

Mercy's Kris Sargent receives national cancer care award



Kris Sargent, RN, OCN, is president of the Linn Unit Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society.

Kris Sargent, RN, OCN, received the annual Lane Adams Quality of Life Award from the American Cancer Society. The national award recognizes health-care professionals who competently and compassionately provide exemplary care for cancer patients.

Kris is a nurse educator for Mercy Regional Cancer Center and Hall Radiation Center at Mercy Medical Center. She has worked in the oncology field for 23 years. During this time, she has been a major fundraising force for cancer-related fundraising events such as Daffodil Days, Relay for Life, and the Corridor Classic and Pink Ribbon golf outings.

In the areas of cancer education and prevention, Kris has helped organize Cancer Survivors Day, the "I Can Cope" program and "Road to Recovery" recruitment efforts, community cancer screenings for the uninsured, as well as facilitated support programs for cancer



survivors. Most recently, she helped develop and implement the groundbreaking Especially For Me breast cancer study at Mercy. She also is the current president of the Linn Unit Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society.

"It's an honor for me to be selected for this award," says Kris. "I've grown as a nurse and person from the many patients and families that have touched my life along the road. I am very humbled by the award."

Mercy tops the list with 10 Great Iowa Nurses

Mercy is proud to announce 10 of its nurses were selected to be honored among the 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2008. That is more than any other hospital in the state and reflects the hard work and dedication of our nurses.

Congratulations to these nurses for their outstanding achievements at Mercy, to the patients they serve and to the profession of nursing.



Mercy nurses chosen to receive the prestigious designation of 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2008 are: (front row, left to right) Vicki Keegan, Patient Care Services Administration; Kay Jackson, Women and Children's Services; and Penny Glanz, Surgical Services; (back row, left to right) Janice Bronson, Radiation Center; Sue Dawson, Clinical Outcomes and Research; Mary Freese, Home Health Care; Tim Hehr, Intensive Care Center; Connie Hauskins, Children's Services; Cheryl Kissling, Birthplace; and Darcy Koehn, Mercy Family Counseling.

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