

AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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2020-2021 AHAA President



Kathy Gammill

Hello Everyone!

I'm encouraged, as I hope you are, too. Many of our volunteers have received their vaccination and returned to volunteering at their hospitals. As anticipated, some of our volunteering duties have been changed because of this pandemic. As we have been told throughout our life, the only thing that is constant is change. Our primary responsibility as a volunteer is to assist our hospitals wherever we are needed. I have no doubt that those who have returned were greatly missed and were welcomed back by everyone.

I miss attending our cancelled Fall District Meetings and the cancelled 2021 Spring District Meetings. I looked forward to seeing you and hearing about the wonderful projects you were working on. I wanted to hear your individual stories on why you volunteer. Maybe we can share those stories at our Convention in October. I have a plan; however, you need to plan on attending the Convention to find out about it.

We are planning our State Convention. Charlotte Jackson, our convention chair, has been meeting with the hotel staff and working hard on putting together our program. Remember, our new location is the Four Points Sheraton in Little Rock. When the program is finalized, you will receive the registration information. Looking forward to seeing you then.

As we begin returning to work, I would like for you to think about why you volunteer or why did you decide to volunteer. I am asking your District Chairs, your Auxiliary Presidents and the Directors of Volunteer Services to help me video your response (if you wouldn't mind).

In the meantime, as I have asked before, please keep in touch with each other, either by telephone, social media or safely in person. In addition, when you have an opportunity to visit with others, please continue to share your story - why you volunteer.

Your fellow volunteer -

Kathy

THEME: I Volunteer Because...
COLORS: Your Auxiliary Uniform
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LITTLE ROCK

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - NORTH LITTLE ROCK
Ara Yanker

Baptist Health Administration has approved the reinstatement of Adult Volunteer Programming to all Baptist Health Medical Centers with certain restrictions: Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated and must wear masks and watch their distance.

Baptist Health - North Little Rock has invited volunteers to return and some have started working, with restrictions and changes in hours and some locations. Currently, our Gift Shop is fully staffed with shortened hours.

Other areas in the hospital are being staffed as volunteers let our Coordinator know when and where they want to work. We will have orientation on the new policies. Some of our volunteers are not ready to return, but many of us are very excited to be back. Our employees are very happy to see us back!

Our installation of officers for 2021-22 is scheduled for May 13th.

First Auxiliary meeting since March, 2020!



CHI ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY / SHERWOOD

Barbara Bender

CHI St. Vincent continues our Covid 19 Safety Guidelines which prohibits auxiliary members and volunteers from any in person activity on any of our hospital campuses for the safety of our patients and our members.

The second dose of the Covid 19 vaccination has been distributed to all Auxiliary Members and Volunteers who wish to take the vaccine. Thank you, CHI St. Vincent!

We are finalizing completion of a survey of all volunteers who wish to return to volunteer service when the hospital clears our return. The results reflect a variety of responses. Many individual's circumstances have changed and may not be able to return. Many, however, are anxious to return.

Several of our volunteers worked to complete a survey of all volunteers to ascertain their current contact information, vaccine status and their desire to return to volunteer status.

Volunteers were welcomed back and received an orientation from the CHI staff in anticipation of return to select volunteer positions. Volunteers must now complete a TB screening. Once completed, volunteers will be allowed to serve in certain areas of the hospital in specific roles delineated by the hospital administration.

The Auxiliary Board will conduct its first meeting since February 2020 on May 14, 2021 at The Infirmary. We look forward to reuniting again.

CHI ST. VINCENT MORRILTON

Tammy Smith

CHI St. Vincent Morrilton held a celebration for our auxiliary and welcomed them back on April 12, 2021.



CHI St. Vincent Morrilton is proud to welcome back members of our Volunteer Auxiliary. We have missed you and the kind and compassionate service you provide to this ministry. We are so excited to see each of your faces and we know our patients are, too!

SALINE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BENTON)

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER

W. P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE

Janie Lowe

The WPRCI Volunteer Services held a National Volunteer Week “Drive-by” on April 21 honoring our volunteers. They were given a chocolate pizza slice decorated for sprint. It was great to see the volunteers and board members in person. With more of the volunteers receiving the Covid-19 vaccine, it is exciting that volunteers are slowly returning. They are happy to be returning and the Cancer Institute is thrilled to once again see volunteers on campus.

The gift shop membership days were May 6-7. Everything in the shop over \$5.00 was 20% off with a new or renewal membership and for all life members. Juli Chrisman and Nancy Sink will take calls, send photos, take orders and deliver to your car. Gift wrapping is free. The shop phone number is 501-686-5588 and hours are 8:30 – 3:30. The gift shop is also installing a new POS system which will make all transactions much more efficient.

