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**QUOTE OF THE QUARTER** 

## **Updates from the Director**

Greetings WakeMed Volunteers,

We are so excited to have received approval to return our volunteer team to service! Please bear with us as we work with each area individually to determine requirements and needs before reaching out to you to return and serve with us.

Our team is hard at work with department leaders to sort out details as we move forward. I want to encourage those of you who have not received the COVID 19 vaccine yet to do so as it is possible.

We have an overabundance of our staff who are fully vaccinated and look forward to the continuing decline in cases due to high vaccination rates. As the Summer season comes in, we hope you can enjoy time with friends and family who we have *all* been missing.

Please review the rest of this newsletter for more great information and keep an eye out for further communications from our department in the coming weeks.

Thanks,

Chris Perry, MBA Director

## **Raleigh's Chair Report**



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and staying healthy!

As more of us are returning to service, it may be a little bit disorienting to return to campus after a long absence. To ease the transition, in addition to completing training requirements, you can become up to date on WakeMed happenings by visiting the WakeMed website and by reading the Microscope Newsletter that arrives in your mailbox each month.

These resources highlight the services available at WakeMed, accolades received by the hospital, it's departments and by individual staff members, as well as giving a glimpse of what goes on at the hospital daily. Doing this is

a great way to become informed and more excited about your service here at WakeMed!

Please let your families and neighbors know that the WakeMed Vaccine Clinic is hosting a Back-to-School Blitz to make it easier for those 12 and older to receive vaccines before the start of the school year. Both the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are being offered at the Andrews Center on these dates:

- Dose 1: Saturday, July 31 (8 am to 2 pm) & Sunday, August 1 (2 to 5 pm)
- Dose 2: Saturday, August 21 (8 am to 2pm) & Sunday, August 2 (2 to 5 pm)

In addition, there are still multiple walk-in clinic times available, both at WakeMed and throughout the area. Please visit the WakeMed COVID-19 Vaccination information page for updated clinic hours:

#### https://www.wakemed.org/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-information/covid-19vaccine/

If you or anyone you know has questions about the vaccines available, there are links on the page listed above that will take you to reputable resources, such as the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the NC Department of Health & Human Services.

The next volunteer hosted fundraiser is online with First Uniform and takes place July 23 – August 9, 2021. While our online sales have been successful overall, I miss seeing everyone working at the fundraisers. I look forward to the time when we can once again conduct our fundraisers on campus.

Remember to continue to follow all recommended COVID-19 precautions:

- Wear a Mask if you are unvaccinated
- Wash your Hand frequently
- Wait a respectful distance away from other people

I hope to see all your smiling faces at WakeMed soon!

Ann Brown, Chair The Volunteers at Raleigh Campus



## Cary's Chair Report

Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a happy and safe July 4th weekend. It has been wonderful to share special times with family and friends again.

Our most exciting news is that all current volunteers will be returning to inhouse placements and the application portal for new in-house volunteers will open on August 2! Information about volunteering, placements, newsletters, new volunteer applications, and sign-in for current volunteers are on the WakeMed website at <u>www.wakemed.org/volunteer</u>.

Your board continues to pursue this year's goals with focus on our community volunteers and distribution of handmade comfort items, planning for our October 29 Trunk or Treat (save the date and help us celebrate with our community), vendor sale fundraisers, and brainstorming on future fundraising activities.

Have you seen the recent WakeMed facebook posts about our community sewers? This is an awesome collection of groups and individuals. Our patients are so appreciative of the numerous shawls, wraps, animals, blankets, quilts, baby hats, and other handmade items donated to make their stay more comfortable. The portals for new sewing volunteers as well as a new painting volunteer program are currently open on the WakeMed website.

The Threads Committee continues to work on a Pop-Up Sale for Wednesday, December 1, to be held in the hallway outside Volunteer Services. One of a kind, handmade gift items are being selected for sale. Save the date and shop with us. All proceeds will be used to fund the purchase of supplies for our community sewers.

