



# CONNECT DURING COVID

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## MESSAGE FROM A VOLUNTEER



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Research shows that folks who volunteer are happier and healthier than non-volunteers. That may be because volunteers feel their lives have purpose. When I retired from my social work career in 2008, one of my goals was to join the WNH auxiliary and become an in-house volunteer. I work in the surgery waiting area several days a month. There is no better way to gain a perspective of your hospital than to be a part of a team that values quality care and patient/family priority. Now that many COVID-19 vaccinated volunteers are back at our duties, we are hearing so many welcoming comments from hospital staff. That has reinforced my feelings that we all are valued for what we do and who we are. Our work is value added and all of the fundraising we do goes right to the hospital for current needs. (And we have a terrific Director of Volunteer Services, **Cheryl Brock!**)

Starting in 2017, it was a privilege to be involved with Second Century Campaign steering committee. All the improvements to the hospital complex in Phase One have been exiting and impressive. In 2019 I was asked to represent the volunteers in the William Newton Hospital Heritage Society. Our goal is to have 100 planned giving donors by the celebration of the hospital's 100 birthday in 2027. Is it time for you to review your will and/or your estate plans? You can create a legacy which can assure a strong future for your community hospital AND you don't have to be in a very high income bracket to do so. As an example, my husband and I have designated a financial gift to be given from our final estate. If you want to explore your options, please contact the Foundation director, Annika Morris. Your personal financial advisor is a great source also. You will feel a sense of purpose, I promise.

## UPLIFTING NEWS

**On the Cover:** The WNH Board of Trustees delivered gifts to all employees last week as a small token of appreciation for the work they have done, and continue to do, during the pandemic. That day, dubbed Heroes Day at WNH, also featured a brief performance from the Southwestern College A Capella Choir and the second annual Headlights for Heroes that evening.



+ The ER staff recently had the opportunity to provide a patient with one of the bike helmets donated by William & Georganne Newton! Cari Buresh, ER Supervisor, says "I love that we can use these helmets to encourage our patients to be safe and to get back out there!"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- + **Doctors' Day - March 30**
- + **Wine-O Trail Run - May 22** - see more info on pg 2
- + **Gala - October 16**

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## 9TH ANNUAL WINE-O TRAIL RUN

The Wine-O Trail Run has a new logo! This logo will be featured on this year's t-shirts and commemorative wine glasses. If you haven't registered yet, do it now! The 5K and 10K are sold out, but we have 22 spots left in the 2-Mile walk. However, if you'd like to try out either of the timed runs, send us a message and we'll see about transferring more spots.

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer! We now have more than enough volunteers and we can't wait to see you all on May 22. If you have questions about your assigned job, please contact Brittney Carson.



## WNHF JACKETS

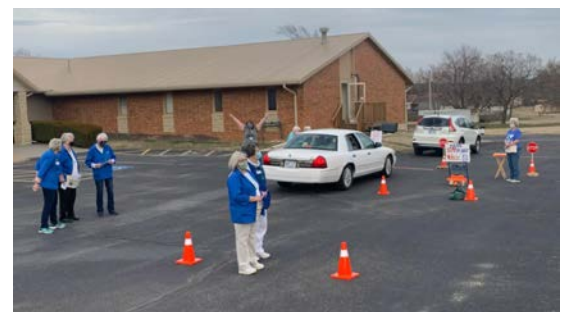
Thank you to everyone who ordered WNHF jackets! Over \$700 was raised for the COVID-19 Relief Fund! Since this order was so successful, stay tuned for another opportunity to order more jackets in the fall. If you ordered and have not received your jacket yet, please visit the foundation office to pick it up or call 620.222.6275 (or x1296) to arrange a delivery.

## UPDATES FROM THE AUXILIARY - POTATO BAR & 50/50 RAFFLE

The WNH Auxiliary's Annual Baked Potato Bar was held on March 9 at Central Baptist Church. It was a very successful event, raising just over \$3,000. This would not have been possible without the generosity of so many people involved. A special thank you to the staff at **Central Baptist Church** for allowing us to use their church and parking lot for the event. They are always so helpful and go above and beyond for the auxiliary. A special thank you to **Patrick Fromm** and the **Kitchen on Fifth** crew for ordering supplies, baking potatoes, and delivering them to the church. A large donation was also given by **Pastor Chris Hedges** and **Harvest Christian Church** that helped pay for all of our expenses.

