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## Foundation campaign exceeds goal

Gifts from employees, physicians, volunteers and board members helped the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation surpass its goal of \$140,000 during the 2017 annual campaign, according to Executive Director Joe Kilgore. The Foundation will use the donations



to assist patients, community members and employees in the coming year.

Since 2006, the Foundation has funded more than \$1.6 million in programs

and services benefiting individuals in need. The annual campaign is the organization's largest fundraiser each year.

"It's a Celebration" was the theme of the campaign, marking the Foundation's 10th anniversary. Fundraising

events began in October at Maury Regional Medical Center (MRMC), Lewis Health Center (LHC), Marshall Medical Center (MMC), Wayne Medical Center (WMC) and Family Health Group (FHG).

By mid-December, \$149,573 in donations or pledges had been received, with 1,186 employees, volunteers, physicians and board members supporting the campaign.

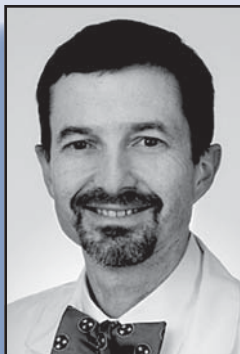
"Assistance from the Foundation comes in many forms including medication, transportation, home medical supplies and community health initiatives. The generosity of donors during the annual campaign will allow these needs and many others to be met," said Kilgore. "Thanks for all who support the Foundation and its efforts to serve patients, community members and employees."

Compared to last year, there was a 22% increase

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## MRMC medical staff officers for 2017

Medical staff officers for MRMC in 2017 are pictured below. See page 2 for the MRMC medical staff executive committee and medical staff officers for affiliate facilities.



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Vice Chief of Staff



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MAQUILING, M.D.  
Past Chief of Staff



DEBORAH L.  
GOLDSMITH, M.D.  
Secretary/Treasurer

## NEW EMPLOYEES

### MAURY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

#### EMS

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Christina Curbelo  
Tori Eddington  
Brandi Newton  
Timothy Parent  
Joseph Talley  
Julie Truelove

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Kimberly Robinson

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Hollye Davis  
Pamela Kern

#### IMAGING

Staci White

#### LABORATORY

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Holly Stewart

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Terry Haney  
Andrea Jackson  
Troy Lowe  
Malaya McCraw  
Amber Perez  
Tammy Ruddle  
Tara Walters

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## MRMC 2017 MEDICAL STAFF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Officers

Thomas E. Quinn Jr., M.D. .... Chief of Staff  
Steven C. Smith, M.D. .... Vice Chief of Staff  
Kevin M. Maquiling, M.D. .... Past Chief of Staff  
Deborah L. Goldsmith, M.D. .... Secretary/Treasurer

### Diagnostic Services Department

*(Pathology, Radiation Oncology & Radiology)*

James Blair Butler, M.D. .... Chair

### Medicine Department

*(All Medicine disciplines & Pediatrics)*

Chad R. Bowser, M.D. .... Chair  
Olivia Granillo Johnson, M.D. .... Representative  
Amit A. Choksi, M.D. .... Representative

### Surgery Department

*(All Surgery disciplines, Anesthesiology & OB-GYN)*

Mark A. Cobb, M.D. .... Chair  
Mark S. Hinson, M.D. .... Representative  
Justin K. Kropf, M.D. .... Representative

## MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER 2017 MEDICAL STAFF OFFICERS



TIMOTHY  
NASH, M.D.  
*Chief of Staff*



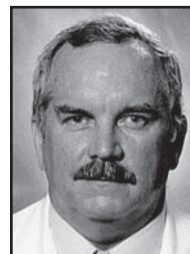
MICHAEL J.  
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## WAYNE MEDICAL CENTER 2017 MEDICAL STAFF OFFICERS



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*Vice Chief of Staff*



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*Secretary/Treasurer*

*Medical Staff Executive Committee members*  
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## NEW EMPLOYEES

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**PHYSICAL MEDICINE**

Hunter Gollither

**SECURITY**

Wayne Barrett

**AFFILIATES**

**FAMILY HEALTH GROUP**

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**MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER**

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**WAYNE MEDICAL CENTER**

Stacie Warren

## BIRTHS

Morgan Crews, Nursing, and her family welcomed Quinn Josephine Crews on November 14. She weighed 6 lb. and 2 oz.