Membership can now be paid online at giving.uams.edu/paydues.

Work on Partners Card 2021 is well underway. The dates are October 29 – November 7. For the first time, we will have a digital card in addition to the traditional card with directory. Miki Morrow is the Partners Card chair for 2021.

Officers for 2021-2022 are:

President	Peyton Woodyard
President Elect	Gretchen Leech
Recording Secretary	Paula Jennings
Corresponding Secretary	Tisha Gribble
Treasurer	Amanda Moore

On Wednesday, May 13, the auxiliary will have the annual meeting on video available at 10:30 a.m. The link is [uams.info/volunteer-annual meeting](https://uams.info/volunteer-annual-meeting) and may be accessed for one week after posting.



NORTH CENTRAL

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER (HEBER SPRINGS)

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN HOME)

Jim Whalen

As we are well into our First Quarter of the Year there is much that we can already reflect on. The initiation and ongoing effort to inoculate for the COVID 19 virus has been notable and will be documented and reflected in the annals of our recorded history. Our Volunteer effort has

significant attributed to the success of the effort to vaccinate the maximum number of recipients. We currently have 42 volunteers assisting the staff to conduct the vaccination clinics. Accepting this challenge we recognize that our involvement in support of the vaccinations will be needed for an extended number of months.

On Friday, January 29th we conducted our Second “Drive Thru Thank You” to recognize and extend our appreciation to our Volunteers. The theme, “Sip!, Sip! Hooray” was an outstanding success with a record number of “Drive thru”. The 20 oz. Stainless Steel Tervis Travel Mug and Coffee Gift Card was received with unanimous acclaim.

Below: Carolyn Hannon with Jim Whalen and cups



HOPE Team Members L-R Barbel Appleton, Debbie Hess, Erma White, Joan Young, Carolyn Hannon, Jennifer Baker, Jim Whalen.



Our Pinkadilly Gift Shop and our Bargain Box Thrift Stores continue to generate near record revenue for our Auxiliary. Success has been realized while maintaining strict CDC safety protocol. Our store leadership and all of those committed volunteers for each of the locations deserve special recognition. Their efforts have resulted in our balance sheet to be well positioned to assist in underwriting special needs of our hospital. The Board approving this month the purchase of ten new wheelchairs is a perfect example.

Special recognition is due our Board Member, Jennifer Baker, for her willingness to accept, in addition to her position as Auxiliary Treasurer, the responsibilities of assuming the position as Corresponding Secretary. Jennifer is already well underway generating graphics and content for an Award Winning Auxiliary Scrap Book.

Baxter Regional Medical Center opened on our campus this week to a new 25,000 square foot state of the art Out Patient Surgical Center. This new facility creates a new and exciting venue of opportunities for our Volunteers. This is a very fluid, exciting environment with active dynamics. We are providing support for all shifts and receiving rave reviews.

On Saturday, February 20, our Auxiliary is conducting an all-day Leadership conference for current and pending Board Members. Each attendee has received a packet of information including our Auxiliary By-Laws to be reviewed prior to our meeting. We are holding this conference in order to mentor our new slate of officers, inform the team of future goals of our hospital & auxiliary, do some strategic planning, as well as meet requirements for the AHAA Award of Excellence. The Auxiliary leadership has a responsibility to both its members and the hospital to be adequately informed and equipped to administer its affairs, both personnel and financial. The session will begin at 8:30 AM and will be concluded at 4:00 PM. The meeting is to be held in our new BRMC Foundation's Community Education Center so that we can comply with CDC safety protocols.

In special recognition of his tireless efforts and outstanding leadership of our BRMC's Foundation President, Barney Larry, the Auxiliary Board unanimously voted to gift the Foundation, in Honor Mr. Larry, \$ 25,000. The money is to be used to donate in his name to a worthy cause that he selects at our hospital.

I would like to thank the Selection Committee in their efforts to recruit for our slate of officers for the coming year. Per the Auxiliary Policies and Procedures, the Selection Committee members are Chair, Advisor, Rich Jannick; Members; Ways & Means Chair , Judy Shaffer, H.O.P.E. Chair, Carol Chentnik, Scheduling Chair , Carolyn Hannon, and Immediate Past Selection Committee Chair, Jean Adams; Ex-Officio Members are President, Jim Whalen, President-Elect, Joan Young, and Director of Volunteer Services, Becky Rose, CVM.

At the Auxiliary Board Meeting in January the Board accepted the recommendation of Selection Committee for the Slate of Officers for the Baxter Regional Auxiliary for 2021-2022 as the following:

President – Jim Whalen

President Elect – Joan Young

Vice President – Barbel Appleton

Treasurer – Carolyn Rice

Recording Secretary – Tammy Bellettiere

Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Baker

Advisor – Rich Jannick

Thank you to the new slate of officers for your willingness to serve your hospital and auxiliary. We are looking into hosting a Zoom meeting for a future auxiliary meeting in order for us to vote on the slate of officers.

