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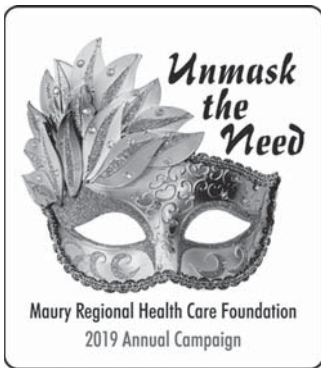


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Foundation initiatives top \$483K *Annual campaign begins October 1*

The Maury Regional Health Care Foundation will conduct its 2019 annual giving campaign during October. The campaign is the largest fundraiser each year for the Foundation, which recently released a report outlining its impact on the community's health during the past year.

Between July 2017 and June 2018, the Foundation funded \$483,567 in programs and services. This includes the Foundation's largest and most visible project—the purchase of the Maury Regional Health Mobile Unit.



In its first four months of operation, the unit touched almost 1,400 lives in the community. In addition to the mobile unit, the Foundation has funded gas cards for cancer patients, provided medication assistance for at-risk patients, supported the food pantry and provided car seats for newborns. The past year

also saw the organization fund an outdoor fitness facility at Columbia's Fairview Park, support the new Feeling Fabulous program at the Cancer Center, continue offering a hospitality house for cancer patients, support scholarship programs and provide financial and continuing education assistance to employees. Programs such as Tootsie's Bears, Parker's Project and Harmonicas for Health are also administered through the Foundation to benefit patients.

Since its formation in 2006, the Foundation has provided more than \$2.3 million in programs and services throughout the region. Administrative expenses for the Foundation are funded by Maury Regional Health, so donors can feel confident their gifts go directly to the community and those in need.

The theme of this year's annual campaign is "Unmask the Need," focusing on the role of the Foundation and the health system in meeting the community's health needs.

A fundraising goal of \$135,000 has been set to support programs that benefit community members in need. The annual campaign will take place at all Maury Regional Health facilities with events throughout the month of October.

Employees will receive donor forms from their department's campaign champion. Pledges or donations may be made with that form or donors may submit their gift or pledge online via the campaign website. All donors will receive a token of appreciation and will be eligible for weekly prize drawings. For more information about the campaign, call extension 4075.

To view the Foundation's annual report, visit MauryRegionalFoundation.com.

Laboratory earns re-accreditation

The Maury Regional Medical Center (MRMC) Laboratory recently received re-accreditation from the College of American Pathologists and the American Association of Blood Banks, according to Laboratory Director Van Hendrickson.

The laboratory successfully completed inspections for both accreditation programs, along with a validation survey conducted in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines. Inspections occur every two years and are unannounced.

"These on-site inspections are designed to ensure the highest quality laboratory services for our patients," said Hendrickson. "Our laboratory team is to be commended for the continual work to meet these stringent quality and safety guidelines."

NEW EMPLOYEES

MAURY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

ADMITTING/REGISTRATION

Nicholette Lemay

CANCER CENTER

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Leanna Amacher
Jennifer Baeley
Ashley Cotton
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Molly Farmer
Jacquelyn King
Joanne Lane
Tyler Oliver
Carly Tomlin
Brandon Wall

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Brook Fitzgerald

PATIENT ACCOUNTS

Christi Robbins
Courtney Stacy

SECURITY

Jesse Jackson

SUPPLY CHAIN

Tristan Bell

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Physicians join medical staff

AUGUSTA K. DUNSE, D.P.M., is a specialist in podiatry associated with Advanced Foot & Ankle Care Centers (AFACC).

Dr. Dunse received her doctor of podiatric medicine degree from Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine in Miami Shores, Florida. She completed a residency in podiatric surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Dunse sees patients by appointment in AFACC offices at 1413 Hatcher Lane in Columbia and at 5073 Columbia Pike, Suite 230, in Spring Hill. For more information, call 931.388.9922.



