

## Making a Difference Through Care and Concern

**N**orth Arundel Hospital demonstrates its commitment to the community by offering countless community wellness programs, health screenings, lectures and health fairs. Through promoting health awareness, the hospital's physicians and staff have been credited for touching and saving the lives of thousands of area residents.

At one of North Arundel Hospital's free skin cancer screenings, Glen Burnie's Jerry Gavin's consultation with Dermatologist Jane Chew, M.D., confirmed that an area of his chest was damaged with basal cell skin cancer. The basal cell area - one that could have gone unnoticed without North Arundel Hospital's screening - was successfully removed in Dr. Chew's office soon afterward.

"I am glad I decided to see Dr. Chew because she was able to catch the damage before it became life-threatening," said Mr. Gavin. "It made me aware that I need to be more careful when I am out in the sun."

Odenton's Phyllis Thompson is another county resident whose life has been positively impacted by North Arundel Hospital's services and support. After suffering from a lung capacity disease for over 50 years, Ms. Thompson joined the O'Malley Marchers Walking



Program to incorporate physical activity into her daily routine. Through gradually increasing her distance, she is now walking six miles per week and breathing better than ever before.

"Since I joined the program, I feel like a new person," said Ms. Thompson. "My doctor is so impressed with my improvement that he has posted information about the walking program in his office to encourage others to join."

North Arundel Hospital provides free events throughout the community. For a complete list of upcoming events, call 410-787-4367. ●

## Reaching Out to the Community

**N**orth Arundel Hospital physicians and health-care professionals have been featured on WCBM's Talkin' Back with Dr. Sok for nearly two years. Guests of this live radio talk show provide important healthcare information and answer questions from callers. The show is broadcast every other Wednesday on 680 AM.

The 2002 season will include broadcasts from the hospital and various free screenings, which will be offered in conjunction with shows. Area residents are encouraged to participate in the screenings and call the show as well. The following free screenings will be offered during upcoming shows:

Stroke Screening  
February 13

Colon Cancer Screening  
March 13

Foot Screening  
April 10

Skin Cancer Screening  
May 8

Vision and Glaucoma Screening  
August 28

Prostate Cancer Screening  
September 25

Diabetes/Blood Sugar Screening  
November 6

Anemia Screening  
December 18

For more information or to receive a schedule of upcoming shows and topics, call 410-787-4367. ●

## RECRUITMENT EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL AT NORTH ARUNDEL HOSPITAL

North Arundel Hospital has welcomed over 100 new employees into its campus on Hospital Drive over the past several months, due to the hard work of the hospital's Human Resources Department. The hospital understands that quality employees equal quality patient care, so the Human Resources Department continues to work diligently to coordinate programs and job fairs to attract hard working associates. Throughout the year, North Arundel Hospital holds job fairs at its Arundel Mills storefront, the hospital and college campuses to recruit individuals for a range of positions, from housekeeping to nursing to professional management.

To attract new employees, North Arundel Hospital promotes programs that encourage career advancement and employee satisfaction. The hospital's tuition reimbursement program offers free college tuition to a number of hospital employees. With Anne Arundel County Community College as a strong liaison, the hospital directs a staff development program, where newly graduated RN's are hired and undergo a six to eight week orientation. During the orientation, graduates become proficient in their new profession through educational classroom sessions and hands-on training. Recruitment efforts have paid off and is evidenced by North Arundel Hospital's low average nursing vacancy rate of three percent compared to the Maryland Hospital's Association national nursing vacancy rate of 14 percent. During the nationwide nursing shortage the hospital was almost fully staffed, allowing patients to receive the quality care they normally received.

Individuals seeking a position with North Arundel Hospital can apply online at [www.northarundel.org](http://www.northarundel.org), call the job hotline at 410-787-4270, fax their resume to 410-553-0671 or stop by the hospital's Human Resources Department, open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For a free brochure on the hospital's various positions call, 410-787-4502. ●