



Auxiliary News

The Geary Community Hospital Auxiliary newsletter

November 2016

Auxiliary Donates \$5,000 to the Holiday Glitz



(Left to Right): Joe Stratton, CEO, Geary Community Hospital; Dottie Letellier, Auxiliary Compliance Coordinator; Karen Cyphers, Auxiliary Treasurer; Jolana Montgomery-Matney, Executive Director, Geary Community Healthcare Foundation; Connie Peck, Auxiliary President; Gail Stein, Auxiliary Vice President

The GCH Auxiliary recently presented a \$5,000 check to the Geary Community Healthcare Foundation to support this year's Holiday Glitz project. Funds raised by this year's Holiday Glitz will benefit the GCH surgery center with a V-PRO Low Temperature Sterilization System.

Each year the Foundation's annual Holiday Glitz event benefits a specific project to address a need at Geary Community Hospital. Since 1999 the Auxiliary has given \$59,500 specifically to projects supported by the Holiday Glitz. Some of the Glitz projects supported by the Auxiliary have included the renovation of the Medical Arts I building, equipment upgrades for the hospital's ICU, Cardiopulmonary, Radiology and Surgery departments, and the Vocera hands-free communication system for nurses.

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President Connie's News & Notes



The holidays are upon us and opportunities for volunteering, fellowship and giving back to the community abound here at GCH. Read on to discover what's in store for GCH

Auxilians during the upcoming season.

Gift Shop Open House

December 7-8th 8 am - 4 pm

Enjoy 20% off merchandise (excludes food, drinks & consignment items) during this festive annual event.

Auxiliary Christmas Party

December 9th 1 pm - 3 pm

GCH Women's Center Conference Room

Invitations were mailed in early November. *Please bring a friend - or two! - who may be interested in joining the Auxiliary.* Wouldn't it be wonderful to start the new year with several new members? RSVP to Shannon Rosauer at 785-219-3308 or srosauer@gchks.org.

Holiday Candy Jar Filling & Distribution

December 16th 1:30 pm

GCH Fegan Dining Room

We will distribute the jars to GCH departments as soon as they are filled.

Annual In-Service Luncheon & Training

January 10th 11:45 am

Medical Arts II - 3rd Floor Conference Room

Invitations will be mailed soon. All Auxilians who actively volunteer at the hospital must attend this luncheon and training.

Auxiliary Helps With GCH United Way Events



Gail Stein (L) and Shirley Lee (R) sold United Way t-shirts during "Taco Tuesday" on November 1.

The GCH United Way Campaign got off to a great start thanks to the help of the GCH Auxiliary. On November 1, the campaign kicked off with "Taco Tuesday" at the GCH Bistro. Auxilians Gail Stein and Shirley Lee helped by selling United Way t-shirts to GCH employees. The Auxiliary also donated several dozen fresh-baked cookies which were included as part of the Taco Tuesday meal deal. In all, this event raised over \$1,000 toward the GCH Campaign Total.

On Monday, November 21, Auxilians Jolene Stackhouse and Shirley Lee helped with the GCH Bake Sale to benefit the United Way. Thank you, ladies! Your hard work and support benefits many.

GCH Operation Care 2016

GCH is conducting its 18th annual "Operation Care" Food and Warm Clothing Drive through December 14th.

Collection bins are located outside of the Gift Shop to accept donations of canned and non-perishable food as well as new or clean, gently used winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves. A "Grocery list" of the most needed items is also posted at each collection site.

Donations will be distributed by Wheels of Hope, a local community organization, to help less fortunate families in our area.



Glitz Donation

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The list goes on and on; there is almost nowhere on the GCH campus that the Auxiliary's hard-earned dollars have not directly touched.

"With each Auxiliary donation to the foundation, 100% of these funds go directly toward the bottom line of a project – never for the cost of the event", said Jolana Montgomery-Matney, Executive Director of the Geary Community Healthcare Foundation. "Partnerships are important to the success of all the foundation's projects and the Auxiliary has been a principal partner to the Healthcare Foundation. They are the only benefactor we've ever had and each day they make a difference in the lives of our patients."

Calendar

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| Dec 1 | GCHF Holiday Tree of Memories
5:00 pm
GCH Tribute Garden |
| Dec 7-8 | Gift Shop Holiday Open House
8:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Dec 9 | Auxiliary Christmas Party
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Women's Center Conference Room |
| Dec 14 | Mountain Man
Gourmet Fruit & Nuts
GCH Main Lobby |
| Dec 16 | Candy Jar Filling and Distribution
1:30 pm
Fegan Room |
| Jan 10 | Auxiliary In-Service Luncheon
11:45 am
MA II Conference Room
<i>*Auxilians who are actively volunteering in the hospital are required to attend.</i> |
| Jan 18 | White Elephant Sale
<i>More information coming in the December newsletter about this event.</i> |