In recent weeks we all can relate to Mark Twain's famous quote, "In the Spring I have counted 138 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours".

Despite the unpredictability's of our weather the promise of Spring is enough for all of us to shed the winter blues and look forward to the coming days with anticipation.

Each and every member of our Auxiliary in this first quarter of the year can take great pride in contributing their efforts resulting in the successes of our outstanding collective accomplishments. At the end of March this year we will have contributed over 15,000 volunteer hours of service in meeting the needs in almost 60 areas of service throughout our hospital system.

We have every expectation of significantly surpassing last year's totals of +53,000 volunteer hours and \$ 421,000 in contributions. Our Senior Management is quick to acknowledge that our Auxiliary is a major component to the Hospitals continued growth and stability. In summation our efforts have a direct effect on the health and wellbeing of all who come through our doors.

Congratulations are once again due to all those involved with our Pinkadilly Hospital Gift Shop and our two Bargain Box Thrift Stores that have yet again have set sales records. This is the result of dedicated volunteers working in strict accordance to COVID-19 Protocol. The successes of these operations are a major source of the funding in support of the Service and Equipment needs of our Hospital. The Pink-A-Dilly has not been able to go in-person to market but continues to thrive and bring in exciting new merchandise for our customers. Through the generous donations from our community, the Mtn. Home Bargain Box had record sales in March, never before achieved in our thrift shop history \$22,207.50. Outstanding work! And Flippin Bargain Box continues to do great fund raising with decreased hours of service and limited volunteers.

Congratulations to our Ways and Means Committee who in this quarter have conducted four sales events within our hospital that have generated over \$ 52,000 in gross sales! Chairperson Judy Schaffer who is the driving force has scheduled seven more sales events throughout the remainder of the year. Truly a valued revenue source through the efforts of well-organized sales events. Remember to bring in your gently used purses, wallets & handbags for our Used Purse sale coming up this summer.

Taking advantage of social media platforms, we now are taking full advantage of being active on Facebook for each of our locations. The responses have been gratifying and active will continue to increase.

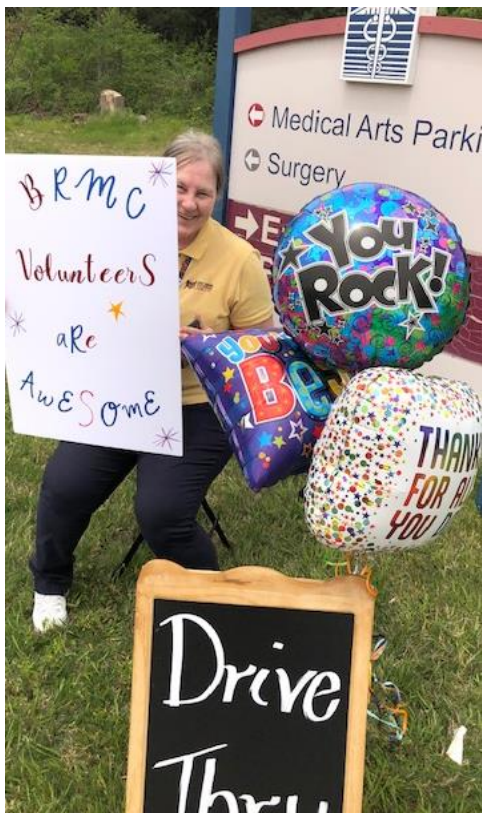
Your Auxiliary was well represented in recognizing our Physicians during Doctor's week. The Physician's lounge received large trays of cheese & fruit, and an assortment of cookies. We received an acknowledgment of our valued services to the hospital and staff expressed appreciation for the nutrients we provided.

Drawing for ICARE CARD winners is being held and winners will be notified via email. Every volunteer is encouraged to recognize instances of outstanding performance and service by another volunteer by filling out an ICARE CARD and depositing for the next drawing. To

recognize paid staff of the hospital please email our Volunteer Office with the name and details. The office will then fill out the appropriate electronic ICARE card.

Volunteer Week beginning on April 18 will be recognized by a letter mailed to each volunteer by Ron Peterson, President/CEO of our hospital recognizing the support and dedication of our Auxiliary membership. On April 19, our Auxiliary will be featured on a morning radio talk show and on Friday we will be featured on local cable TV for a hour long morning program.

On Tuesday, April 27th each Volunteer has received notification of an "Appreciation Drive Through"! Each Volunteer as they drive through will receive a Branded Insulated Grocery bag in recognition of each of our member's dedication and efforts. Each day we will have a special gift card drawing. Watch your emails for the winners!



