

St. Charles Hospital Telemetry Staff Presented with Flag Flown in Afghanistan

(Port Jefferson, NY) – Laura Healy, Nursing Supervisor, Telemetry, St. Charles Hospital, and her staff were recently presented with a flag flown in Afghanistan in recognition and thanks for the department’s 2006 Christmas card campaign for troops stationed in Northern Afghanistan.

Ms. Healy and the staff on the Telemetry Unit began a card writing campaign in December, 2006, to remember soldiers who were in Afghanistan and unable to be home for the holidays. In addition to the card writing campaign, Ms. Healy enlisted the support of two English Second Language classes (ESL) in a Patchogue-Medford Elementary School. The children in the ESL classes drew pictures and wrote letters that were included with the holiday cards being sent from St. Charles Hospital.

The cards, pictures and letters were sent to troops in Bravo Company, 3-10 GSAB, which was stationed in Northern Afghanistan. Bravo Company, based out of Fort Drum, New York, is comprised of 68 men and women including enlisted crew members and warrant officer pilots. The Company returned to the United States in February, 2007, after being deployed for one year.

The flag presented to St. Charles Hospital was flown on a CH-47D Chinook Heavy Lift Helicopter, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Presented to Ms. Healy by 1LT Anthony D. Parisi, pilot of the Chinook helicopter, and CW2 Sarah Timberlake, co-pilot, the inscription read, “For patriotic support during the 2006 holiday season. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.” The flag is now displayed on the Telemetry Unit at St. Charles Hospital.

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