DR. DUNSE



DR. TURNER

CHRISTOPHER P. TURNER, M.D., a specialist in internal medicine and pediatrics, has returned to the MRMC medical staff as a hospital medicine physician associated with Maury Regional Medical Group. He will also serve as medical director for the observation unit adjacent to the Emergency Department.

Dr. Turner received his medical degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. He also completed an internship and residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Missouri. He is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics.

Physician speaks in Spring Hill

Dr. Meghan Gannon of Maury Regional Medical Group All Access Medicine was one of the speakers at an annual women's event in Spring Hill.

Dr. Gannon participated in the 2018 HER event held on September 20 at the UAW Hall. *The Advertiser News* and *Daily Herald* host the program each year for women who live in Spring Hill, Thompson's Station and Maury County.

Dr. Gannon's presentation focused on the importance of annual screenings for breast cancer.



DR. GANNON



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MAURY REGIONAL MEDICAL GROUP

Kirsten Agent
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 Kimberly Byrd
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 Crystle Chandler
 Mason Douglas
 Dr. Matthew Endara
 Dr. Tony Faris
 Dr. Dwayne Fulks
 Brandi Gordon
 Rebecca Haase
 Gretchen Nelson
 Dr. Andrew Nielsen
 Dr. Christian Petrauskis
 Sarah Poarch
 Dr. Giorgi Sirbiladze
 Ana Vanasse

MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER

Claudia Bates

WAYNE MEDICAL CENTER

Helen Bowden

BIRTHS

Cammi Powell, Nursing, and her family welcomed Hadleigh Gail McCord on August 26. She weighed 8 lb. and 13 oz.

Amelia Shelton, Information Technology, and her family welcomed Emmitt Oscar Shelton on August 27. He weighed 5 lb. and 2 oz.

Tarah Shelton, Nursing, and her family welcomed Paxton Reed Shelton on August 21. He weighed 6 lb. and 1 oz.

Tammy Sterchi, Nursing, and her family welcomed Katie Sue Sterchi on August 28. She weighed 7 lb. and 8 oz.

Rebecca Walters, Nursing, and her family welcomed Kenneth Winston Walters on September 4. He weighed 6 lb. and 13 oz.

Jessica Weaver, Nursing, and her family welcomed Arly Sue Weaver on September 11. She weighed 8 lb. and 3 oz.

Flu shot clinics set

Flu season is traditionally observed from October to March in the United States. While influenza can occur at any time of the year, the fall and winter months are considered peak season for the illness.

Maury Regional Health employees, physicians, volunteers and others who work in our facilities during flu season must receive a vaccine or sign a declination by November 1. Those who decline the shot must wear a mask during flu season. Opportunities for flu vaccinations will be available at each facility starting in mid-October. Badge cards will be provided upon vaccination.

MRMC will hold Fluzaroo—an annual vaccination event—on October 19 for MRMC employees, volunteers and physicians. Vaccines will be given from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the Auxiliary Conference Room. From October 20 to November 5, flu vaccines will be available in the Infection Control area on the hospital's second floor. Hours will be 8 a.m. until noon and 6 until 10 p.m. Employee Health, located inside Maury Regional Urgent Care on the MRMC campus, will offer vaccines during regular office hours starting on October 20. Flu vaccines will also be provided to employees in the mobile health unit during the Trunk or Treat event at MRMC on October 25.

Flu vaccines will be provided to employees and physicians at Lewis Health Center starting October 19.

Marshall Medical Center (MMC) will administer flu vaccines to MMC employees, physicians and volunteers on October 18 from 7 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Same Day Surgery area and in each department.

Wayne Medical Center will administer flu vaccines on October 19 from 7 until 11 a.m., and from 3 until 7 p.m.

Maury Regional Medical Group employees should check with their manager for vaccination information.

Please bring your identification badge when presenting for a flu vaccine at any location.

