

Volunteer Voice

July/August 2021

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are welcomed back into service at HHH. Having a COVID vaccine is highly recommended.

Safety is a priority and COVID precautions will be followed.

Hammond-Henry (as in all health care settings) still requires everyone to wear a mask and keep at least 6 feet from others when possible. Hand gel and sanitizing wipes are provided at volunteer stations to wipe down any surfaces that are frequently touched.

Volunteers have 1 or 2 shifts/month

Volunteer positions currently available:

Gift Shop:

Morning or afternoon shifts (2 1/2 hours)

Shuttle drivers: 1 or 2 shifts/month

9 a.m.-12 noon or 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Information Desk (must be able to push wheelchairs)

8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Volunteer Training for volunteers will be scheduled in the fall.



Auxiliary Membership Event

First Lutheran Church, Geneseo

October 5th at 10:00 a.m.

More details in the next *Volunteer Voice*.

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Ice Cream Social Summary

Thanks to all the Auxiliary members who baked pies and cakes for the Ice Cream Social as well as those who helped set-up, serve food and clean up. No doubt about it - we have some of the best bakers around!

Special thanks to co-chairs and organizers: **Connie Paris** and **Penny Nanni**.

The *Miracle Blue Grass Band* treated us with music from the bandshell that evening.

Auxiliary proceeds and donations from the event totaled nearly \$5,000 which will be used for Health Career Scholarships.



Ice Cream Social co-chairs Connie Paris and Penny Nanni

Health Career Scholarships

The HHH Auxiliary announced scholarship recipients at the Ice Cream Social. Fourteen students were awarded scholarships totaling \$19,000.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made us all realize the importance of having well-trained health care workers. Auxiliary Scholarship committee members : **Connie Paris**, chair, **Linda DeSmith**, **Barbara Schroeder** & **Jan Sellman**.

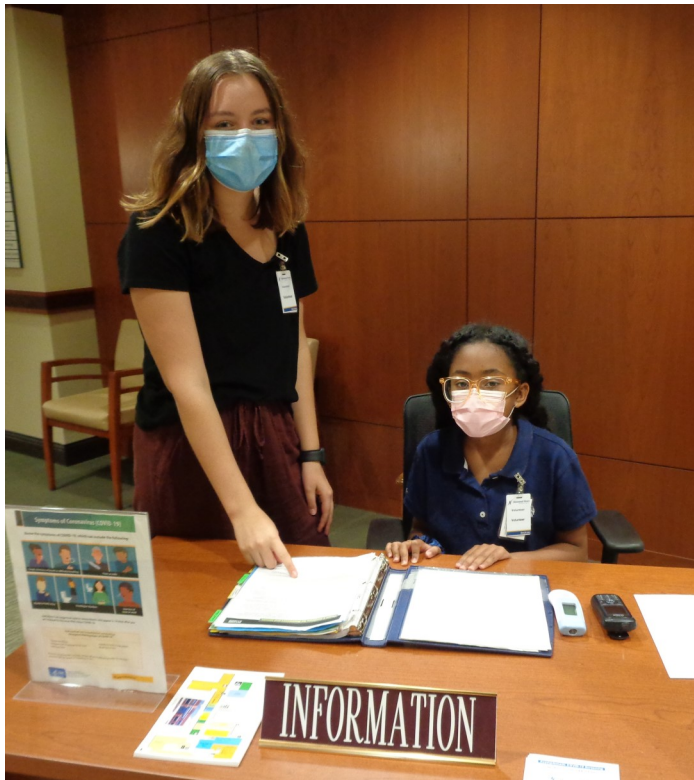


Front row (l to r) – Kristin Polowy, Laney Baylor, Victoria Cocquit, Mara Lowe
Back row (l to r) – Brockton Reed, Hannah Croegaert, Jane Thomas, Mary Thomas

Recipients are:

Lori Anderson, Annawan, Master of Science in nursing, University of Illinois, Chicago
Laney Baylor, Cambridge, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Trinity College of Nursing, Rock Island, IL
Jenna Cheek, Geneseo, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Millikin University, Decatur, IL
Victoria Cocquit, Geneseo, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
Hannah Croegaert, Annawan, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Trinity College of Nursing, Rock Island, IL
Heather Dietrich, Geneseo, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington, IL
Emily Ford, Geneseo, Doctorate in Nursing Practice & Certified RN Anesthetist, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City
Hannah Himmelman, Geneseo, Master of occupational therapy, Concordia University, Mequon, WI
Mara Lowe, Geneseo, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
Kaitlyn McKeag, Geneseo, Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
Kristin Polowy, Geneseo, Bachelor of Science in nursing, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
Brockton Reed, Cambridge, Doctorate of physical therapy, St Ambrose University, Davenport, IA
Jane Thomas, Geneseo, Bachelor of Science in nursing, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA
Mary Thomas, Geneseo, Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Junior Volunteers



Above: **Hannah Prigge**, AmeriCorps member, shows Alegna Lopez, a Junior Volunteer, the Information Desk resources.

Junior Volunteers this year are:

Geneseo: **Chloe Adams, Emma DeBaene, Kaitlynn Dreifurst, Addison Dykstra, Victoria Gray, and Alegna Lopez**

Cambridge: **Brooklyn Humphrey**

Atkinson: **Colin Orwig**

Below: **Addison Dykstra & Emma DeBaene** assemble packets



Message from Mark

As we are moving from the acute testing, treatment, and vaccination stage of COVID-19, I want to take this opportunity to thank and recognize all our front-line staff at every level in Hammond-Henry Hospital and at nearby healthcare facilities for their collaboration, focus on patient safety and positive impact.

I also would like to say thank you to all our health care providers. Their willingness to intervene, their early actions and quick flexibility gave our patients access and the community confidence. We recognize the efforts made to provide timely and appropriate care to our patients.

We also understand that during the past year, not only did our entire staff continue to do their jobs by caring for the sickest patients, but they are also managed extremely challenging issues at home; ranging from child-care to spouse and family employment and benefit issues and lots of anxiety.

As we reflect, I am also grateful to the community's generous support for our hospital and our healthcare providers on the front lines. It is often in times of crisis that our community's humanity and compassion shines brightest.

A special note of gratitude also goes out to all of those who volunteered and those involved in our Foundation and Auxiliary.

I am impressed and proud of the planning, timing, coordination, and collaboration among all involved because it shows how much we can accomplish together. Your efforts are highly valued and deeply appreciated, both within our walls and beyond.

Thank you!

Looking Ahead

August 9	Packet Assembly, 1:00 p.m.	HHH 1st floor conference room
August 18-27	Travel Fundraiser to Italy	
September 9	Collective Goods (formerly Book Sale), 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	HHH East Entrance
September 13	Packet Assembly, 1:00 p.m.	HHH 1st floor conference room
September 28	Scrubs Sale, 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	HHH East Entrance
September 28	Scrubs Sale, 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	HHH Medical Clinic, Kewanee
October 5	Auxiliary Membership Event, 10:00 a.m.	First Lutheran Church, Geneseo
October 11	Packet Assembly, 1:00 p.m.	HHH 1st floor conference room
November 16	\$5 Jewelry Sale, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	HHH East Entrance

Coming soon: Women's Health programs and Men's Health programs plan to begin in the fall.

"To help yourself, help others. Whatever good you do travels in a circle and returns to you many times over. But remember—life isn't about what you get, it's about what you become."
Dennis Gaskill

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