Kudos, Sara Hourihan Cully!
Physical therapist, Sara Hourihan Cully, PT, member of the Proning Team, exceeded her own goal of raising $10,000 for the MGH Emergency Response Fund. Cully had planned to run the Boston marathon, but when it was canceled, she did the next best thing—she ran 52 miles in 48 hours (that’s four miles every four hours!) raising more than $13,000 for the Emergency Response Fund. Well done, Sara!

Nurse Residency graduates celebrate Nurses Day
The most recent cohorts of oncology and critical-care nurse residents graduated March 14th and began caring for COVID patients. To mark their first Nurse Day as new nurses, representatives from the Knight Center and the MGH Transition to Practice Program hand-delivered a rose and chocolates to each graduate on their units. Said Jen Curran, director of the Transition to Practice Program, “I’m so proud of these nurses. They’ve done a fabulous job throughout this pandemic.”

(Top left): new graduate nurses, Emily Thornton, RN (left), and Kristina Schneider, RN, on Lunder 6. (Top right): new graduate nurse, Haley Psareas, RN, on Lunder 9. (At right): new graduate nurse, Kelly Pechils (center) from Ellison 9, with Jen Curran, RN (left), and professional development specialist, Sheila Burke, RN.

Military flyover
On Wednesday, May 6th, Nurses Day, four F-15 jets from the 104th Fighter Wing performed flyovers across the state honoring first responders and healthcare workers. (At left): staff of the Ellison 16 Oncology Unit watched from the MGH helipad. (Far left): the Lunder Family, long-time MGH benefactors and namesake of the Lunder Building, captured the flyover as the jets passed over the Public Gardens. Said a note from the family, “We join the 104th fighter pilots in honoring our medical personnel, especially our nurses on their special day!”

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