MRMC ships first milk donation

In May, MRMC became a milk bank depot for donated breast milk to support premature infants in neonatal intensive care units. MRMC partners with the Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee on the program. Since opening, MRMC has received more than 1,420 ounces of breast milk from area donors. In August, the milk bank depot made its first shipment of milk to be processed. Mothers interested in donating breast milk may visit MilkBank.org and complete the registration steps. Approved donors will receive supplies to package donations. Donation appointments must be scheduled in advance with Lactation Services at 931.490.7074.

Workshop addresses advance care planning

A community workshop focusing on advance care planning, hospice and palliative care was offered on September 14 in Columbia. Maury Regional partnered with several area hospice organizations to offer the educational event.

Speakers representing MRMC included Palliative Care Director Tammy Stokes, Palliative Care Nurse Navigator Talitha Harris, Chaplain Lyndall Propst and Social Worker Katie Estes.

LHC holds community health fair

Lewis Health Center (LHC) hosted its annual community health fair on September 8 in Hohenwald, in partnership with several community organizations. Approximately 150 community members attended the event.

LHC staff members offered lipid panel/glucose testing as well as bone density screenings, blood pressure checks and grip strength testing. Dr. Joel Kochanski, a radiation oncologist with the Maury Regional Cancer Center, performed 34 screenings for skin cancer. The Maury Regional Health mobile health unit was on site, with staff members offering pulmonary function testing. Blood Assurance also conducted a blood drive during the event, with 16 units of blood collected for a potential to save 48 lives.



Pictured (l-r) are LHC staff members Kristy Carroll, Donna Brackeen, Monica Roden, Kandra Barnes and Amanda Nagy.

Career website updated

Updates have recently been made to the Maury Regional Health Careers platform at *MauryRegional.com* and the MRH intranet. Applications are now submitted through the Infor system.

Those who are currently employed with any Maury Regional Health entity must apply for open positions through the Infor employee portal on the intranet using a work-based computer. After logging into Infor, open positions can be viewed in the Opportunities section.

For additional information, contact Human Resources.

Physical Therapy welcomes Alliance



Maury Regional Physical Therapy hosted an after-hours event with the Maury County Chamber and Economic Alliance on August 28. Pictured at the event are (l-r) Rehabilitation Services Director Cindy Kington, Chamber of Commerce Director Kara Huckaby and Rehabilitation Services Assistant Director Allison Fortman.

Stokes receives TONE scholarship

MRMC Palliative Care Nurse Manager Tammy Stokes, BSN, RN, CHPN, was recently named a recipient of the Jearline Deweese Memorial Scholarship from the Tennessee Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE).

Stokes was one of two master's degree scholarship recipients under this year's program.



Stokes (center) is pictured with (l-r) Administrative Director Cathy Malone, who serves as treasurer of TONE, and Administrative Director Carey Albright, president of TONE.

Retirees honored



HARRIS

SUE HARRIS retired on August 21. She was a registered nurse and worked in Recovery. She had worked at MRMC since 1979, providing more than 39 years of service.

“Sue was an instrumental team member at Maury Regional. She began her career as a candy stripper, at one point was part of the leadership team for critical care and concluded her career as a charge nurse in PACU. Her passion for patient care made her a valuable asset to the organization and her willingness to share her knowledge with her colleagues was recognized by all who came in contact with her. We wish her well in the next chapter of her life and will miss her daily involvement with the department,” said Nurse Manager Lacy Huddleston.



MOORE

DAVID MOORE, a sterile processing technician in Sterile Processing at MRMC, retired on September 24. He began work in 1997, providing more than 21 years of service to the medical center.

“As a former surgical technologist, David brought a great deal of experience into the department. He understood the vision for the OR and what was needed to make it flow seamlessly. David was always very attentive to details and took ownership over the needs of the surgical unit. He was critical in the onboarding process for new staff members and loved to teach. We will miss David and wish him well in his retirement. Congratulations and good luck,” said Nurse Manager Lacy Huddleston.



SMITH

LINDA SMITH, a registered nurse at MRMC, retired on September 8. She worked on Third West and had been employed at the medical center for 13 years.