## IN MEMORY



Matthew Corn, a physical therapist with Maury Regional Home Services, passed away November 12. He joined the organization in 2012.

# Maury Regional Home Services among top agencies in nation

Maury Regional Home Services has been named a Top Agency of the 2016 HomeCare Elite®, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. HomeCare Elite annually identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Maury Regional Home Services has been named to the list every year since its inception eleven years ago.



“It is very rewarding to see our staff members recognized for the quality care they provide to our patients every day. To be named to this prestigious list for eleven years is a reflection of their commitment to quality and patient satisfaction,” said Home Services Director Rosemary Edmonds.

Maury Regional Home Services offers nursing care, rehabilitation services, home health aides and disease management. Services are available in each of the eight counties served by Maury Regional Health.

HomeCare Elite agencies are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS®), quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. The entire list of 2016 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at [AbilityNetwork.com/Homecare-Elite](http://AbilityNetwork.com/Homecare-Elite).

# Pediatricians join medical staff

Two physicians who specialize in pediatric medicine recently joined the medical staff at MRMC.

Margaret Ann Atkins, M.D., and Megan I. Galaske, M.D., are associated with Columbia Pediatrics.



DR. ATKINS

DR. ATKINS received her medical degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She completed her residency and internship in pediatrics at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Atkins received additional training in pediatric endocrinology at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital in Stanford, California.



DR. GALASKE

DR. GALASKE received her medical degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She completed her residency in pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center, LeBonheur Children’s Hospital in Memphis.

Columbia Pediatrics is located at 1600 Nashville Highway in Columbia. For information, call 931.388.8965.



Binkley, Hasford and Gugkaeva are pictured (l-r) with the LEAP award.

## Penicillin allergy testing program recognized

The MRMC Pharmacy has been recognized for efforts to improve access to penicillin allergy testing for patients. The pharmacy was named winner of an award from the Leadership Excellence Awards in Pharmacy (LEAP) program sponsored by Baxter International Inc.

The award—presented during the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) 2016 Midyear Meeting in Nevada in December—recognizes the “Next Step in Antibiotic Stewardship” program for pharmacist-provided penicillin allergy testing. MRMC developed a training program for pharmacists who test patients reporting a penicillin allergy, which helps to ensure appropriate antibiotic protocol in a timely manner.

The LEAP award recognizes institutions that have successfully implemented programs focusing on more productive pharmacy practices and initiatives to maximize safety and efficiency.

“We would like to thank Dr. Deborah Goldsmith who, along with Pharmacy Director Jeff Binkley and Clinical Coordinator Erika Hasford, provided guidance and support in establishing the protocol,” said Infectious Disease Pharmacist Zina Gugkaeva, PharmD.

## Fleming earns oncology certification



FLEMING

Melinda Fleming, DPh, recently passed the board certification exam for oncology pharmacy from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties.

Fleming has been employed at MRMC since 1982 and was appointed inpatient pharmacy manager in 2007. In 2015, she began working at the Cancer Center Pharmacy to accommodate for a vacancy in the area and her passion for her work and patients prompted her to pursue additional certification. She has served as the manager of the Cancer Center Pharmacy since January 2016.

Fleming obtained her pre-pharmacy education at Columbia State prior to receiving her DPh from the University of Tennessee Memphis School of Pharmacy.

## Cheeves retires from Marshall Medical Center



CHEEVES

Brenda Cheeves retired from Marshall Medical Center (MMC) on November 30. She began work at MMC in 1991 performing insurance follow-up duties in the Business Office, providing 25 years of service to the medical center.

“Brenda has been a valuable member of the Business Office staff. We appreciate her dedication and years of service and wish her all the best for retirement,” said Business Office Director Cindy Thompson.

