

Shining Brightly on One Healthy Way

Twas Friday, December 18th. A glittering Christmas tree beckoned visitors to the cafeteria dining room as miniature Kris Kringles stood guard at tables laden with pork loin, vegetable dumplings and fancy "Bacardi-encrusted" shrimp. Styrofoam snowmen, looking alive as they could be and positioned alongside trays of cookies and bowls of rice pudding, added to the festive air.

While staff members munched on roast turkey and "Mussels Bianco," DJ and SMART Center Therapy Aide Manny Baena provided a backdrop for the festivities, playing tunes ranging from disco and salsa to pop and hip-hop.

"The holidays are a time when the South Nassau family can come together and celebrate a year's worth of significant accomplishments," said Joseph A. Quagliata, president and CEO. "Their dedication to

excellence and willingness to go above and beyond their job descriptions will ensure another successful year of providing high quality health care to our patients."

Adding to the fun and excitement of the event, the Department of Human Resources raffled off 40 \$50 bills.

But the holiday season was also a time of giving for South Nassau employees. Through donations to the hospital's food bank, employees and their families who need assistance enjoyed an especially happy holiday. Staff members also extended a helping hand to needy families in the community, providing clothing, food and toys (see story on page 5).

"It's so refreshing to see the South Nassau family rally around their colleagues and community members who have fallen on difficult times," said Joseph Lamantia, executive vice president and chief operating officer. "Through their donations, staff members not only help meet the families' needs but also provide them with holiday cheer."

