May is National Better Speech and Hearing Month. The Rehab Therapy Service Line recognizes all of our wonderful Speech and Audiology clinicians. We value their dedication to provide the best care to all of our inpatients and outpatients each and every day at UNC Hospitals!
The Rehab Service Line held their annual awards ceremony in May, to recognize their employees hard work. The ceremony is coordinated by the department’s Employee Recognition Committee (ERC).

**Rehab Nursing Award Recipients:**

- **People:** Abu Bangura
- **Growth:** Robinah Kigongo
- **Quality and Service:** Tim Kaiser
- **Value:** Erin Kuerbitz
- **Innovation:** Molly Eitel
- **Employee of the Year:** Megan Barna

**Therapy Award Recipients:**

- **People:** Claire Salisbury
- **Growth:** Amy Kujawa
- **Innovation:** Ellese Nickles
- **Quality and Service:** Kathy Brice
- **Value:** Heather Dodd
- **Unsung Hero:** Don Anthony
- **SPORT of the Year:** Jane Zhao
- **Friend of Rehab:** Kara Bonvillian & Eric Newman
- **Career Achievement:** Keith Jacobson
- **Employee of the Year:** Kyle Cooper

*Featured left: Kyle Cooper accepting the Employee of the Year Award.*

“Kyle Cooper is a Physical Therapist and clinical specialist at our Meadowmont Wellness Center Clinic. Over the past year, Kyle has shined in all areas of his job duties and as an employee at UNC….Kyle is a mentor and module lead in our orthopedic residency program. He is an active member of our Community Engagement Committee and has coordinated/volunteered at multiple events this past year.

Outside of these clinical attributes, Kyle is a dedicated team player and all around great person. His co-workers admire his positive attitude and dedication he brings to work every day. UNC’s mission is Leading, Teaching, Caring. Kyle Cooper embodies these values every day as an employee and representative of UNC.”

- Brian Trabulsi, Assistant Director UNC Therapy Services
Community Outreach

The Department of Rehabilitation Therapy Services hosts and is a part of many community outreach projects throughout the year. In March, staff members of the Rehab Service Line took time out of their day to help Habitat for Humanity build affordable senior housing in Hillsborough, NC.

Special thanks to Jennifer, Adrian, Christopher, English, Logan, Kristen, Stephen (guest), Sarah van der Horst, Brandon, and Stacy in the Department of Rehabilitation Therapies for volunteering during this community outreach project.
2019 Helping Kids with Hemiplegia

Thirty-seven children diagnosed with hemiplegia participated in the 14\textsuperscript{th} Helping Kids with Hemiplegia: A constraint movement camp. They had a blast! For 8 consecutive days, the campers participated in an evidence based therapeutic intervention in a playful camp environment. Goal directed activities targeted improved functional use of their impaired upper and lower extremity in age appropriate activities.

More than 150 student volunteers (undergraduate, graduate PT, OT, ST students) provided the therapeutic intervention with educational support from thirty-three therapists from UNC Rehab Therapies and the Triangle area.

It was a huge success! Parents enjoyed educational meetings and networking. Campers left with new found confidence in their abilities and student volunteers left excited by the improvements that they helped facilitate in their campers!

Please contact camp director Holly Holland to learn more about Helping Kids with Hemiplegia therapeutic summer day camp.

Pediatric resident Chelsea Lasky, Cathy Howes PT, and Cate Dahl PT attended the Guatemala Service Learning Trip with the UNC PT Program this year. Chelsea, Cathy, and Cate traveled with 10, UNC 3rd year physical therapy students to Guatemala in April. They were able to collaborate and treat children and adults with the local Guatemalan therapists and UNC students at Las Obras Hospital. They also provided wc modifications and repairs for 5 half days while at the hospital. Additionally, Chelsea, Cathy, and Cate participated in community health fairs and had walk in clinics for physical therapy consults at 3 other locations outside of Antigua, Guatemala.
24 patients and their families from the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology clinic had the opportunity to enjoy another great Northwestern Mutual Retreat for Families at Victory Junction on Saturday April 13th. Families were able to enjoy a much needed break away from stressors of treatment with options of horseback riding, animal encounters, archery, fishing, bowling, arts and crafts, woodshop, dance parties, a teddy bear clinic, a Beads of Courage workshop for parents, and much more! Huge thank you to Northwestern Mutual for their continued sponsorship of this amazing event as well as our awesome CPALS for volunteering for the whole day and to Victory Junction for hosting us again! - Meghan Fox, LRT/CTRS, CCLS | Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Psychosocial Support Program Coordinator | CPALS Advisor
The primary goal of the Rehabilitation Service Line at UNC Hospitals is to provide quality rehabilitation and therapy services in an efficient, cost-effective manner consistent with the hospital’s mission statement and strategic initiatives. The Rehabilitation Service Line consists of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Rehabilitation Nursing, Recreational Therapy, Child Life, and Audiology as well as the 30-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit.

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A CARF* Accredited Stroke Program

July 2017 - June 2018

- 133 Stroke Patients
- 82% of stroke patients discharged from UNC back to the community; compared to 75.8% for the region and 73.2% for the nation
- 98% of patients participating in a satisfactory survey have stated they would recommend UNC Rehab to their family and friends

UNC Center for Rehabilitation Facts

July 2017 - June 2018

- 606 Admissions
- 593 adults
- 13 adolescents (aged 10-17)