## Foundation *(Continued from page 1)*

in giving at LHC, a 43% increase in gifts by MMC and a 78% increase in donations by FHG.

“Special thanks to Jennifer Aldridge, Heather Norris, Carol Stooksberry and Sheila Thrasher for coordinating the campaigns for the affiliates,” said Kilgore.

Gifts to the Foundation may be designated for funds that assist cancer, diabetic, heart, neonatal intensive care and pediatric patients. Other funds support community health programs, the palliative care program, food pantry, special needs, youth health initiatives, employee assistance and The Retreat hospitality house. General Fund donations are used in areas of greatest need. One hundred percent of donations to the Foundation are spent on programs and services.

Donations are accepted by the Foundation on a continuing basis and may be made in honor or memory of others. For more information, visit [MauryRegionalFoundation.com](http://MauryRegionalFoundation.com) or call 931.380.4075.

**AREA ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT WOMEN FIGHTING CANCER**

Community members recently contributed nearly \$30,000 to the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation’s Women’s Center Fund by hosting breast cancer awareness events, according to Executive Director Joe Kilgore.

Groups donating to the Women’s Center Fund were recognized during a luncheon hosted by the Foundation.

Maury Regional Women’s Center staff member Amandia Long and her husband, Chris, raised \$4,700 through their fifth annual Halloween costume party in Lawrenceburg.

Shooting Sports for Cancer donated more than \$12,000 from its TaTa BangBang shooting event in Lynnville. The Maury County Gun Club raised \$3,500 during its annual Breast Cancer Awareness Shoot.

Staci & Friends For A Cure donated \$2,500 after a gala held in Giles County. Kim and Lee Duff of KD’s Hope donated \$1,000 from a volleyball tournament at Columbia Central High School.

T-shirt sales organized by E.A. Cox Middle School and by HOSA organizations in Santa Fe and Spring Hill resulted in more than \$2,800 in donations. Mount Pleasant Fire Department donated \$1,040 and the Theta FCE Club donated \$345. The Frito Lay Women’s Initiative Network (WIN) donated \$1,245 to the Foundation and Goshen United Methodist Church raised \$225. Bake Us Happy collected \$63 in donations.

“Each of these gifts will help the Foundation to make a tremendous difference in the lives of many women in our community who are facing a battle with cancer,” said Kilgore.

The Women’s Center Fund assists cancer patients in a variety of ways, including wigs, head wear, camisoles and transportation expenses, while also funding mammograms for patients without means. To learn more, visit [MauryRegionalFoundation.com](http://MauryRegionalFoundation.com) or call 931.380.4075.



*Kilgore (far right) and Administrative Director of Oncology Services Dana Salters (far left) are pictured with some of those whose recent gifts supported the Women’s Center Fund.*

**IMAGE OF NURSING SUPPORTS FOUNDATION**

The MRMC Image of Nursing Council recently conducted a silent auction that raised \$1,216 for the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation’s William R. Walter Employee Assistance Fund. The Foundation assists numerous employees each year through this fund.



*Pictured (l-r) are Walls and Hall.*

**Compliance staff members earn certifications**

Two staff members in Compliance recently earned new certifications, according to Director Kim Edwards.

Compliance Supervisor Cindy Hall received certification in health care privacy compliance from the Health Care Compliance Association. The certification covers regulations and expertise in privacy compliance processes for effective compliance programs in the health care industry.

Leanne Walls, a physician compliance supervisor, has been designated as a certified physician practice manager by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC). The certification covers compliance regulations, health information exchange, data security and other aspects of practice management.

Walls was also designated as a certified evaluation and management coder by the AAPC. This certification requires knowledge of documentation guidelines, Medicare billing, risk assessments and other aspects of physician billing.

# Holiday drives benefit community

Maury Regional Health employees, physicians and volunteers provided holiday cheer to area students and families through a series of programs in December.