Our Birthday Recognition program of recipients being eligible to pick up a custom designed cupcake from our local bakery, QT Cupcakes & More has been popular and well received. This Program is slated throughout the year.

In accordance with our bylaws the proposed slate of officers for the term of 2021-2022 is presented to our membership for approval. Due to the safety protocol for COVID-19 we are unable to hold in person meeting for the vote and in lieu of the meeting each member will receive an email requesting a response. Please respond/reply to the email that has been sent by Friday April 23rd.

Slate of Officers for Baxter Regional Medical Center 2021-2022

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In closing we all can reflect back on the completion of the First Quarter of this year as setting a precedent for us to meet and exceed throughout the remainder of this year.

OZARK HEALTH INC. – CLINTON

Bobbye Bennett

The Ozark Health Auxiliary has been holding meetings as scheduled. As of this date, we still abide with the mask ruling and the separation policy. Some of the volunteer services are still suspended. With one exception the Gift Shop has been open since last May. The mask is worn and we still check in each day at the front desk by thermometer check.

We held a Collective Goods Sale in February, a Uniform Sale in March and last week Anita's Boutique of Cabot held a two day sale. All things considered I believe it would be termed a success. Collective Goods has scheduled another sale, this June 9th and 10th.

At our May meeting, we plan to have installation of officers. Officers are President, Betty Spencer; Vice President Helen Dobbins; Secretary Debby Collings; Treasurer Bobbye Bennett; Gift Shop Chair is Helen Dobbins and Event Coordinators are Betty Spencer and Felicia Perkey. Kristi King is our Director of Volunteer Services.

April 8th the Foundation held a Telethon to raise funds to purchase needed equipment for the Nursing Home, Helen Dobbins, Candy Farnsworth, John Aldworth and Bobbye Bennett participated. The Foundation will hold their annual Fish Fry on April 30th with several Auxilians participating.

The Auxiliary had hoped that we would be able to hold our annual "Punch and Cookies" Day in the Nursing Home for Mothers' Day but it was decided not to hold it this year. But, we will be providing the cookies as well as silk flowers for their tea cups, just not able to serve them again this year. Not sure at this time about the Fathers' Day Ice Cream Social.

At our April meeting, Mr. Eric Munson from the Securities & Exchange gave us a report on "scams" that are being done especially to the "older generation"; a very interesting program as well some good advice.

I am sadden to have to report the passing of two of our Auxilians, Marian Smith and Andy Andregg. They surely will be missed.

Thanks for all the helping hands and praying hearts!

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can! THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN VIEW)

Leneil Taylor

The Stone County Medical Center Auxiliary held its first meeting in forever on March 16th of this year. We installed our elected officers at this meeting.

We were blessed with great weather for this outdoor meeting so that everyone could be safe and secure during this trying time for our group.

UNITY HEALTH – HARRIS MEDICAL CENTER (NEWPORT)

UNITY HEALTH – WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (SEARCY)

WHITE RIVER MEDICAL CENTER (BATESVILLE)



NORTHEAST

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER (PARAGOULD)

FOREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER

HELENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (JONESBORO)

Kathy Miller

On March 8, 2021 we were allowed to have our Auxiliary meeting in person after one year due to COVID-19 restrictions.





We welcomed our new student auxiliary member, Jamie Koehn. Her mother is auxiliary member Leann Koehn.

The auxiliary purchased an ultraviolet machine called the Moonbeam3, that will be used to sanitize patients' rooms upon discharge and the operating rooms at the end of each surgery.



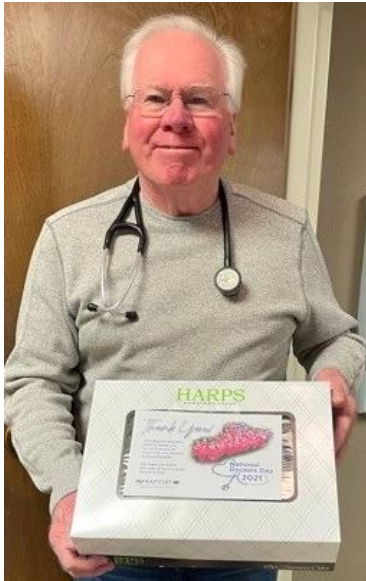
We began a new series in our newsletter that will spotlight 2 members each newsletter. This will give us a chance to better know one another. First 2 are pictured below, left to right: Pearlene Adams and Geraldine Bagwell.



The gift shop hours were increased from 10am to 2pm
back to 9am to 5 pm.



We delivered sheet cakes on 3/30/21 with thank you cards to the NEA Clinics around Jonesboro as an appreciation to the Doctors and staff for their hard work.



