

JGH Jazz Fest

6W was the scene of the JGH's very own Jazz Festival the week of June 30th – July 5th. For five consecutive days, volunteer musicians brought a wide range of music to those who could not attend the Montreal International Jazz Festival.

The daily concerts were held in the Weissman Solarium and featured artists performing everything from soul music, blues, jazz, Latin, tropical music and even poetry. The festival was open to all staff and patients and had an excellent turnout.

The poetry and jazz concert featured internationally recognized poets Fortner Anderson, Geneviève Latarte and Ian Ferrier reading their own works, as well as Janie Resnitz who read Yiddish poetry, all to jazz accompaniment. JGH musicians included Silvio Klausner (Radiology) and Arjang PourSabet (Radiology). Music therapist Bryan Highbloom, who also performed in the festival, organized the concert series.

The festival is supported by a donation from the Wolfe family in memory of Moe Wolfe. Many thanks to all who participated and helped bring the JGH Jazz Festival to life.



Music therapist Bryan Highbloom and 6th floor orderly Theo Perna perform at the JGH Jazz Fest.

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Many patients who have a living will also completed a Mandate Alert Form that identifies the mandatory, or substitute decision-makers, who will represent the patients' views on life-sustaining intervention. This form is placed in the patient's hospital chart with a large "M" on the inside cover. The "M" is also embossed on the patient's hospital card.

To respect your patient's wishes, please remember to look for the "M"

Nursing Externe Program

Developed by the Quebec Order of Nurses, to help cope with the summer nursing shortage, this program once again proved to be very successful. Over 60 student nurses, most of whom have completed their second year of nursing studies, worked in medical and surgical areas throughout our hospital. Each student was assigned to an experienced nurse,



working in partnership to deliver high quality patient care. "Patients benefit, the nurses appreciate having the students, and it's a great experience for the students themselves who can put what they learn into practice," explains Marsha Ptack, Nursing Recruitment Coordinator.

"The hospital is really friendly – the nurses make you feel comfortable and are very helpful with your training," said Melissa Liben, a second-year nursing student at McGill, who worked on 4NW for ten weeks.

"The best part about nursing is the patients. You really feel like you're making a difference in their lives," she added, noting that she would love to eventually work at the JGH.

At a party held in their honour, Mona Kravitz, Associate Executive Director (Nursing), thanked the externs for their contributions to quality nursing care and praised staff nurses for taking the students under their wing.

The program ran until August 31st and will be reactivated during the Christmas vacation period.

Teddy Bear Clinic

In May, Eva Cohen, Chief of the Pharmacy Department, Dr. Albert Cohen, Chief of Gastroenterology and Danielle Assouline, Unit Coordinator, Family Birthing Centre, visited children at Le Centre de la Petite Enfance du Centre Communautaire Juif.

They held a Teddy Bear Clinic for the children, giving them an opportunity to visit with physicians, nurses, dentists and pharmacists. The JGH team shared their knowledge with the children and gave them tips on oral hygiene, sunscreen usage, and medication safety. The children also received gifts from the "Teddy Bear Clinicians." The event was a very rewarding experience for both the children and the medical professionals.



Danielle Assouline, Dr. Albert Cohen and Eva Cohen participated in a Teddy Bear Clinic in May.