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Employee Spotlight

All of our hardworking crew!!!!



**National Laundry & Linen Week
April 25th-29th**

The week of April 25th - 29th we saluted the dedicated workforce of

the textile care services industry. We paused to

Greetings!

Welcome to the Spring edition of NWHCL NEWS. With 1/3 of the year completed most of us are looking forward to long and sunny days! We are extremely busy sewing RFID chips into all of our scrub wear and preparing for the launch of tracking scrubs using the latest technology. We believe we have taken a huge step forward in providing our customers with the most accurate deliveries and financial data available in the medical laundry market. We are making plans to expand our RFID advantage to other products and services we offer such as cubicle curtain tracking to further our goal of providing the safest and cleanest textiles to medical providers in the Northwest Region.

It's May which means it's time to celebrate Mother's Day! Our plan to honor the newer Mother's we serve is to upgrade our Pediatric IV Gown line to a more modern and comfortable gown. We think our customers who use Ped Gowns will be very pleased with our NEW Pet Parade print. Upgrading product lines is something we at Northwest Health Care Linen continually pursue while making sure your costs to provide care remain the lowest in the region. We will be completing this gown change by June 1st.

In addition to the new gown we are also doing a thorough "spring cleaning" of our circulating inventory by conducting in-depth product audits which will continue to improve textile quality for your patients satisfaction. Our goal here at NWHCL is to connect our "Production Team" to your patients through an education and awareness campaign that provides them with the motivation and pride to be the best at what they do, for the patients they serve. As a Hygienically Clean Certified laundry provider, patient safety has become our number one driving force and is at the center of our production training.

Thank you for your continued support by allowing all of us at NWHCL to work hard for you!

Best Regards,
Jim Hall
CEO

TexTrak™ *TexTrak Chipping---Let's get those scrubs rotating!*

We're sure many of you have seen the TexTrak tags showing up on the scrubs you wear everyday. We're in the process of chipping our scrubs with RFID chips, and the equipment update is complete!

With the TexTrak program, we are able to "check out" scrubs to each customer, making sure

you get the right quantity in the right size that you request. When scrubs are returned, the soil scanning allows operators to instantly read, record and count hundreds of pieces in

recognize the hard working individuals behind the scenes here at Northwest Health Care Linen. All week we had treats for our crew, from doughnuts and coffee all day, to Root Beer Floats and a Hot Dog Cart. The senior management team spent one day in production working with the crew...processing linens is hard work!

Thank you to our crew for their hard work, dedication and tireless effort to produce Hygienically Clean, quality linens for our customers each and every day.

We couldn't do it without you.

Events Around the Sound

[April 28-May 8
Apple Blossom Festival](#)
(Wenatchee)

[May 8](#)
Mother's Day

[May 8](#)
[State Parks Free Day](#)
(Washington State)

[May 14](#)
[Gig Harbor Beerfest](#)
(Gig Harbor)

[May 20-22](#)
[Viking Fest 2016](#)
(Poulsbo)

[May 27-30](#)
[NW Folklife Festival](#)
(Seattle)

[June 3-5](#)
[Scottish Highland Games](#)
(Bellingham)

[June 4-5](#)
[Anacortes Waterfront Festival](#)
(Anacortes)

[June 18-19](#)
[Wild Strawberry Festival](#)
(Burien)

seconds, eliminating the need for hand counting. The UHF-RFID system gives NWHCL accurate, real-time inventory information where every item with a chip is located.

Our hard-working crew is busy chipping hundreds of pieces of scrubwear everyday, but with approximately 120,000 pieces circulating around the Puget Sound region we know we're not getting them all back. In order for us to accurately send out, count in, and manage your scrub pool effectively, we need your help!

As is common practice, when linen is stocked the new linens are placed on top of the existing product on the shelf and then used first. This means that the chipped scrubs are getting used, but the unchipped scrubs are just sitting when we need them to be turning. Let's work together to change this habit! When new scrubs are delivered, please place them on the bottom of the stack to allow the inventory to rotate out and make it back to us for chipping! Our customer service team is here to help with this in any way possible should you need it.

RFID is the future in rental laundry to further improve the receiving, shipping and tracking of products while helping to reduce costs for our customers. Interested in learning more? Give us a call or send us an email and we would love to share our plans and show you how this new exciting advancement in linen management can help YOU!

NWHCL: Hygienically Clean Certified for 3 More Years

Northwest Health Care Linen recently went through the inspection/testing process to re-certify our "Hygienically Clean" status. We are happy to report that we are Hygienically Clean certified for another 3 years!

As a *medically exclusive* laundry facility we are dedicated to patient safety and infection prevention. We pride ourselves on being a Hygienically Clean facility that is 100% committed to delivering the cleanest possible linens to our customers and their patients. In today's medical world the pressures are greater, and worrying about if the linen is clean shouldn't be an added concern.

Providing Medical linen is a specialized process that should be treated as such. We believe the time has come for medical providers to insist that no mixed product laundries (industrial, food and beverage) are processing medical textiles for patients.



NEW Pediatric Gown Coming June 1!

We think it's important for patients to focus on their health when being seen by their healthcare provider and not have to worry about their gown being uncomfortable. We think this is especially true for our youngest group of customers; pediatric patients. Going to the doctor is scary enough for a child without having to wear a scratchy gown!

So starting June 1 we are rolling out a full upgrade to our Pediatric IV Gowns. The new Pet Parade gowns are a much more modern and comfortable garment than our current Pediatric IV line. This upgrade comes at no additional cost to our customers, as our focus is continually on providing the highest quality linens while keeping your costs under control.



HAND HYGIENE GOES HIGH-TECH

Monitoring systems can help improve compliance and reduce infection rates.



June 18-19
[Sweet Onion Festival](#)
(Walla Walla)

June 19
Father's Day

June 24-26
[Taste of Tacoma](#)
(Tacoma)

July 2-4
[Wooden Boat Festival](#)
(Seattle)

July 4
Fourth of July
USA

July 10
[Art on The Ave](#)
(Tacoma)

July 15-16
[Bremerton Summer
BrewFest](#)
(Bremerton)

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SAFETY- A 'BREATH' OF PREVENTION

An article in the most recent issue of Textile Services gives tips on being more mindful and focused in today's hectic work world.



U.S. OFFICIALS WARN ZIKA IS 'SCARIER' THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT

Learn to protect yourself this summer from this harmful disease



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