We hosted an onsite scrub sale March 30 & 31 in the hospital conference room.

We welcomed new member Jamye Strayham.



On May 3rd the auxiliary was given the green light from NEA Hospital to resume volunteering at the clinic entrance, hospital front desk, ICU waiting area, delivering newspapers and ice/water to patient rooms.

Nominating committee for president elect was chosen. Members are Ginny Presgrove, Carol Sharp, Sandy Hughes, Geraldine Bagwell and Kathy Miller.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (OSCEOLA)
Sondra Burnett

On April 20, 2021, the Osceola Auxiliary Pink Ladies (pictured below) were entertained at the Wilson Cafe as a thank you for their service to the SMC Regional Hospital. This was in honor of Volunteer Week. There were 14 at the luncheon. Chris Raymer, CEO of both hospitals, and his assistant, Kleesan Kindle hosted the event. Also present were Ammi Tucker - DVS, Sherri Burton -HR, Carrie King - Med Surge Director, and Debbie Russell-Nurse Supervisor. Volunteers were also given Potted Flowers as a thank you.



The Osceola Auxiliary also had a luncheon with the South Mississippi County Regional Hospital Doctors, Nurses, and Staff. Lindsey (in Personnel) and Sherri Burton, HR for GRMC (Blytheville) and SMCRH (Osceola). This event was on Tuesday, May 10. Each day of the week a social event took place. It is a great way to show the appreciation for our hospitals and their staff for Nurse and Hospital Appreciation Week. Pictured below, Front Row: Pud Thomas, Sonja Burnett, Paulette Booker Carrie King, Lovonda Carter, Sharon Ragan, Treeva Reeves Back Row: Christie Leblanc, Becky Powell, Erika McClain, Adele Black



ST. BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER (JONESBORO)

Dean Rossa

St Bernards Auxiliary is tuning up its parts to go back into motion after a year of Covid inaction. Work stations are installing new rules, new hours, new days, different duties. We are moving slowly.

Steps in the comeback included Gift Shop and NICU Cuddlers going back on duty the first of April.

The Gift Shop reopened with volunteers staffing on April 5. Initially, hours are 10-2 Monday-Saturday. Sunday: 1-4. A Gift Shop remodel in the near future is planned.

Below: Members of the Gift Shop Steering Committee: Front: Rosalie Barber - chair, Beth Norwood – health and beauty. Back: Suzanne Hackney – buyer, Ann Ford – buyer, Mary Nell Masterson-buyer, Betty Moad- buyer, Donna Stringer-Willow Tree



St Bernards Village: Volunteers start returning to Village duties the first week of May. They will be more involved with Village residents than before Covid. The front desk is now staffed by employees. Volunteers may help conduct games or help with ice cream parlor/ store/ cafeteria duties.

The hospital hired two employees for the Crossover Desk during Covid to do temperature checks and questions for visitors. Some former Crossover workers moved to the ICU desk. Cancer Treatment Center volunteers met April 8 to plan resumption of services May 3.



EUREKA SPRINGS HOSPITAL

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Neta Sue Stamps

Doctor's Day was celebrated by presenting baskets of snacks to our Mercy Physicians. Below are pictures of the baskets and presentations.



Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary proudly announces the recipients of their 2021 High School Scholarships, Lauren Compton and Elizabeth Mynette Raya. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards tuition.

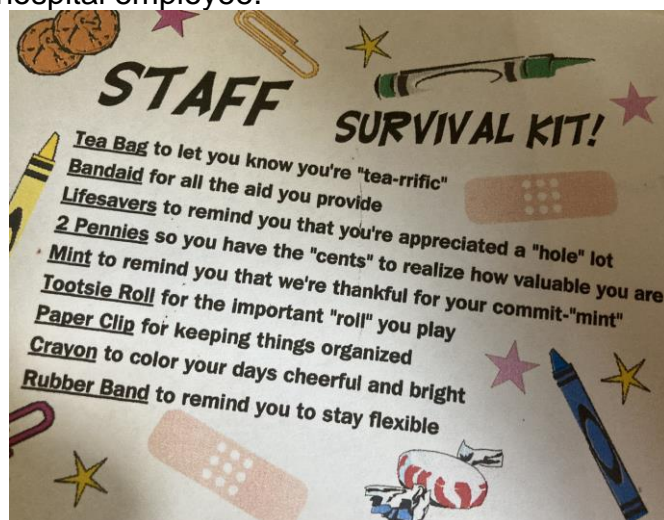
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Mis Raya also attends Berryville High School and plans to attend North Arkansas Community College with goals to become a Pharmacist. She is the daughter of Luis and Lynette Raya.

