Dear Volunteers,

We miss you! We considered sending an email update to let you know what has been happening in your absence, but the good things kept rolling in. Consider this a mini mid-month newsletter update. You would normally be here and part of all these events.

Stay tuned for a return-to-service survey to be emailed soon. As always, stay tuned with Roper St. Francis Healthcare activities and progress through Vital Signs which is updated daily. Stay home. Stay healthy. We love you.

Joan * Lynne * Laurie * Rebecca

Roper Hospital:

Roper Hospital volunteer James Glover has been picking up surplus and almost expired items from Publix for years. He makes his way around the community donating to recipients in need.

Pictured above, James included Roper Hospital, the James Island Express Care, James Island Fire Department, filled blessing boxes and delivered forty boxes of food. James volunteers in the Ambulatory Care Center and Information Desk at Roper Hospital. His wife Katherine (not pictured) works at the information desk.

Local student Yaelle Davis was becoming known in the community for her supportive chalk art. She offered to do a design recognizing healthcare heroes. We now have this beautiful art work in front of Roper Hospital.

Thanks to Christine Allgood who made 100 mask extenders for staff at Roper Hospital.

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital:

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital earned their 3rd Magnet accreditation and tried to celebrate without hugging! Thank you to volunteers including Philip and Marilyn Cook who shared their experience with the surveyors.

West Ashley High School put graduating seniors up for community adoption since they were missing graduation festivities. Joan Perry spotted a student interested in healthcare and claimed her on behalf of the hospital.

We raided the gift shop filling a basket for Treazure Spearing and wish her the best. Treazure plans to attend Trident Technical College.

Information Desk Clerk Kathleen Whitfield and Director Joan Perry have kept busy staffing the desk and coordinating the delivery of donated meals to front line medical staff.

Caring Clown volunteer and balloon artist, Judy Volkman has decorated the Women’s Entrance at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital with festive balloon creations.
Nurses and Hospital Week were quieter than usual, but Cancer Center Director Debi Wilson borrowed Florence Nightingale’s costume from the volunteer closet to make her rounds. Florence is pictured with Chief Administrative Officer Gretchen Morin bewildered at having to experience yet another pandemic!

Joan Perry staffed a table filling cards of gratitude to the community for generosity shown to Roper St. Francis Healthcare during this experience.

The SC Hospital Association sent a festive truck to RSFH hospitals in recognition of Hospital Week and to thank healthcare providers. We’ve even had military flyovers!

Carol Seavey (pictured) brought in 50 mask extenders for staff. Thanks to Judy Volkman and Colleen Turick who continue to supply us. Thanks to Solveig Bracy who has made another 100 hats for all our babies. Thanks to Shawnda Poynter for books, puzzles and cards for lonely patients without visitors. Thanks to First Uniform vendor Mark Ramsuer for donating uniforms for our scrubs drive and Jeanne Bowie for cupcakes for PACU!

RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital

Winning the most “fun news” award is a new grandbaby for MPH volunteer manager Laurie Glass and her team of honorary grandparent volunteers!

Laurie says, “I am officially a grandmother! Micah Jubilee Glass was born on 5/13 weighing 6 lbs 13 oz. Gage and Amy are in love and seem very comfortable already. Our family of boys is delighted to have a niece! Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes.

RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital volunteers have been busy. Laurie Glass is pictured holding masks and headbands made by Donna Blake for staff and their families. Thanks to Bob Driscoll for delivering an abundance of snacks to MPH teammates. They were appreciated!

Laurie shares that the MOB is under construction with new offices for Dr. McCrosson. She is assisting with staffing the MOB entrances which is open to patients with appointments. Maternity services return next week.

RSF Berkeley Hospital

Sewing machines have been running non-stop in Berkeley county bringing the total of masks sewn and donated for staff and their families to 500! Jessica Davis is pictured celebrating the donation. Volunteer contributors include Norma Johnson, Jeanine Johnson, Lynn Karlson, ladies from White Gables neighborhood, Karen Bourgeois and her team of quilters.

Manager Rebecca Buffum has been lending a hand staffing screening tables for MD offices. Maternity services return to Berkeley Hospital soon.