

February 2021

# Volunteer Voice



10 Days ~ 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners



You are invited to join Hammond-Henry Hospital Auxiliary members and friends on a "fun"raiser trip to Italy, August 18-27, 2021



Special Informational Meeting

Thursday, March 4 @ 1 p.m. HHH Conference Room 600 N. College Ave.

For more information or

to RSVP contact:

# We are still planning to travel in August.

# Won't you join us?

It's not too late to sign up to see some of the wonders of Italy. We visit classical Rome, Vatican City, Assisi and the Basilica of St. Francis, Piazza IV Novembre and ornate cathedrals. We will see the art and culture in Florence, Michelangelo's incredible statue of David, ride the canals in Venice, and the sights in Milan's high-fashion district.

Ahhhh.... the food! You are sure to enjoy the fine foods of Italy. There is a chef-led cooking class as well as a chance to learn about the Tuscan wines on this trip.

Plan to join us on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 1 p.m. in the HHH Conference Room to hear more about the magnificent highlights on this trip.

Deposits are due by March 18th to qualify for the early booking discount. If you would like details about the trip a printed brochure is available in the HHH Volunteer Office.

Fees are fully refundable if we cannot travel safely in August 2021.



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Above: **Nicole Kittelson**, RN & LTC Nurse Manager, shows the *Dinamap* monitoring equipment the Auxiliary recently purchased.

#### 2020 HHH Auxiliary Contributions Scholarships and Equipment

The Auxiliary provided a **total of \$26,400 in scholarships** awarded to 25 local students studying health careers. There was no CNA program in conjunction with local high schools and Blackhawk College this year.

Items purchased for Hammond-Henry Hospital:

TRUVUE pillow (Imaging)	\$ 1,640
Swing Transfer chair (Long Term Care)	934 <i>,</i> 2 \$
Vacuums and cleaning carts (housekeeping)	\$ 2,598
Dermascope & eye charts (for clinics)	\$ 1,160
Awning in Long Term Care gazebo	\$ 6,261
Emergency Department renovation	\$10,000
Dinamap (Long Term Care)	\$ 3,615
Two (2) electric wheelchair scooters	\$ 2,248
Charging stations (2)	\$ 1,210
Staxi wheel chairs (2)	\$ 2,339
BOSE wireless speaker (LTC Activities)	\$ 129
TV and mounting brackets (Kewanee Clinic)	<u>\$ 516</u>
Total of items purchased in 2020	\$34,650

The *Dinamap* unit pictured to the left is used in Long Term Care and replaces an older unit that was not working properly. It has additional features making it safe, accurate and efficient to use.

The Dinamap is a mobile unit that monitors residents' pulse rate, oxygenation levels, blood pressure and temperature.

It is used up to 36 times daily and records objective measures to identify vital health concerns of the residents.

*Dinamap* usage during infection surveillance was the reason that we caught one of our first COVID cases and has been a key tool in avoiding future COVID outbreaks.



Hammond-Henry Hospital Auxiliary board member, **Mary Jane Causemaker**, demonstrates one of the four-wheeled electric scooters now at the hospital. The Auxiliary purchased two new scooters - one for each entrance of the hospital - with the donations to the Lovelight Project.

Many thanks to the generous donors to the Lovelight Tree listed on the next page.



The Auxiliary is very grateful for the donations to the Lovelight Tree project. This year we collected \$7,740 in donations that will purchase two electric 4-wheel scooters—one for each hospital entrance. This exceeded our goal, so the additional funds will help fund Auxiliary scholarships for local students in health careers studies. Thank you to our many donors in this effort! Donations received include:

# 2020 Lovelight Heart Donors

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Candy orders may be made online and paid with a credit card. On the order, please **use coupon** code HHH2021 to indicate that it is part of the HHH Auxiliary's fundraiser and a portion of the sales will be donated to the Auxiliary.

Orders that are made by Saturday, March 20th may be picked up curbside at the East Entrance of Hammond-Henry on Thursday, March 24th, 12 noon-4:30 p.m. - just in time for Easter! (You may also have the order shipped to you or sent to someone else as a gift.)

# Hammond-Henry Hospital **Health Screenings**

#### Tuesday, March 9 & Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:30 - 8 a.m.

#### **General Health Screenings**

- \* Lipid Profile and Glucose (5 tests-lipids only) \$15
- \* Chemical Profile (25 tests-includes lipids) \$30 (Lipid and Chemical Profiles Require Fasting -do not eat or drink after midnight)

#### \* Blood Pressure Checks - FREE

#### **Prostate Cancer Screening for Men**

\* PSA Blood Test - \$25

Cash Only - No Medical or Insurance Cards Accepted





Above, Julie West, volunteer manager, and Beth Lagomarcino look over some of the chocolate candies that will be available to purchase for Easter treats!

Use coupon code HHH2021 when ordering **online** to indicate it is for the Auxiliary's fundraiser

# Message from Mark

As of 2/1/2021, following are some ways COVID has impacted Hammond-Henry over the past 44 weeks:

- 85 COVID inpatients since March 2020 •
- 6 deaths at HHH involving COVID patients •
- 81 HHH healthcare workers (18%) were ill with • COVID
- Highest volume week for testing COVID patients was 2,100 patients in one week
- During a recent week, 389 were tested and only 50 were positive
- The preliminary 7-day statewide positivity rate for cases as a percent of total tests from Jan. 6-12 is 7.3%, and the seven-day test positivity rate is 8.3%
- Current Illinois positivity rate is 5.7%, Henry County is at 8.1% so that is why we have moved to Tier 1
- All HHH employees that wanted COVID vaccine have received their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose (70% adoption)
- HHH assisted Geneseo School District vaccines (300 1<sup>st</sup> doses on Jan. 20 and 78% adoption)
- In HHH Long Term Care, 34 of 35 residents and all interested employees received 2<sup>nd</sup> dose on January 23rd
- HHH has conducted just over 31,000 total COVID19 tests since March 2020, with an overall positive rate of 12.75%

Looking Ahead.....

The Auxiliary is planning an Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 20. (As per our bylaws, we are required to have the annual meeting in April.) All are invited to attend, however, we may have a limit on the number depending on the COVID restrictions at that time.

This year, in 2021, the annual meeting will be a <u>business meeting only</u> to receive reports and elect officers and appoint board members. There will be no program or lunch at this time. Look for more details in the next Volunteer Voice.

We hope we can gather together later in the summer or fall to celebrate our accomplishments and share our passion for serving others as health care volunteers.

Thank you for your loyalty and commitment to supporting Hammond-Henry Hospital during these unique and challenging times.

"Worrying is like sitting in a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere."

Erma Bombeck



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