

Connections

Newsletter for hospital volunteers, students & friends of Roper St. Francis Healthcare

June/July 2023

Roper Hospital's new Blessing Box



A few dozen teammates gathered around for a dedication of Roper Hospital's Professional Engagement Advancement Council (PEAC)'s community service project: a new Blessing Box.

The Blessing Box includes non-perishable food items, basic toiletries, and anything else that may be considered a "blessing" to someone in need. There are many people, including teammates, in need who may be too uncomfortable to ask for assistance. These items can be anonymously taken and anonymously donated by any member of our community, as well as our teammates.

"We're so grateful for our teammates who organized this," said Sue Bennett, Chief Nursing Officer at Roper Hospital. "This Blessing Box is an embodiment of our mission of healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence."

Waring Senior Center hosts Volunteer Fair

Over 150 people attended the Waring Senior Center's Volunteer Fair. Thank you to the Senior Center for hosting this wonderful community event.

Know someone interested in volunteering? Send them our way!



RSFH Gives! Campaign

At Roper St. Francis Healthcare, we believe in our mission of *healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence*. The *RSFH Gives!* Teammate Giving Campaign is a way teammates continue that mission by giving back to help our patients, each other and the community. This year, we are celebrating the 5 Year Anniversary of our Gives! Campaign. Thanks to teammate support, over the past five years the campaign has raised over **\$1,636,077** with over **28,000** gifts made.



The Roper St. Francis Foundation Teammate Giving Campaign will run 7/19 - 8/9 and is an opportunity to celebrate our giving spirit as an organization.

The campaign is led by our Foundation in partnership with Trident United Way and is a convenient way to donate. Physicians, staff and volunteers may choose to support Roper St. Francis Healthcare, Trident United Way, or both if you wish.

Check Out this Year's Fundraising Initiatives

- Greer Clinic – Previously known as the Transitions Clinic, the Greer Clinic provides a medical home to the unfunded and underinsured in our community.
- Area of Greatest Need – These gifts go where the need is greatest which is decided at the end of each year. Last year the Gives! Campaign funds supported Expanding Access to Care, Medical Technologies for Preventing Falls for our Hospitalized Patients, and Newborn Infant Protection & Security.
- Nursing Scholarships – You can help fellow nursing teammates further their education. Last year, 49 scholarships were awarded to our teammates!
- Teammate Assistance Fund – You can support fellow teammates during a financial hardship, health issue or major disaster in their life. Last year, **98** teammates received assistance from this fund.

Be on the lookout for the RSFH Give! Committee members encouraging participation in the campaign. Participants that make a pledge of \$50 or more will receive a t-shirt or water bottle through the RSFH online store during the campaign. Volunteers are invited to join paid staff by making a donation to the RSFH Foundation through www.rsfhfoundation.org/donate or by contacting Sydney Jaicks, Annual Fund Program Manager at (843) 724-2640 or sydney.jaicks@rsfh.com.

Getting to Know You - Berkeley Hospital

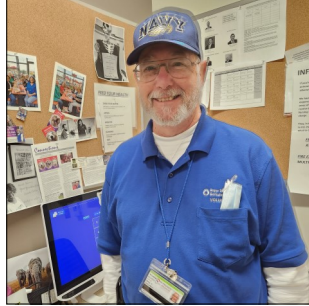
Berkeley Hospital would like to highlight Gary Nurdyke. Gary takes charge of the Medical Office Building every Monday.

Gary was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, and now lives in Summerville. He's a 20 year retired Navy Veteran, who spent his time as an Inventory Control Specialist, Chief Shopkeeper and as a Warehouse Supervisor at Bayer Corp.

Gary's sidekick is his wife, Marsha, a Potter, (The Charming Lady), who keeps him busy 'running the show!' They can be found at third Thursday in downtown Summerville, presenting at the Charleston County Fair, and at numerous shops featuring her work.

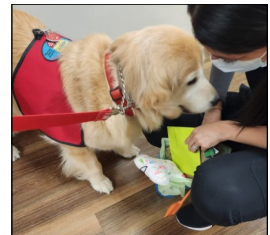
"Gary has been a gem to me. His presence at the Medical Office Building is felt by anyone entering the building. He's engaging, friendly and caring. He knows the concern patients have entering our buildings, and is that friendly face erasing the angst for just a minute. Thank you Gary, for choosing us and being the stellar Volunteer on our A Team!"

