



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

The Employee of the Month program is a wonderful way to recognize those employees who truly embody our Mission. It helps to build morale as well as camaraderie.

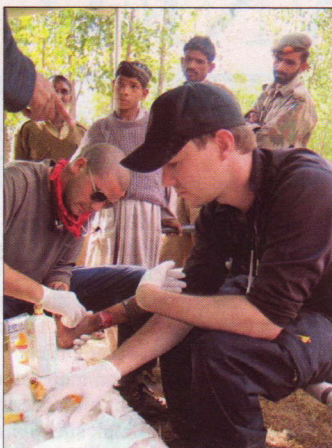
Nominations should be directed to HR no later than the last Friday of each month, and **anyone can nominate anyone!**

Won't you nominate your co-worker today?



**Medical Records Week**  
Nov. 7-11  
Congratulations to Diana McLaughlin and the entire department for a job well done!

## In the Wake of Tragedy, Hope Arrived: Our Very Own in Pakistan



The earth shook violently in Pakistan in early October. Thousands upon thousands of people perished, and many more were injured. Many of them lacked even the most primitive of medical assistance. Our very own Paramedics Phil Suarez, Joe Connelly and Charles "Sandy" Berkowitz made a decision that would change their lives: joined by former SVM paramedics Steve Muth, Chris Summers and Lucy Winton, they went to Pakistan to offer whatever aid they could. What follows is Phil's account of their heroic trip. It illustrates the determination and amazing compassion with which they embraced their "Mission of Hope": "After being dropped off in Seyan, Kashmir, in the area called the Jhellum Valley or the Line of Control with India, we

relieved an Afghan team that had been there since the first week of the quake. A Pakistani Army Colonel convinced us to push further into Kashmir, he said no one had been into Kashmir and the people were desperate. So Steve, Sandy, Joe and myself along with Betsy, our doctor from Seattle decided to head into the Kashmir Mountains. For some reason, all relief organizations refused to go into Kashmir, so we felt we had an obligation to do what we could. The little infrastructure that had once existed in Kashmir was gone, the roads that used to access these villages were barely existent and at times, there seemed to be no trace of any road. We climbed rubble, avalanche hills and pancaked structures. The first town we encountered,

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*Phil Suarez*

Chinari, was known for having lost all 400 of its children in its schools. Everywhere we walked we sensed and smelled death and destruction. We ended up in Katai at an artillery base where, with a Pakistan Army major, we set up a field hospital. We were treating about 200 patients a day varying from crushing injuries, long bone open fractures and deep infected lacerations to chronic illnesses. After a few days we went to Nord Dijhia, a town a few kilometers from the Line of Control. We kept hearing

that the area was devastated and desperate for relief. The march there was yet the worst: steep 500 foot drops at angles of almost 90 degrees. Once the word was spread in the Valley that foreigners were providing medical aid, patients were carried to us from all corners. These incredible people carried the injured for hours over the most treacherous terrain. In the end we treated about 1500 people and brought tremendous attention to the area. We regularly harassed the Minister of Health, Generals, Colonels, anybody that we could reach who could make a difference.

We also just confirmed with CBS that 60 Minutes will be airing their story of us this Sunday Nov. 13th.

It was an incredible experience that I will not so soon forget." We commend Phil and the rest of the team for being instruments of hope to so many people in that devastated part of the world. We're proud to call them our colleagues!!



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**TUESDAY, NOV. 22  
12:00 NOON  
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