To celebrate Nurses Week and Hospital Week, the auxiliary prepared "Survival Kits" for each hospital employee.



Radiology



Med/Surg



Pharmacy



We are happy to have our Thrift Store open full days on Tuesday and Thursday with half day on Saturday. We are looking forward to having a sidewalk sale soon.

Plans are underway for our annual meeting with election, installation of officers by our District Chair as well as presentation of time awards. The meeting will be held in the Pool Park.

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST AR (ROGERS)

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (HARRISON)

Jerry Jones

Even though a lot of the volunteer areas have not yet opened up inside the hospital, the NARMC auxiliary volunteers have been extremely busy this spring helping with COVID vaccine call center setting up appointments and working in the vaccine clinics as well as assembling packets for the clinics. For example, in April, volunteers clocked 100.5 hours helping in the vaccine clinics, 339.5 hours in the call centers and 39 hours assembling packets. The COVID vaccination clinics have been very successful as a result of community cooperation between NARMC, the North Arkansas College and the Boone County Health Dept. A large part of the success is due to the many hours contributed by our auxiliary.

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER – BENTONVILLE

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER- SPRINGDALE

SILOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (FAYETTEVILLE)



SOUTHEAST

ASHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CROSSETT)

BRADLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (WARREN)

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (LAKE VILLAGE)

DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DUMAS)

Shirley Sandlin

In late March the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary honored Dr. David Chambers (pictured next page), Dr. Sarah Franklin and Dr. Ralph Maxwell on Doctors' Day. Each doctor was presented a gift certificate from a local eatery.



On Sunday, April 11 the Board of Directors (under the direction of Shirley Teeter) held an open house for the Delta Rural Clinic in Dumas, Arkansas. The Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary made a variety of cookies that were served to guests. Pictured below is Lorra Kelley, Vice President who served the punch which was made by the hospital dietary staff.



DEWIT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME
Mary West

As with all our fellow auxiliaries covid has limited our activities. We are still working behind the scenes.

Arkansas County Health Department and DeWitt Hospital sponsored a Covid Vaccine clinic in March. The auxiliary provided workers to tend the front door, registration, and release. Also, we provided a pizza lunch and dessert for the workers. The second vaccine will be given in April.

A large, beige leather reclining chair with a footrest, positioned in a workshop or showroom setting. The chair features a high backrest, wide armrests with black padding, and a large, padded footrest. It is situated on a concrete floor, with a black metal fan and other furniture visible in the background.

MCGEHEE HOSPITAL



BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

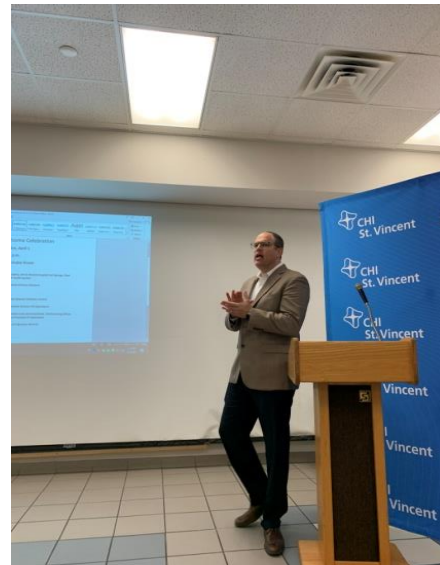
CHI ST. VINCENT HOT SPRINGS

Lynn Smith

CHI Staff lined the way holding signs to “WELCOME” attendees to the Volunteer Celebration.



Dr. Doug Ross, CHI St Vincent President, gave Volunteers a warm welcome. Then our awesome DVS, Susan Rima added her appreciation and welcomed us back.



A large number of volunteers that had received both Covid Vaccines were in attendance at the Orientation/Celebration.

Refreshments were available after the meeting. Everyone seems happy to be able to volunteer again.

At right: Susan Rima at the refreshment table



Our Gift Shop is now OPEN for limited hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The staff is so glad to be shopping with us again and we are so glad to be back. Volunteers have also been allowed to return to the Cancer Center, Heart Center, Golf Cart, and Volunteer Office. Other areas will be returning in the near future. Below left to right: Gift Shop volunteers Carmon Peg & Lynn



Many years of providing a Thrift Shop for the community on campus has come to an end. Our **Mercy Closet** was closed earlier this month. The space was needed for dietary cart storage after expansion of CHI Heart Center. Prior to closing there was a bag sale that brought in almost \$900.00. Remaining merchandise was donated to RPM (Recovery Pint Ministries) for their thrift shop.

DALLAS COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (FORDYCE)

HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (NASHVILLE)
Becky Finigan

At last month's meeting Doris Ray (picture on next page) was recognized by the hospital CEO Debra Wright, and our DOV Mesha Nix, for 25 years of volunteer service. Doris has been our treasurer for almost the same number of years. She received a plaque and a bouquet. Thank you, Doris for your service. We love you!