Rebecca Buffum, RSF Berkeley Hospital



Volunteer News

- We celebrated Volunteer Week in April! Thank you Volunteers for your wonderful service and volunteerism. We are grateful for you.
- In collaboration with East Cooper Center for Advanced Studies, 34 Health and Biomedical Sciences students participated this school year in a MPH shadowing program representing 298 shadow hours. Students had an opportunity to learn about careers in healthcare.
- Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital's Mulligan, pet therapy dog, was thrilled to be working on his birthday because that's where all his friends are.
- Nurses Week and Healthcare Week was even better with lots of love and visits from our Pet Therapy dogs and handlers. Thank you Volunteers and Pet Therapy dogs for your dedication and service to all.
- In an effort to promote safety and reduce harm, RSFH hospitals soon will begin using plain language emergency codes so anyone can understand the information the first time they hear or see it. Please see Volunteer Manager for more information.



Volunteers Join Hospital & Nurses Week Festivities



Welcome New RSFH Volunteers

RSFH Berkeley Hospital: Welcome our new volunteers, Susan Morris and Lisa Watkins.

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital: Welcome our new volunteers, Grace Black, Grayson Clontz, Sallie Dalton, Julia Gullede, Stella Howell, Josh King, Ronald Knipp, Bailey Huttig, Tim Lanfersiek, Janet & Abby McSwain, Ella Moore, Jane Renzi, Stacie & Betty Ribble, and Lynn Russell. Welcome back Lu Johnson, Phlebotomy

RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital: Welcome new volunteers, Lucille Watson, Eucharistic Minister and our summer student volunteers - Beatriz Mulato, Hannah Shatz, Kevin Fan and Kenna Quattro.

Roper Hospital: Welcome Bryson Overton, Physical Therapy.

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to friends and family of Richard Neapolitan, long time MPH volunteer. We send our deepest sympathy to Nick Dennis on the passing of his wife, Becky, Catherine Stephenson on the passing of her mother, and Donna Blake on the passing of her mother-in-law, Frances Adams. May you and your families find comfort in the days ahead.



Upcoming Events:

On **Thursday, June 8, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**, CCSD School of the Arts Soloist, **Carson Daignault**, will perform his musical selection in the MPH lobby with piano accompanist, Eric Wilkinson, Wando High School Choir Director, and Fine Arts Department Chair.

Kat Golberg, Visiting Artist, will be painting in the MPH lobby on **Wednesday, June 7 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Kat's works include fine art, pet portraits and prints.

Waring Senior Center Quilters will be set-up at BSSF mall classrooms on **Friday, July 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Katie Dickson, Horticulture Director, Boone Hall Plantation, will demonstrate how to BYOB (Build Your Own Sunflower Bouquet) on **Tuesday, August 1st 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** in the MPH lobby. Sunflowers from Boone Hall, clippings and vases will be made available for participants. Katie is the daughter of Mark Dickson, Vice President of Mission, RSFH.

Thank you to recent presenter Concert Pianist, Aiden Gramse, Senior at Ashley Ridge High School, who performed classical music in the MPH lobby. He delighted patients, visitors, and teammates with his wonderful concert of Burgmuller's pieces. Aiden is the son of Jennifer Gramse, who works in Benefits.



Volunteer Opportunities

- **Berkeley Hospital** welcomes Medical Office Building Greeter, Outpatient Waiting Room, Mammography and Liaison.
- **Mt. Pleasant Hospital** welcomes Golf Cart Driver on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday morning, 8 a.m. – 12 noon; Mammography Suite on Friday morning and afternoon; Medical Office Building Greeter on Monday morning 8 a.m. - 12 noon; Pet Therapy, Guitarist, and Piano Player.
- **Roper Hospital** welcomes volunteers interested in Information Desk, Lobby Ambassadors, Piano Player, and offsite Infusion Center Support volunteers.
- **Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital** welcomes volunteers interested in serving as gardeners to sustain our Memorial Gardens. We are seeking individuals who enjoy the early morning while the weather is coolest, to care for some new plantings as well as some better-established plants. Come see the garden and sign up or tell a friend. We are seeking individuals to work in our Pain Management, Mammography and Physical Therapy Departments especially from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.



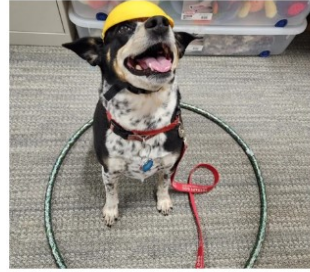
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As we lose ourselves in the service of others,
we discover our own lives and our own happiness.
- Dieter F. Uchtdorf