“Linda is a wonderful nurse and has been a great team member and preceptor on Third West. She was awarded Preceptor of the Year by her peers in 2017 and that speaks volumes when co-workers recognize the work you do. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to be able to work with Linda,” said Nurse Manager Barbara Purcell.

Compliance names champions

The Maury Regional Health Compliance Department recently honored four staff members for their focus on compliance during the past year. Compliance launched its Compliance Champion Award in 2017 to recognize individuals who demonstrate excellence in ethics and compliance through their work. The award is presented on a quarterly basis.

To nominate an individual for the award, send an email to pamdavis@mauryregional.com with information on what makes the nominee a champion for compliance.



Pictured (l-r) are Cathy Bowman, Mary Gale Snyder, Gail Kincaide and Ted Bradshaw.

WMC employee recognized for military support

WMC Maintenance Manager David “Shorty” Horner was recently honored with an award recognizing his support for an employee on military duty.

Horner was recognized with the Patriotic Employer Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program through the Secretary of Defense. He was nominated by WMC Maintenance Specialist Daniel Plunkett, who is currently on active duty with the Tennessee National Guard, to recognize Horner’s support during his current and previous deployments.



Horner (left) is pictured accepting the award from Dan Callahan, coordinator of the ESGR program for Tennessee.

Plunkett has worked at WMC for seven years. Horner joined the organization in 2009.

TO THE ASSOCIATES OF MAURY REGIONAL HEALTH:

There are not enough words to express our thanks for each of you. The support you have given us since losing our home on June 28 has been remarkable. We appreciate every call, message, thought, donation and prayer sent our way over the last weeks. You all will forever have a special place in our hearts.

Thank you again,
Calvin, Dee and Christine Hoover

Editor’s note: Calvin Hoover is a distribution specialist in Supply Chain who has worked at MRMC for nearly 28 years. He and his family lost their home in a tornado on June 28.



Foundation announces golf tourney winners

The 19th Annual Tony Starks Memorial Golf Tournament was held on September 13 at King's Creek Golf Club in Spring Hill. The event raised more than \$100,000 for the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation, according to Executive Director Joe Kilgore.

The Foundation has funded more than \$2.3 million in programs and services benefiting community members in need since 2006. Foundation programs assist community members with transportation, medication and food and support a mobile health unit, educational programs, community health initiatives and employee assistance.



RJ YOUNG TEAM



CINTAS CORPORATION TEAM

Winners of the morning round were:

FIRST FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Cintas Corporation team of John Wynn, Robert Long, John Anderson and Ron Hinson

FIRST FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Atmos Energy team of David Roberts, Mike Lovvorn, Ryan Bates and Danny Bertotti

SECOND FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Aetna team of Paul French, Trey Naron, Heath Holt and Dustin Steal

SECOND FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Medical Necessities team of David Baxter, Seth Dixon, Marcus Malone and Michael McNutt

THIRD FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Smith Seckman Reid team of Steve Harrell, Ben Shepard, Ryan Cameron and Kevin McDowell

THIRD FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The HFR team of Ron Franks, Martin Franks, Julius Johnson and Bill Walter

Winners of the afternoon round were:

FIRST FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The RJ Young team of David Brawner, Chris Clark, Joey Lush and David Hobbs

FIRST FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Mint Condition team of Michael Miller, Mike Short, Josh Boswell and Scott Willcutt

SECOND FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network team of Brent McDonald, Phillip Denny, Russell Brothers and Rhodes Amaker

SECOND FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Johnson Controls team of Marcus Arevalo, Matt Pind, Don Surlock and Kyle Barnes

THIRD FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Anchor Health Properties team of Ben Ochs, Jon Nelson, Richard Paddock and Jim Corum

THIRD FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Morrison Healthcare team of Jerry Coulter, Kevin Kimmel, Tim Bumann and Robert Resmondo.

