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VHA, Inc., a national healthcare alliance, has recognized Lakeland HealthCare with its **2008 Leadership Award for Excellence** for preventing ventilator-associated pneumonia in intensive care unit patients for 12 consecutive months. VHA serves more than 1,400 not-for-profit hospitals nationwide, and Lakeland HealthCare is one of only 49 VHA-member hospitals to be recognized in this category.

Dr. Dennis Thompson is leading the physician campaign portion of Lakeland's corporate campaign to raise



\$205,000 for the **United Ways of Southwest Michigan and Greater Niles**. To participate, complete the pledge card mailed to all Lakeland physicians or contact campaign co-chairs Peggy Juhl at (269) 428-2009 or Sandra Place at (269) 473-3003.

The physician capital campaign continues to raise funds to support the new inpatient addition at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. To make a donation, contact the Lakeland Health Foundations, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, at (269) 927-5143.

The Lakeland Physician Spouse Network meets quarterly, with the next event scheduled for October 15. For details, contact Kimberly Simpson of Lakeland Physician Services at (269) 985-4485.

The Lakeland Women's Physician Network meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to participate, contact Dr. Katherine Kwon at (269) 428-0819.

The annual Lakeland Gala is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, in the new patient addition at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Invitations will be mailed in early fall.

Lakeland HealthCare's 5 Star Physicians for the Third Quarter of 2008 are **Dr. Kathleen Andries**, Internal Medicine, and **Dr. Rosa Johnson**, Family Medicine. This honor is based on nominations by Lakeland associates and volunteers of physicians who demonstrate outstanding service.

Shelley Wilkinson, RN, has been named to the newly created position, at Lakeland, of **breast health coordinator** to help patients navigate through the evaluation and treatment of breast cancer.



The following physicians have joined the Lakeland medical staff:

Sigita Alimenti, MD, completed her residency through the Sparrow Family Practice Residency Program in Lansing, Michigan. She received her medical degree from Vilnius University Medical School in Lithuania. Dr. Alimenti is board-certified in Family Medicine and board-eligible in Geriatric Medicine.



Stephen Bovenkerk, DO, Otolaryngology, recently joined the practice of Dr. Dennis Thompson at Lake Michigan Sinus and Sleep



Apnea Center in Saint Joseph. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency in Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic Surgery at Saint John Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights, Michigan. Dr. Bovenkerk is board eligible through the American Osteopathic Board of Otolaryngology.

Richard Frieden, MD,



Neuro Hospitalist, will be seeing inpatients at the Saint Joseph campus. He earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed residencies in Internal Medicine and Neurology at West Virginia University School of Medicine. Dr. Frieden is double board-certified through the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Charity Tumangday, MD,



has joined Southwestern Medical Clinic as part of the Hospitalist team. She received her Doctor of Medicine from the University of the Philippines in Manila, Philippines. Dr. Tumangday completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Rochester General Hospital in Rochester, New York and also completed a fellowship in Neurocritical Care at the University of Chicago Hospitals in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Charity Tumangday is board-certified in Internal Medicine.