Recent vendor fundraisers including Retail Concepts (online April12-18) and Dillard's (pre-shop) May 25-31) netted \$1,236.23 and \$1,841.23, respectively, for volunteer funding of hospital needs. If you are aware of needs in your placement area, typically \$5,000 or less, please encourage the staff to apply for volunteer support. Our upcoming 1st Uniform Sale (July 23 – August 9) will be online.

The volunteer board Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for potential FY22 board members. Board positions are 1- or 3-year terms that begin on October 1. If you have or know someone with leadership skills to share and wish to add volunteer responsibilities, please email me at beturner@nc.rr.com.

A special Thank You to our Volunteer Services staff for their continued support and assistance and to all our volunteers for their many contributions to the WakeMed community. If you are a current volunteer and need a placement, please contact Pennie at 919-350-2363. Continue to watch for special project volunteer assistance requests via email and sign-up as you have interest and time.

I anxiously await the return of all our current volunteers as well as new individuals and groups. Continue to stay safe and have a great summer. Hope to see you soon!

Beth Turner, Chair The Volunteers at Cary Hospital

## Welcome Back to ALL volunteers

The Volunteer Services Department is happy to announce that the volunteer program has fully been reinstated.

We are excited to welcome back all our current volunteers!

If things continue to look positive, we will open our application portals to accept new adult volunteers in August and teen applications in September.

Information on the opening of the volunteer program will be posted on the WakeMed Volunteer page at **www.wakemed.org/volunteer**.





Jackie Kennedy, Manager

## **Happy Birthday Volunteers!**

Carol Weathersbee	Jul 1
Casey Cape	Jul 1
Stacy Jones	Jul 1
Arnesha Louis	Jul 2
Lisa Kolbe	Jul 2
Elizabeth Poe	Jul 4
Maleia Johnson	Jul 4
Joan Thompson	Jul 5
Sarah Keith	Jul 5
Helen Tsui	Jul 6
Jeanette Jones	Jul 6
Leah Cox	Jul 6
Christine Wallace	Jul 7
Hilda McCullers	Jul 7
Timothy Shoriak	Jul 8
Emily Mobley	Jul 9
Margaret Castello	Jul 9
Priyanba Jain	Jul 9
Diana La	Jul 10
Gloria Mertz	Jul 10
Joe Esmond	Jul 10
Katherine Ellis	Jul 10
Ronald Bostick	Jul 10
Jennifer Alexander	Jul 11
Margaret Huels	Jul 11
Shane Harrington	Jul 12
Wendy Spencer	Jul 12
James Schultz	Jul 14

Ca	rol Dahle	Jul 15
Ga	le Hartline	Jul 15
Jar	ed Ehresman	Jul 15
You	usef Barsoum	Jul 16
Gra	ace Cooper	Jul 17
Jur	zie Dockweiler	Jul 17
Par	nela Pittenger	Jul 17
Anr	n Brown	Jul 18
Anr	n Erteschik	Jul 18
Kat	yayani Saripalli	Jul 18
Kin	nberly (Kim) Martin	Jul 18
Kin	berly Siler Rosado	Jul 18
Sas	sank Sivadanam	Jul 19
Anı	na Hancock	Jul 20
Bill	(William) Ayars	Jul 20
Mic	hael Mulvihill	Jul 20
Kar	en Kimrey	Jul 22
Ala	n Craft	Jul 23
Kav	/en Joyner	Jul 23
Lou	uise Wurst	Jul 23
Mic	helle Blische	Jul 23
Ter	ner Starling	Jul 24
Din	a Le	Jul 25
Me	rcedes Leonard	Jul 25
Anr	nette Edeburn	Jul 26
Kris	stina O'Leary	Jul 26
Ма	ry Yarborough	Jul 26
No	elle Woods	Jul 26