This year looked a lot different as it was a drive-thru only event. **Kent Tamsen** organized the parking lot traffic and helped with providing safety measures for our staff and those attending the event. Of course – several auxiliary members and volunteers helped to make this event successful! Many worked the event and/or provided the delicious brownies and rice krispy treats for desserts. I am so lucky to have this group of auxiliary members and volunteers who work so hard to help ensure that we have quality healthcare available in our community.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped or who came through the line to try our potatoes and toppings. This year the WNH Auxiliary is working hard to make the last payment of our \$250,000 pledge to the Second Century Campaign, helping fund our surgical waiting room commitment. This wouldn't be possible without the kindness and generosity of others through donations and participation in our events throughout the year.



### Raffle tickets

50/50 Raffle Tickets are now available in the Snack Bar/Gift Shop. For the past couple of years the winner of this raffle has received over \$1,000. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on Friday, August 13. The proceeds of this event will benefit the WNH Auxiliary and their goal to raise funds for William Newton Hospital. If you can't make it to the snack bar, find a volunteer or contact Cheryl Brock at 620.222.6230 or x1246.

# IMPROVING QUALITY CARE: THE IMPACT OF WNHF MINI GRANTS

To celebrate last year's mini grants and highlight how the funds are being used to improve care provided at WNH, we asked some of our department directors to submit a short update on the impact their mini grant has had on their department. Watch the next newsletter for one more feature!

## CARDIO-RESPIRATORY

The cardio-respiratory department received 8 Medical Tackle boxes and 2 oxygen regulators with flow meters with our mini grant money. I must stress how much we all look forward to the mini grants each year. I don't think of it as anything mini. These are purchases that are HUGE to patient safety, and help our staff give better care. The purchase of the tackle boxes has allowed us to keep all of our intubation supplies at the head of the bed during code situations. We previously kept all of our supplies in one of the crash cart drawers. A staff member had to take time out to gather the supplies needed. This took a nurse away from their duty, or the therapist was forced to



leave the head of the bed when a patient was in distress. This change has already saved us valuable time, and allowed us to better care for a patient in distress. It has freed up space in our cart for other items that are needed.

The two oxygen regulators (with flow meters attached) are used with oxygen tanks. We use these when transporting a patient who is on mechanical ventilation. These patients may be transferred from the Emergency Room to ICU, or from ICU to Radiology. Without these regulators, the therapist would have to remove the patient from the ventilator and manually ventilate them during the transfer. I could go on and on, but want to say thank you a million times over from the Cardio-Respiratory Dept. - Spring Mayes & team

## THANKFUL THURSDAYS



**Bryon Rinke** won a gift certificate to Terry & Melody's Daylight Donuts; and it's a good thing because he eats there every Saturday. He and his co-workers in Radiology celebrated him winning Thankful Thursday and joined him for a picture. Brian has been here for nearly 20 years, and is an MRI Tech in WNH's Radiology Department. His positive attitude encourages everyone who works around him and we are lucky to have him here at William Newton Hospital Daylight Donuts is a staple here in Winfield. Not only are their donuts delicious, but the owners do so much for this community and for WNH.

**Juanita Martinez** is the lucky winner of last week's Thankful Thursday: a gift certificate to Walnut Valley Meat Market, and it's a good thing because she and her daughter love spaghetti with meat sauce! Juanita works in admissions and helps keep patients calm while she efficiently checks them in. We are lucky to have her here at William Newton Hospital! Walnut Valley Meat Market is a new business here in Winfield, featuring a great selection of meats, jerky, cheeses, and pickled items for your charcuterie boards or grills.



A previous Thankful Thursday winner (who wishes to be anonymous) recently shared her story with the foundation, saying that she decided to give her \$100 gift to a patient who was homeless, and it made the patient's day. The employee said: "I was going to go home to my family—who has food, clothes and a roof over their heads—and immediately after I received the \$100 gift, I knew how I was going to use it—that patient gave me perspective, and made me even more grateful for what I have." This employee is ONE example of MANY people who work here at WNH who have a giving heart, and are IN IT for the patients. Thank you for sharing your story and for going above and beyond to care for our patients.