

Connections

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

Aug/Sept 2023



Arts in Medicine

RSFH's Arts in Medicine program offers regular art events at each hospital. The program is looking for visual artists of all kinds, musicians, performing artists, poets, writers and other creatives to volunteer their time.

Recent and Upcoming Events:

Katie Dickson, Director of Horticulture at Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens, demonstrated how to BYOB (Build Your Own Sunflower Bouquet)

Tuesday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Lobby

Summer Concert

Patty Kay, MPH Volunteer & Susan Tellier,
Visiting Accompanist and Singer

Thursday, August 3, 12 noon

Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Lobby

Guitarist Art Klein performs

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month
Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, **1 - 2:30 p.m.**

Visiting Student Pianist Concert
Charleston County School of the Arts

Thursday, August 17, 1- 1:30 p.m.

Roper Hospital Main Lobby

Olde Pipes Recorder Consort

Friday, August 18, 2 - 3 p.m.

Bon Secours St. Francis, Mall Classrooms 1 & 2

Olde Pipes Recorder Quartet

Tuesday, September 5, 2 p.m.

Roper Hospital Main Lobby

If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering as an artist at a RSFH hospital, please contact us:

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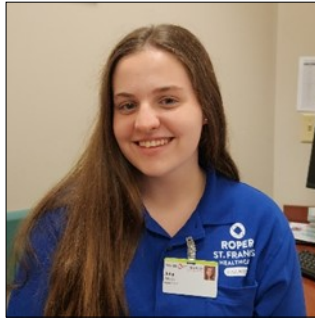
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Getting to Know You - BSSF

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital would like to highlight Julia Gullede. Julia is a senior at Academic Magnet High School. She grew up in Charleston and lives close to BSSF. Her favorite subjects are biology and Spanish and she is interested in going into medicine. Her current career goal is to become an obstetrician/gynecologist. She started volunteering at BSSF in June. When asked why she started volunteering with us, she said:



“When I heard that the hospital was looking for volunteers, I immediately signed up because volunteering at the hospital involves two things that I am interested in: the medical field and volunteerism. Volunteering with BSSF allows me to get a glimpse of what it is like to work in a hospital so I can decide if I would like to have a career in medicine.”

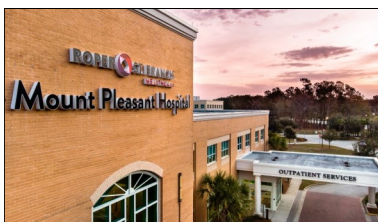
Julia volunteers every Friday morning at the volunteer front desk. Front desk volunteers interact with all different types of people. Her favorite experience working at the front desk was when a pregnant lady came in to deliver her baby, but the lady only spoke Spanish. Julia has studied Spanish for 5 years, so she jumped on the opportunity to use her conversational Spanish skills in the real world. She helped the woman to the delivery area and translated the nurse’s questions (“How many weeks along are you? Is this your first baby?”) into Spanish. This experience was important to Julia because she has been working on improving her Spanish for a while, and this was the first time that she was able to use it to help someone in need.

Julia will take a break from volunteering at the end of the summer, but she plans to return to volunteering with a new schedule after a short time!

RSFH HOSPITALS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS



Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital and Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Hospital earned five out of five stars for quality, according to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Hospital is one of the country’s Great Community Hospitals, according to Becker’s Hospital Review.

Volunteer News

- As a part of our Joint Commission requirements, our four hospitals participated in a community mass casualty incident drill on June 28. Kudos to these volunteers for their help and coordination:



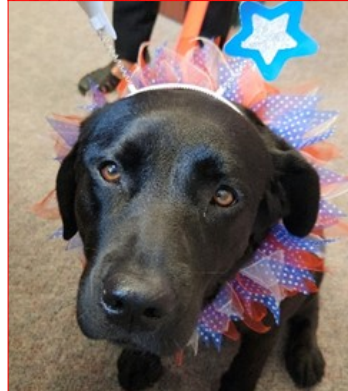
Volunteer Chip Johnson in action.

Mary Behr, Donna Blake, Nobby Clare, Bob Driscoll, Gary Gardner, Andrea Giorno, Ed and Tillie Hottat, Chip Johnson, Ronald Knipp, Eugene Lemmon, Steve Schoenbaechler, Susan Stumpp, and Sandy Summers.