Phyllis Siegel	Jul 26
Sheila Henderson	Jul 26
Sujittra Martin	Jul 26
James Miller	Jul 27
Alexis Stephenson	Jul 28
Doug Brown	Jul 28
Chloe Worner	Jul 29
Michael Credendino	Jul 29
Rachel Macsherry	Jul 29
Hashim Ayesh	Jul 30
Henry Miller	Jul 30
Jeanette Rice	Jul 30
Anu Amarnath	Jul 31
Henry Dudek	Jul 31
Janet Kretzschmar	Jul 31
Lenda Rodgers	Jul 31
Samuel Collins	Jul 31





# Volunteers Receiving Petals Nominations from Raleigh Nursing Administration



**Denise Feighery** 



Jessica Martinez



Freda Tursam

Every **DAISY** has petals extending from its core that make it a perfect flower. At WakeMed, our PETALS are Nursing's "Professional Extraordinaires" that always lend support.

WakeMed's Division of Nursing has recognized three of our volunteers for the outstanding and compassionate care they deliver every day. The Nursing Administration LOVES to have volunteer support. They are grateful for the dedication of its volunteers! "Thank you to these awesome volunteers for their attention to detail, accuracy, and care they take".

Denise Feighery has volunteered with WakeMed for over 8 years. In addition to volunteering with Nursing Administration, Denise is a Guest Ambassador and volunteers for Special Projects. Denise serves on the Volunteer Board and helps with Volunteer Services Fundraising sales as well. In all, Denise has dedicated over 1,000 hours volunteering at WakeMed.

Jessica Martinez has served as Office Support in Nursing Administration for nearly 2 years. Jessica chose WakeMed as a chance to give back to the community as well as doing something meaningful and gaining new experiences.

Freda Tursam has volunteered for nearly 2 years in roles such as Guest Ambassador, Office Support, and Special Projects. Freda has chosen these volunteer opportunities to serve others.

Congratulations!!! Thank you for all you do, Denise, Jessica, and Freda, for our patients, families, and staff of WakeMed Health and Hospitals!!

## WakeMed North Volunteer Service Spotlight

# "Believes communication is the WakeWay every-time behavior that best describes him. "I love to talk!!"



Warren Bugg has been chosen as our North Hospital "Spotlight" volunteer for our third quarter 2021! Warren began volunteering for WakeMed over 4 years ago.

He chose WakeMed to volunteer as an opportunity to give back and offer support to the community. Warren previously worked in Jersey City at a hospital for 38 years and has always enjoyed helping patients and staff.

Warren brings his work ethic to WakeMed and believes

*communication* is the WakeWay every-time behavior that best describes him. "I love to talk!! I also strive to display a very welcoming and caring demeanor when interacting with others".

Every day Warren makes a difference in the lives of others at WakeMed. When recently asked about his volunteer experience by a family member, he shared his interest in serving others and his natural ability to demonstrate compassion and empathy to others in the hospital environment. This inspired him to explore volunteer opportunities at WakeMed.

When Warren is away from WakeMed, he spends time with his wife of 30 years whom he makes breakfast for every morning! He enjoys spending time building computers from scratch and working on cars.

Thank you for all you do, Warren, for our patients, families, and staff of WakeMed Health and Hospitals!!



### WakeMed Cary Volunteer Service Spotlight



#### Celebrating over 2000 HOURS!

My name is Chad Pressley, and I started volunteering for WakeMed Cary Hospital in July 2015. In May of 2015, I graduated from Wake Tech with an associate degree in Medical Office Administration. I had been working in customer service for a Humana Insurance call center and knew that I wanted a career change.

When I started volunteering for WakeMed Cary Hospital, I was placed in the Occupational Health & Safety. There I gained experience working in the office as the receptionist assisting employees with scheduling appointments, by phone. The position entailed other various duties as assigned by Carol Cecile.

Over the years, I have had many employees tell me that they would call the Occupational Health Department on the days that I was there because their need would be taken care of in a timely manner. I also volunteered at the Surgical Services reception desk where my main duty was to provide updates to patient families.

Currently, I'm volunteering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the new medical office building on Asheville Avenue. I assist patients when they use the self-check in kiosks. It's a real joy being able to meet new people and help others.

