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Honoring Our Founders and Celebrating Our Heritage

At St. Bernardine, there is a true appreciation of the adage that, to achieve your future vision, you must understand and honor your past. Although that reflection occurs throughout the year, Founders' Day provides a cause for open celebration of the hospital's heritage, and this year is no exception.

On October 10, 2009, St. Bernardine will celebrate 78 years of serving the community and pursuing its mission, a rich legacy of caring, compassion and collaboration. In honor of both past and future, the hospital is hosting various events during the week of October 5-12.

Prayer cards, offering a short prayer for the hospital and its important work in healing the sick, will be handed out to both patients and staff. Throughout the week, the Spiritual Care staff will make the rounds in the hospital, offering "Tea for the Soul" to all departments. Sister Terry Maher explains, "We'll go to each floor to offer patients and staff iced and hot tea, cookies, prayer cards, warm smiles and positive greetings for the day." In addition, she says, in the

cafeteria there will be a screening of "Galveston Stories," a DVD which captures some of the history of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

"I encourage everyone to take a moment to honor St. Bernardine as a place of healing and rich history," Linda McDonald, vice president of Mission Services, remarks. "Our hospital has had a tremendously positive impact on the community, and the fact that it continues to grow and leave its mark is worth celebrating."



St. Bernardine was founded in 1931 through the efforts of Dr. Philip Savage, a dedicated physician; Fr. Patrick Dunne, a determined priest; the generous and compassionate Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of Houston, Texas; and a supportive and actively-involved community. It is a rich heritage that will be celebrated on Founders' Day, October 10, 2009.

news to know... on the go

Sign-Up Now for Annual Health Update

Make sure to sign up for the mandatory SBMC annual health update program. All employees must attend one of the three scheduled sessions, which will take place on October 5, 19 and 23 in the Match Center

from 7 am to 3:30 pm. Employees will need one hour to complete the stations, which include TB evaluations, respiratory mask fittings and required educational information for both clinical and non-clinical staff members. Sign-up sheets are posted at the employee elevators near the main lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Dani LaVoie, employee health nurse, at extension 3401.