

Volunteer News

For the volunteers of Charleston Area Medical Center and its affiliates



Charleston Area
Medical Center

July 2025

New Volunteers

Ellie Slack (G)

Doris Conneway Weser (G)

Sidney Taylor (W)

Vicky Covert (T)

Patrina Fitzsimmons (W)

Bobbie Carper (W)

Lisa Mullins (W)

Kelsey Jordan (G)

MacKenzie Crossman (M)

Emilie McNeil (M)

W= Women & Children's

G= General

M= Memorial

T= Teays Valley

JULY

UPCOMING Events



- July 4, 2025 Independence Day Office Closed
- July 8, 2025 General Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 10:00am
- July 8, 2025 Red Cross Blood Drive at Women and Children's Hospital 11:30-4:30
- July 10, 2025 Red Cross Blood Drive at Teays Valley Hospital 9am-2pm
- July 14, 2025 Rocky Mountain Candy Sale at Cancer Center (WCH)
- July 16, 2025 Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 1:00pm
- July 18, 2025 Red Cross Blood Drive at Memorial Hospital 10am-4pm
- July 21, 2025 Women and Children's Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 5:15pm
- July 22, 2025 Rocky Mountain Candy Sale at Memorial Hospital
- July 23, 2025 Red Cross Blood Drive at General Hospital 11am-4pm
- July 28-29, 2025 Masquerade Sale at General Hospital



- August 5-6, 2025 Books R Fun Sale at Memorial Hospital
- August 12, 2025 General Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 10am
- August 12, 2025 Teays Valley Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 2pm
- August 19, 2025 Rocky Mountain Candy Sale at Women and Children's Hospital
- August 20, 2025 Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 1pm
- August 25-26, 2025 Books R Fun Sale at General Hospital



- September 1, 2025 Labor Day. Office Closed
- September 8, 2025 Auxiliary Connection Meeting 2pm-4pm
- September 9-10, 2025 Masquerade Sale at Memorial Hospital
- September 9, 2025 General Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 10am
- September 15, 2025 Women and Children's Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 5:15pm
- September 17, 2025 Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 1:00pm
- September 18, 2025 Facts and Snacks: Dinner Edition 5pm (RSVP to April)
- September 19, 2025 Masquerade Sale at Teays Valley Hospital
- September 19, 2025 Red Cross Blood Drive at Memorial Hospital 10a,-4pm
- September 24-26, 2025 AWWHA Conference at the Greenbrier
- September 29-30 2025 Uniform Sale at General Hospital
- September 30, 2025 Books R Fun Sale at Teays Valley Outpatient Center



Volunteer

APPRECIATION WEEK

Our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon was held on April 23, 2025 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in South Charleston. We were honored to celebrate with 81 volunteers and 25 special guests. Our theme for the year is: Better Together; Bridging wisdom with new ideas. There are so many ways that is true for us. Think about how much more we can do together, than individually. Our auxiliaries can't continue to function without everyone working together. To continue to serve our hospitals, we must blend new ideas with the wisdom and experience of the volunteer experience through the years.

Our luncheon gives us the opportunity for us to recognize volunteer's hours of service and years of service, special recognitions, and retirements. This year we recognized 2 Heart and Soul recipients, a Teen scholarship awardee, and 1 retiree from volunteering at CAMC.



Yes, April and Kelly are wearing matching dresses. This was 100% accidental. I guess it shows that we are indeed *'better together.'*



Some of our new 2024 volunteers



Heidi Edwards, CNO and Vice President of General Hospital, presented Jim Wilmoth with the Heart and Soul Award. Jim and his dog, Jordan (part of our Healing Hounds volunteer team), went to Greenbrier Valley Medical Center to help comfort the staff following a loss of a coworker. (Steve Ray and Healing Hound, Cactus Jack received the same award, but Steve was not in attendance.)



These groups of volunteers were recognized for 1,500 hours, and 250 hours of service to CAMC. Look how happy volunteering makes people 😊



We celebrated Alice Vandelinde's retirement with 13 years of service to CAMC General Hospital.

Brenda Powell also retired with 28 years of service to CAMC Memorial. She was not in attendance.

We thank both amazing ladies for the legacy that they are leaving with us!

Camryn Harvey was presented with a scholarship from the AWWHA as she will begin Nursing school at WVU-P in the fall. Congratulations Camryn!





We recently sent out a letter to all volunteers to validate the hours that we have recorded for the beginning months of 2025. This letter was in no way meant to reprimand anyone for any reason. We wanted to make you aware of the hours you have recorded so any discrepancies could be corrected. We felt this was needed since we were seeing an increase in volunteers forgetting to record their hours.

Here are the main reminders:

1. **Report all absences** for volunteer shifts to the volunteer office.
2. **Please make every effort to Sign in and out for all volunteer activities through Volgistics.** (This includes volunteer work that you may be doing at home, meetings, volunteer events, etc.)
3. **If you do forget to sign in and out for your volunteer hours, PLEASE call or text the office.** We want to put these hours in so that these hours are captured. However, it is always preferable to record the hours when you are serving. (Hopefully, recording hours after the fact, is more the exception than the rule.)
4. Even if recording your hours doesn't matter to you, **the hours do matter to Volunteer Services and the hospital.** Your hours help to validate the need for volunteers in the hospital.

The other reason we are encouraging you to log in while you are here is so that we know who is present in our buildings at any given time. When you log in to Volgistics, we are able to see who is present in each hospital. It is an expectation that we are able to report who is here in case of emergency. If you aren't signed in to Volgistics, we don't have an accurate list.

We hope this helps clarify why we are trying to improve our utilization of volgistics and reporting hours accurately. Thanks for your help in these efforts. We appreciate you so much!



Facts and Snacks Dinner Edition

You won't want to miss this special Facts and Snacks event. RSVP to April at:

304-388-7426

681-319-6901 (text or call) or email

April.tyree@camc.org

RSVP by: September 12, 2025

Lapel Pin

Pictured below is the new Vandalia Health lapel pin. We have these available in our office and we would love to share with you.

If you would like a lapel pin to wear on your uniform, please stop by the office at General Hospital to say hello and pick one up.