In my free time, I like to play golf during the spring and summer with my dad. We go skiing in the winter. I am a gamer as well. I'm a big fan of the Carolina Hurricanes, and I never miss a game on TV. I also enjoy spending time with my parents, my brother and sister-in-law, and my 7-year-old nephew.

Being a volunteer at WakeMed has been an amazing experience because I enjoy helping others and interacting with patients, as well as employees. It gives me great pride to know that I made someone's day a bit easier. It means a great deal to have served over 2,000 hours because I am committed to providing excellent customer service to patients and their families.

**Chad Pressley** 



## WakeMed Cary Community Sewers Spotlight

## The Material Girls

The Material Girls has been busy making newborn quilts. This is a group that works well together as each person does a part of the quilt, like an assembly line! Rebecca Andrews and Cris Brookhart cut the fabric to put together the kits for a quilt. Kathy Ackerman sews pieces together. Becky Harbour then uses her long arm sewing machine which sews a beautiful pattern on the fabric. Finally, Sue Moore puts the binding around the quilts. Cris completes some quilts independently too. They probably made more quilts this year with everyone staying home. It was nice to be able to "see" each other, dropping off quilts for the next person. Just to say "hi" from six feet away!



This group started about twenty-two years ago. It was originally a book club for neighbors. Then they realized that a lot of them quilted. They have done other projects including work with Camp Kesem, which is for kids whose parents have cancer. They took the drawings the kids made and turned those into quilts!

Another way they have helped is through assembling kits for Days for Girls. DFG kits including items such as reusable pads, washcloth and soap are made for girls in over 100 countries. DFG advances menstrual equity, dignity, and opportunity for all.

The ladies were looking for another project a few

years ago, when they saw that WakeMed was looking for items for our patients. They decided to make us their next project, while they still work on Project Linus as well. *Thanks ladies, for all you do!* 

#### The Material Girls and Threads Committee Member Cindy Larsen (far right) display some of their quilts





## WakeMed Raleigh Community Sewers Spotlight

## Michele Boyce – Raleigh's New Sewing Leader

About Michele Boyce....

Our *Sew Much Love Committee* sewing leader, Michele Boyce is EVERYWHERE! Whether it's picking up a donation, visiting our Pediatric Urgent Care to lend support, meeting with the NICU for specifics on blankets & developmental hearts or in our Volunteer Services department sorting and folding donations, she's around! We can always count on Michele to be where she's needed.

As a retired RN, Michele has a heart for our patients and serving others and it shows. Michele is a seasoned sewer who holds the hands of our beginners and is always glad to offer sewing advice while making them feel welcomed.

Recently, Volunteer Services received a call from a local church event coordinator who was seeking advice for a service project but had not yet decided which organization she would donate to. Michele reached out to her and made several suggestions and even offered help with the preparations. Based on how excited the event coordinator was after speaking with Michele, I have no doubt the donations will be coming to WakeMed's patients. The Raleigh Campus is proud of Michele and wants to share all the great work she's doing for our sewing program here in Raleigh which benefits our patients.

Thank you, Michele, for all you do for our patients here in Raleigh and our surrounding locations. You truly are a valuable member of our Community Sewing Volunteer team!

#### Michele's NICU Hearts



**Michele's Fidget Sleeves** 

#### Sewing Donations & Contributions this Quarter

WakeMed Health & Hospitals would like to thank our Community Sewing Volunteers for their generosity. We hear so often how much our patients appreciate your beautiful, handmade items.