- Pardon the mess: Construction is well underway at Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital. Here’s a recent photo of the hospital’s construction progress from a bird’s-eye view. We’re excited to see such progress, and transitioning our volunteer roles to a larger scale!



RSFH gets red, white and sparkly for July 4



Welcome New RSFH Volunteers

RSFH Berkeley Hospital: Welcome our new volunteers: Cathy Purewal, Ruth Moschel, Hospital Floaters; Jay Lee, Patient Liaison; Janice Gissendanner and Darby, Weekend Pet Therapy; ER volunteers, Jade Prioleau, Precious Odejimi, Micah Toliver, and Andrea Fletcher.

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital: Welcome our new volunteers: Andrea Gorino, Julia Gulledege, and Nancy Holbach, front desk; Jane Renzi, Nursery; Dezarian Moreland, 2nd Maria; Keith Tomko, Golf Cart; Emily Sperry, Emergency Department; Cornelia Spitz, Phlebotomy Escort; Peggy Trivelpiece and Ellie Estey, Infusion; Ella Moore, Lobby Ambassador; Art Klein, Guitarist. Welcome back Lucretha Johnson, Phlebotomy.

RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital: Welcome our new volunteers: Kevin Kreamer, Guitarist; Becky Ziegler, Pet Therapy Handler and English Creme Golden Retrievers, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Welcome summer volunteers interested in health careers; Leo Mulato, Annie Lawrence, Courtney Duffy, Kacey Hayes, Finean Zgleszewski, Nick Hosler, Breckan Williams, Brian Wu. Welcome back Ron Bell and Stacey Sampson.

In Sympathy

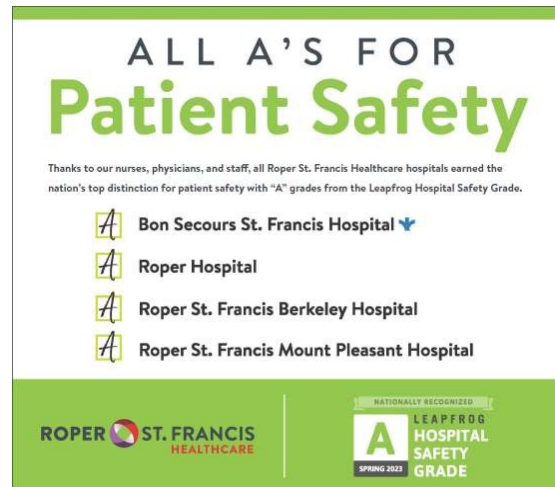
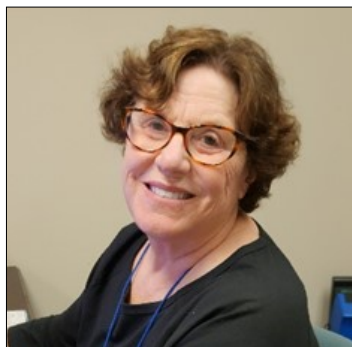
Deepest sympathy to Carolyn Burson, on the passing of her brother-in-law. May you and your family find comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Mt. Pleasant Hospital** welcomes Golf Cart Driver on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday morning, 8 a.m. – 12 noon; Information Desk Thursday morning shift 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 those interested in assisting in our Infusion Center, as an Imaging Escort, in the Recovery Room, or on the Golf Cart.

Farewell Kathleen

We at BSSF are sad to lose our Information Clerk, Kathleen Whitfield. Kathleen has worked at the hospital for the past three years by welcoming people into the hospital, assisting with directions and training additional front desk volunteers. We will miss her, but happily anticipate wonderful adventures as she returns to teaching!



Celebrating "A" on Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades

We're proud of our four hospitals for earning "A" Hospital Safety Grades. Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing achievements protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

The Post and Courier featured an article quoting our President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey DiLisi, who said, "To get straight A's across an entire system of four hospitals, I don't think there are too many systems that have pulled it off. I think it speaks to the consistency of care across our entire network."

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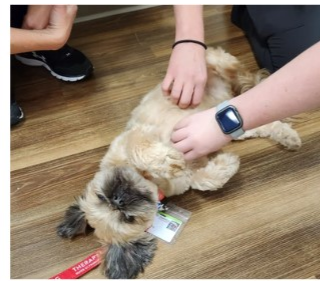
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“The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.”
 - Helen Keller