Special thanks to tournament sponsors ACI and Maury Regional Health; master's sponsors Anchor Health Properties, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and HFR Design, Inc.; gold sponsors Cerner Corporation, Medline Industries, Morrison Healthcare and Vizient; and silver sponsors Butler Snow, Kemberton Healthcare Services, Lightbeam Health Solutions, Meridian Leasing Corporation and RJ Young Company; putting contest sponsor NHC Maury Regional Transitional Care Center; hole-in-one sponsor Roberts Toyota; and air cannon sponsor American Constructors, Inc.



TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS PLANNED

Maury Regional Health families are invited to attend Trunk or Treat events at MRMC and Marshall Medical Center (MMC) on Thursday, October 25.

The MRMC event will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. in the employee parking garage. Departments can sign up to host a trunk or booth by contacting Employee Engagement Coordinator Sheila Grossman at extension 1073.

MMC will host its annual Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot of the Medical Office Building from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Contact Tammy Ezell in Administration for additional information.

FOOD TRUCKS VISIT MRMC



A tailgating event featuring a number of food trucks was held at MRMC on September 14. Staff members wore their favorite team jerseys and enjoyed a variety of lunch and dessert items.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two contests were held at MRMC in September. Winners of the Jeopardy game were Debra Hall, Amy Renfro and Jill Gaddes. Winners of the Back-to-School photo contest were:

- First Place: Jesse Chandler
- Second Place: Talitha Harris
- Third Place: Teresa Lewis-Wing

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 380.4017

October 2

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: 5:30 p.m., MRMC Chapel, call 540.4243

October 3

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN: Noon, Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 2445 for reservations

October 4

DIABETES EDUCATION GROUP: 11 a.m., Annex, call 540.4324

October 4

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Noon, Marshall Medical Center, call 540.4243

October 6

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – UNDERSTANDING BIRTH: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call 490.7046

October 9

COPING WITH CANCER: 1 p.m., Cancer Center, call 381.1111, ext. 8177

October 9

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP: 5 p.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 1275

October 9

SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP: 6 p.m., Medical Office Bldg., call 931.381.1111, ext. 1748

October 11

BLOOD DRIVE: 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 840.4446

October 12

FREE MEDICARE SEMINAR: 2 p.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 840.4446

October 15

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 5:30 p.m., Women's Center, call 540.4166

October 15

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – BREASTFEEDING: 7 p.m., call 490.7046

October 19

FLUZAROO: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room

October 20

FREE CLASS – SAFE SITTING: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., call 490.7046

October 22

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 380.4017

October 25

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP: 10 a.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 490.4600

October 25

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP: 6 p.m., Annex, call 840.4446

October 25

TRUNK OR TREAT: 5-8 p.m., MRMC Parking Garage, call 380.4017

October 25

TRUNK OR TREAT: 5:30-6:30 P.M., Marshall Medical Center M.O.B., call 359.6241

October 27

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – JUST FOR SIBLINGS: 9-11 a.m., call 490.7046

October 30

FREE DIABETES SEMINAR: 6 p.m., Marshall Medical Center, call 359.6241

KUDOS FOR CAREGIVERS

Keila Akins
Jennifer Armstrong
Debbie Becker
Dr. Larry Britt
Deborah Brown
Henry Canaman
Christy Carroll
Josie Castaneda
Dr. Amit Choksi
Melissa Collie
Angela Cottrill
Fernando DaSilva
Cindy Davis
Dr. Karen Davis
Dr. Patrick Davis
Dr. James Dean

Sharla Deschaine
Shirley Droke
Emily Drury
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NICU graduates attend reunion

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at MRMC held its annual reunion for former patients on September 15 in Columbia. There were 72 NICU graduates in attendance with family members to reconnect with staff members and physicians. Pictured with graduates and family members are (l-r, standing) Dr. Donna Whitney, Dr. Sara Majstoravich, Karli Cole, Heather Bowen, Amanda Roland, Hannah Reece, Savanna Jenks, Heather Potts, Debra Thomas, Diana Ethridge and Dacia McEvers; (seated) Hannah Wright, Angela Scott, Georgia Arms, Christy King, Kacey Rice and Aimee Pilapil.

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