

Employees Honored for Service and Dedication

If you didn't know better, you might have thought you'd walked into a celebrity-packed award show on Sept. 16, at the Duke Energy Center. And in many ways, you would have been right. But the celebrities were not of the Hollywood variety. They were employees being recognized for their long-term service to Cincinnati Children's and honored as stars in their own right.

Following a cocktail hour in the ballroom lobby where guests could relax and mingle with coworkers, president and CEO **Michael Fisher** welcomed everyone, with a rousing "How cool is this?" Then he said, "It's humbling to be here with people who are celebrating 10 to 40 years of service to the medical center. You embody the four Cs of Cincinnati Children's -- caring for children, commitment, the great culture we have and our core values. My main message tonight consists of three points: thank you, thank you and thank you!"

Dee Ellingwood, senior vice president, Planning and Business Development, and **Bill Kent**, senior vice president, Infrastructure and Operations, emceed the program, which formally honored 825 employees, representing 13,000 years of service.

This year, three employees celebrated 40-year anniversaries with CCHMC. They are **Gladys Jones**, coordinator, Patient Feeding; **Linda Bauman**, personnel coordinator, Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation; and **Carol Samples**, RN, registered nurse II, Same Day Surgery, who retired in August.



Forty-year honorees **Gladys Jones**, **Carol Samples**, RN, and **Linda Bauman** (second, third and fourth from left) pose with (l-r) **Mary Lou Taylor**, Patient Feeding; **Patti Mercurio**, RN, Same Day Surgery; **Michael Fisher**, president and CEO; and **John Maybury**, Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation.



Beatrice Katz, PhD, Marketing and Communications (25 yrs), and husband, Marc.



Charlene Broner, Food Services, has worked at Cincinnati Children's for 10 years.



(L-r) **Lijuan Gu**, Asthma Center (10 yrs); **Marie Chappell**, Pulmonary Medicine (10 yrs) and **Yuping Guo**, Pulmonary Medicine.



Members of Project SEARCH celebrated their 10th anniversary with Cincinnati Children's.