#### WakeMed Cary Hospital

Amy Johns - New this quarter Karen George - New this quarter Maleia Johnson -New this quarter Angela Whitt - New this quarter Margaret Pritt - New this quarter Ann Foster's Group Barbara Bagby Carolina Preserve Yarn Spinners **Cary Blanketeers Cary Quilting** Chaplain Marilyn Mitchell **Chatham Commons** Cindy Larsen **Colonial Baptist** Compassion Knit Hearts **Elegant Stitchers** Gale DeBinder Garner on The Mend Harriet Kelner's Group Holly Springs Newcomers & Friends Hindu Society NC (HSNC) Janet Pawelek Jovce Wise Lois Odom Lucille Lambert Material Girls Nancy Romano Pam Ayars Pamela Stelmack Quilts for Kids – Cary Radha Peri Raiya Patel Reeta Jaswal Rose Byrd Sarah O'Brien Susan Terjesen The Caring Crafters The Templeton Threads Windsor Point

#### WakeMed Raleigh Campus

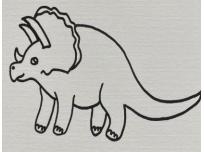
Sheila Henderson - New this quarter Susan Breslin - New this quarter Rennie Shore - *New this quarter* Madigan Stevenson - New this quarter Sujittra Martin - New this quarter Alexandra Dahm - New this quarter Kathy Turner - *New this quarter* Karen Kimrey - New this quarter Johanna Rodriguez - *New this quarter* Kathryn Clarke - New this quarter Yang Lee - New this quarter Cynthia Jordan - St Matthews Baptist - New this quarter Alissa & Ethan Meyerhoffer Ann Jagger Anu Amarnath **Betty Whitley Dorothy Richards** Janet Jennings Joy Young Kate Davison Mara Comas Michele Boyce Pam Stelmack Patricia Crissman Patricia Edwards **Project Linus Ouilts for Kids** Rebecca Kalsbeek Sherry Watson Susan Griffith Sharon Barrow **Cary Stitchers** 

## **Community Volunteer Painter – New to Volunteer Services**

Are you a painter or know someone who is? Invite them to become a WakeMed Community Volunteer Painter. For more information about this new and exciting program see link below:

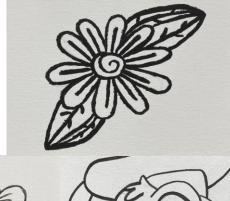
#### <u>Community Painting Volunteering, WakeMed Health & Hospitals, Raleigh & Wake</u> <u>County, NC</u>

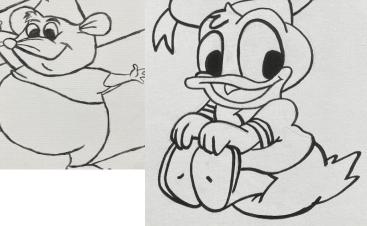
- Interested individuals must be 14 years of age
- 5x7 flat canvas size no staples
- Accept Paintings of popular characters, animals, scenic landscapes, inspirational words, or messages Outline Paintings – Will allow our patients to color in themselves
- Items must be free of scents including pet odors, household odors, musty odors, cigarette smoke and cooked food odors
- Do not attach items to your paintings
- Please refrain from donating items with political, religious, or discriminatory content or content that may not be suitable for all audiences in our community
- Hospital policy precludes us from allowing advertising on individual handmade items



Sophie Davis (left) Art Service Club President Leesville Rd. High School







## **Quarter Contributions to the Volunteer Board**

#### WakeMed North & Raleigh Campus:

Retail Concepts Combined Online Sale – April \$5,034.81 Dillard's Raleigh Sale – May \$3,798.99 Dillard's North Sale – June \$903.07

#### WakeMed Cary Hospital:

Retail Concepts Online Sale – April \$1,236.23 Dillard's Sale – June \$1,841.23

## <u>Grand total contributions this quarter:</u>

\$12,814.33

## Thanks to all the Volunteers who helped to make each sale so successful!

Cary Sale Volunteers:

Mary Crutchfield Joyce Reiter Rupande Gondolia Beth Turner Cindy Larson

## Raleigh Sale Volunteers:

Ganesh Tangella Katrina Akins Marion Boissiere Mana Aoi Denise Feighery Anita Boonen Danna Freeman Anthony Conner



## Sale Events Coming Soon



## FirstUniform.com Sale - July 23<sup>rd</sup> - August 9<sup>th</sup>



## Southern Comfort Online Sale - September 10th - 19th



www.southerncomfortlinens.com/collections/wake



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