pride that others cared about Ava as a person and not a patient."

-Kori Jones
Thank You, Barb!

“Barb was so attentive to keeping Rachael comfortable, as this picture shows how carefully she was positioning her.”
- Chris Kleimola
“Over the years, my daughter had so many excellent nurses care for her when she was in the hospital!”

- Chris Kleimola

“One day we were combing Rachael's hair. The nurse walked out and came back with a ribbon to put in my daughter's hair. She didn't need to do that, but she showed special love for Rachael and value for her life by getting her that hair ribbon. Thank you for doing those extras for our children, which really does as much for parents during those really rough days!”
“The NICU nurses went above and beyond anything I could have ever expected”

-Katie McCartney

“Every night during our 127 day NICU stay, we read him "Goodnight Moon". We quickly memorized the entire book, as did our nurses since they heard it every day as well.”

Thank You, NICU nurses!

“After bringing our son home, we received a package in the mail. It was a large, audio book of "Goodnight Moon" that our primary team of nurses had all recorded their voices reading this story.”
“We are so grateful to the nurses for their knowledge, compassion, and caring hearts.”

“The nurses in the pediatric endocrinology diabetes clinic are vital to managing the care of our two children with type one diabetes. They provide us with great technical support in managing day to day care and acute situations. They talk through strategies with us and work as a team to produce the best outcomes possible. They offer emotional support as we cope with a chronic disease that impacts us 24-7.”

- The Caswell Family

Thank You, Pediatric Endocrinology Diabetes Clinic Nurses!
Thank You, Marian!
The Fochtman’s

Thank You, Marsha!
“Nurse Marshmallow”
The Fochtman’s
“I am very thankful and I always remember them with a lot of appreciation.”

“Certainly nurses are a life saver, most of the time comforters also. We had a great experience with the nurses of the ICU: they helped me with my son Matthew while he was on life support.

-Matthew and Flor Armstrong
Thank you, to all of our wonderful nurses, for all that you do! You truly are amazing!