The volunteers are back in full swing, those that want to come back may. We are not yet back up to full speed yet, not all volunteers have come back at this time.

MAGNOLIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS (EL DORADO)

NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER (HOT SPRINGS)

Dorothy Stringer

May 6th – 12th is National Nurses Week. While we honor our nurses, we also want to honor one of our own.

Bonnie Ervin is a retired nurse from UAMS. She was an RN working in the Cardi/Surgery unit when she was awarded her Daisy Award. Any nurse receiving the Daisy Award is an exceptional nurse and we congratulate those who are awarded it.



The "Healer's Touch" stone sculpture was purchased and donated to National Park Medical Center by the NPMC Auxiliary. It was purchased in November to reserve it. When we got the sculpture, it took an additional three weeks to get someone to make the base and the plaque. (it is not on in this picture). We will have it on by the award day.

We are back! Our Volunteers are in the hospital. The duties are different and there are less of us, but the ones that came back are excited to be here.

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CAMDEN)

Daphne Bennett

The good news is that we are once active in our hospital. Our gift shop opened on March 15--no, not full time but from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Many of our volunteers were ready to work, and staffing has not been a problem.

Patient visiting is very limited, so we have very little 'street' traffic, but the hospital personnel were happy to see us open again and have supported us in a commendable way.

We look forward to again giving our hospital the checks as we have in the past! We are also helping staff the front desk, screening all who come into the hospital. Administration is trying to take every precaution to prevent the possible spread of the virus.

We, as all of you, are looking forward to more activity!!



VALLEY

BAPTIST HEALTH – FORT SMITH

Alice Swain

Although Volunteers have not been allowed to work our regular schedule in the Hospital since mid-March, we have been working on several projects. As Covid-19 was just beginning to have a serious effect on Fort Smith, and we had our last meeting, we were asked by the Hospital to help financially in the development of a 4 bed Pediatric unit being developed. At that meeting, the Auxiliary voted to contribute \$25,000.00 toward that development, primarily for furniture for the rooms, playroom, exam room, and beautiful wall decorations. Shortly after that meeting, we were asked to discontinue our volunteering service temporarily. The project continued and was completed in December, a few volunteers were invited to tour the area when finished. It is a very nice child friendly unit with lots of brightly colored furnishings. We were so happy to have been a part of this project.

Following this project, another challenge was given to us by our President, Kim Miller. She asked if the Auxiliary would be interested in the refurbishment of an area in the Medical Plaza. This was not a patient centered area, but lots of foot traffic went past daily, and it had been neglected for a long time. The Auxiliary Board decided we would agree to tackle this area. Our

President had several requests that she would like to see done, one was the presence of a cross and a bible verse on the wall from Matthew;11;28. Linda Butler agreed to volunteer leadership in accomplishing this goal. We had Karen Dodd, Shirley Harrod, Hospital Chaplain, and Alice Swaim agreeing to help. Linda found a wonderful Business willing to accept the challenge, and I might add, did a wonderful job with scrapping old paint and re-painting a very difficult area to get to. Although a work in progress, we now have the painting done, Cross in place, lots of greenery in place, and Baptist Logo and the Bible verse will be ready shortly to place on the wall on each side of the Cross. I have kept the Auxiliary members apprised of what is happening with these projects via newsletters. Once again, the Auxiliary is very happy to be able to help with these fun projects and look forward to when we can once again be allowed to go back to our normal activity inside the Hospital.

BAPTIST HEALTH – VAN BUREN

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Sharon Jewell

The Mena Regional Auxiliary, Inc. recently awarded scholarships to four students who are currently enrolled in a medical-related field. Each student received a \$1000 scholarship. Congratulations to Nikki Hale, Adrienne Neal, Summer Barrett and AnElise Hughes!

