

*All non-officer employees who work 20+ hours weekly are eligible. Volunteers and physicians are not eligible.*

## Nomination Ballot

**My name is (nominator):** \_\_\_\_\_

**I want to nominate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's hospital:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Use the space below (continue on the back or add pages if necessary) to **tell at least ONE story** that demonstrates why you feel this person should win the 2019 Mercy Award.
- Please print legibly and be specific (for example, explain what he/she does to support our hospitals in providing quality patient care, inspire fellow employees and/or make our communities healthier).

Submit this form/your story to your Mercy Award Coordinator or at designated collection locations by the deadline.

**Janice is a counselor and educator.** She plays a critical role by helping patients and families address the emotional impact of illness and treatment. She facilitates interventions to aid the patient in achieving optimum recovery or transitioning to end of life care.

An example of Janice's extraordinary kindness is the time in 2017 she arranged for an eight year old boy to come and tour our nursery. This little boy was adopted at birth from Clark Memorial and his adoptive parents had recently shared his birth story with him. He was able to meet one of the nurses, that had cared for him in labor and delivery. Janice presented the little boy and his brother (also adopted) with gift bags. The bags included Batman "arm bracelets" because the nurses put an armband on you when you are born; Kleenex because there are "tears of joy"; Hershey Kisses because there are always "hugs and kisses" during happy times; and finally, a Hot Wheels car because you leave the hospital in your "shiny new wheels."

I can't think of a more deserving recipient for the Mercy Award.

**Adrienne Griffin-Grieshaw, Patient Access Manager wrote:**

Janice Martin works with our most vulnerable patients; newborns going up for adoption.

She has the kindest heart for all those involved: the birth mother, the newborn child and the family that has chosen the littlest angel to add to their family. The sensitivity and compassion that Janice shows for all involved is admirable. It requires that she show no judgment, a vulnerability to serve even when it hurts her emotionally and to go all the way to the end of the process to ensure success.

Janice is passionate about these newborns, the moms making potentially, the hardest decision of their life and the adoptive families taking on a lifelong commitment.

There is no mercy greater than this service that Janice is involved in and represents Clark so well as an advocate and employee. Janice is well deserving of the high honor of the Mercy Award. She has a love and tenacity for the people she helps. I know Social Work is not just a job to Janice, it is her heart and soul.

**Dina Haming, RB, BSN, Throughput Manager wrote:**

My day started like any other with beds to assign and rounding of departments and staff. But little did I know what was to come. Around 12:30 a patient arrived in cardiac arrest. The patient was a young man in his early thirties that was found down at his workplace with no heart beat or respirations. The ER staff tried to resuscitate him for an extended period of time, but were unsuccessful in their attempts. He appeared to be healthy and had no medical history so his family and friends were shocked when the news spread that his life was cut short. The patient was married and his wife was 6 months pregnant with their first baby.

Janice Martin arrived to help console a grieving family. All I can say is WOW! Janice is a remarkable individual with impressive knowledge and passion for what she does. Her experience and training kicked in and she stayed with the man's wife helping her through the initial shock.

Janice extended therapy and compassion to the wife while she waited down the hall to be able to see her husband. When this wife could not leave her husband who was laying on a stretcher in the ER code room, Janice was there. When this young woman cried out, Janice was there. When she spoke and talked about her husband, Janice was there listening. The young wife was having a hard time leaving the side of her husband. Janice was there patiently listening and helping her to begin the process of grieving. This lasted over the course of about 5 to 6 hours until the wife, exhausted and drained slowly left her husband's side to go home.

This is one story of many that can be told about Janice's compassion and patience and her ability to connect with others in a way that makes her an inspiration. She is truly deserving of the Mercy Award.

### **Janice's Community Involvement**

Janice not only touches the lives of patients that come through Clark Memorial's doors, but she is also an active member of the Scottsburg United Methodist Church. She teaches Sunday School to children pre-school up to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Janice is a Church Acolyte assisting the worship service by lighting and extinguishing alter table candles. Also, she is the chair of the education committee at the church. This committee chooses child and adult religious educational material for the congregation. One church project she is particularly proud of was for the Department of Child Services (foster care) offering Christmas presents for teens getting ready to go to college.

When Janice married in 2002, both her and her husband-to-be had households so they decided to set up an unrestricted endowment fund with the Scott County Community Foundation. This fund allowed their family and friends to be part of their joy by using the money they would spend on gifts to make donations to help others. The fund still active to this day and continues to receive funds from family and friends as life events arise. The foundation holds many designated and unrestricted funds and provides several scholarships and grants each year.