2011 Wrap Up

What an amazing year 2011 has been for UMC Trauma and Burn Center! More than 12,000 patients have been treated for traumatic injuries including burns in these 12 short months. Trauma and Burn Center physicians, nurses, and ancillary staff serve our community 24/7, often under very challenging circumstances. Patients come to us from as far away as northern Nevada, Arizona, Utah and California for our advanced medical and surgical care guided by the principle of getting the right patient to the right hospital, at the right time, for the right care. Our outreach and education efforts have been busier than ever, reinforcing our commitment to being a leader in injury prevention and education in our region.

Take a look at some of the things we have accomplished together:
- Four ATLS courses with attendees from as far away as Australia
- Four ABLS courses
- Pediatric Trauma Conference
- EMS for Children education
- Taking it to the Streets EMS education
- Walk Your Kids to School Day
- Step Out for Safety Walk
- Trauma Survivors Luncheon
- Four Every 15 Minutes events
- Disaster Management, Emergency Preparedness (DMEP) course
- Burn Center Open House
- You Drink, You Drive, You Lose
- Pediatric Burn Survivor Christmas Party

Farewell to a True Leader...

Once in awhile, a leader emerges in an organization and changes the energy. Employees follow and perform out of a desire to do well because of their boss’s example. Kim Voss is just that type of leader. Beginning in 1980 as Quality Assurance Manager, she quickly rose through the ranks as Director of Performance Improvement, Executive Director of Performance Improvement & Medical Staff Office to her current position as Associate Administrator of Clinical Intervention & Quality Management, all the while maintaining her approachable and kind demeanor. As a unit secretary recently said, “I am a nothing in the scheme of things, and Kim knows my name. I am really going to miss her.” She emulates John Maxwell’s quote, “A great leader’s courage to fulfill her vision comes from passion, not position.” Kim has served UMC with integrity and commitment for 31 years, and now she is moving on. And we will miss her greatly!
You Drink, You Drive, You Lose 2011

Over 100 High School students attended this year’s You Drink, You Drive, You Lose event. Sixty-six people have lost their lives on Nevada highways so far this year because of a drunk driver. That’s already 11 people more than last year. Nationwide, every 31 minutes, another person dies because of a careless decision to drink and then get behind the wheel. In addition to impaired driving education, emphasis was also placed on distracted driving and pedestrian safety. Students visited various exhibits from Safe Communities, The County Coroner’s office, Las Vegas Highway Patrol, AMR, Nevada Highway Patrol, and more. Vickie Johnson spoke to the kids about the death of her son Joshua at the hands of a drunk driver. This was the 13th year UMC has hosted this program. This event is made successful through the continued support from our community partners who donate goods and services every year. Thanks to those of you who go above and beyond for the citizens of our great city!

Burn Care Pediatric Survivors Annual Christmas Party

Sixty burn injury survivors were treated to a Christmas Celebration complete with Mr. and Mrs. Clause, cupcakes and cookies. Each child received a toy donated by the local Firefighters Burn Foundation, and got to spend some time with St. Nick. “This event is our way of bringing our patients together in a spirit of acceptance and celebration and for us to see the patients progress. It is a really inspirational time for all of us as burn care providers,” said Ed Enriquez, Burn Center Manager. The burn center partners with the Firefighters Foundation yearly to provide this event to the kids. Toys are donated to the Foundation through the “Fill the Truck” toy drive.

SAVE THE DATE!
Burn Care Open House
March 15th, 2012

Winter Trauma Gear is available in the Gift Shop. See our assortment of sweat shirts, hoodies and mugs!
The Year in Pictures