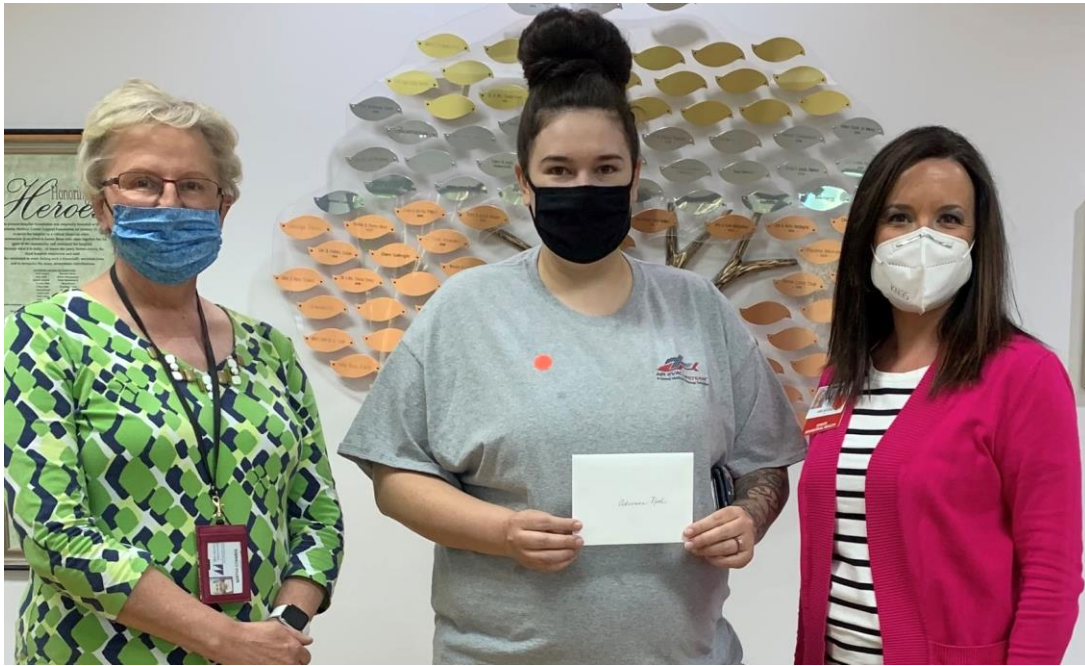
Pictured below from left: Sara Mitchell Auxiliary Member, Ewanta Turner Auxiliary Member, Summer Barrett Scholarship Recipient, AnElise Hughes Scholarship Recipient, Linda Johnson Auxiliary Member, Marilyn Davenport Auxiliary Member.



Pictured from left: Sara Mitchell Auxiliary Member, Paula Galvan Auxiliary Member, Nikki Hale Scholarship Recipient, Marilyn Davenport Auxiliary Member



Pictured from left: Martha Edwards Auxiliary Member, Adrienne Neal Scholarship Recipient and Sara Mitchell Auxiliary Member



MRHS recently celebrated National Volunteer Week with an appreciation reception held in the hospital dining Room. Attendees included the Mena Regional front and surgery entrance volunteers, Auxiliary members, and chaplains. Although their time over the past year has been limited, it has truly made everyone more aware how fundamental they are to our hospital.



A retirement reception for Ewanta Turner was recently held to celebrate her 13 years of service to MRHS. We are so thankful she wants to remain in the Auxiliary as treasurer. Thank-you for all you have done for all of us Ewanta!

Jay Quebedeaux, CEO & Ewanta Turner



Linda Johnson, Auxiliary President & Ewanta Turner, Auxiliary member



Our gift shop is now open from 11 to 2 Monday through Thursday.

CHAMBERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DANVILLE)

JOHNSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (CLARKSVILLE)

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (RUSSELLVILLE)

Janet Thurber

After being on vacation for a year, Saint Mary's Volunteers are slowly but surely making their way back to volunteering at the hospital and resuming Auxiliary activities. March 15 was a big day for us when we were allowed to officially return to a hospital setting. In addition to assisting visitors in obtaining medical records and finding their way around the hospital; we make deliveries to various hospital departments, to patients and to the lab. We also now perform temperature testing and track the number of visitors for each patient.

Beth Hetzer
delivers
specimens to the
Lab



Tom Scott greets
hospital visitors,
takes their
temperature and
tracks the number of
visitors for each
patient.



Fifty-eight babies born at Saint Mary's in February received a little red hat made by Volunteers. Seventy-five hats were taken to the hospital and only one was returned. According to the Nursery, several March babies also received a hat. Sounds like the hats were a hit.



Doctors' Day: On March 30, we continued our yearly observance of Doctors' Day by placing individual bags of home-made Trail-Mix in the Doctors' Lounge. Pictured at left is Volunteer Wanda Reed.

Scholarship Fundraisers: Volunteers held an on-line sheet/linen sale in February. Although the response to the on-line sale was not as good as we would have liked, \$79.49 was raised for the Scholarship Fund. Our used books also continue to be a popular fundraiser with hospital visitors and employees.

Volunteer and Past Vice President Jane Hradek passed away in February 2021 after a long illness. Jane was a hard working volunteer and a lovely lady who is greatly missed.



Articles for July/August newsletter should be submitted by June 30. Please report what you did in May and June and what you have planned for July and August. Pictures are most welcome! If possible, please send jpeg format and actual size – not reduced size and give information on the occasion and the names of those in the picture. Please use Word or Office format whenever possible.

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