The annual Holiday Hugs program provided 781 Maury County elementary school children with gifts of clothing this year. The number of children assisted by the program has increased each year since it began. Employees, physicians and volunteers from MRMC and Family Health Group participated in the gift drive, coordinated by the MRMC Auxiliary.

Lewis Health Center conducted its own Holiday Hugs program this year, working with the Lewis County school system to identify 40 children who needed a coat, sweater or sweatshirt.

Marshall Medical Center conducted a food drive for a local food bank and provided gifts for residents at NHC Lewisburg and NHC Oakwood.

Wayne Medical Center continued a tradition of assisting deserving families in the community. This year, three families received gifts and monetary donations to be used for food and utility bills.



1. Wayne Medical Center gift drive
2. Volunteers, Plant Operations and Supply Chain with Holiday Hugs at MRMC
3. Emergency Department with Holiday Hugs at MRMC

4. Marshall Medical Center gift drive
5. CEO Alan Watson with MRMC Food & Nutrition staff members
6. Lewis Health Center Holiday Hugs
7. Marshall Medical Center food collection
8. Family Health Group Holiday Hugs



**PAY DAY TO CHANGE IN JANUARY**

In January, pay day for all facilities in the Maury Regional Health System will change from the Thursday following the close of the two-week pay period to the Friday following the close of the two-week pay period. The change to a Friday pay day will be effective with the first pay check in January 2017, on Friday, January 13.

Employees who have automatic bill payments or other electronic banking activities based on Thursday pay days should contact their banking institutions to have these transactions modified to coincide with the new Friday pay days.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Payroll at ext. 1636 or Human Resources at ext. 4017.

**Wayne Medical Center mammography services earn accreditation**

Wayne Medical Center (WMC) has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

“Wayne Medical Center continually focuses on improving the quality of care for our patients. This renewed accreditation is the result of the dedication of our staff and physicians to quality and safety. Special thanks to Imaging Director Franklin Cole, Mammography Technologist Christi Thompson and other staff members for their work on this accreditation process,” said WMC CEO Teresa Grimmett.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR practice parameters and technical standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

In addition to mammography, WMC offers CT, MRI, ultrasound, bone densitometry and X-ray services. For more information, call 931.722.2060.

**JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**January 4**

DIABETES EDUCATION GROUP: 11 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 540.4324

**January 7**

FREE CLASS - UNDERSTANDING BIRTH: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call 490.7046

**January 9**

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 2334

**January 10**

COPING WITH CANCER: 2 p.m., Cancer Center, call 490.7192

**January 10**

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

**January 13**

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP: 1 p.m., Annex, call 490.7074

**January 14**

FREE CLASS – NEWBORN CARE: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

**January 14**

FREE CLASS – INFANT CPR: Noon, call 490.7046

**January 16**

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

**January 18**

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: 9:30 a.m., Columbia Senior Center, call 490.4600

**January 19**

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: 9:30 a.m., Hohenwald Senior Center, call 490.4600

**January 21**

FREE CLASS – BREASTFEEDING: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

**January 23**

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 2334

**January 25**

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP: 11 .am., Annex, call 490.7074

**January 26**

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP: 10 a.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 698.7438

**January 26**

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

**January 28**

FREE CLASS – JUST FOR SIBLINGS: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

# KUDOS FOR CAREGIVERS

Tyler Allen	Dr. Mark Cobb	Amanda Hagan	Dr. Jennifer Krauland	Art Peach	Jacob Scott
Dr. Caleb Barr	Cain Creasy	Dr. Joe Hall	Dr. Justin Kropf	Miranda Pelzer	Debbie Silliman
Madora Bevis	Jamie Davis	Whitney Hawkins	Dr. Bryan Kurtz	Vickie Petty	Leah Skipworth
Mathew Bowers	Eric DeLaBruere	Jackie Hill	Dr. Bradley Layton	Michelle Pigg	Kendra Smith
Cassie Bowling	Sharla Deschaine	Lindsey Himes	Lynn Lott	Risa Pitts	Jenny Snead
Anna Brewer	Kenda Dial	Dr. Mark Hinson	Melissa Lovely	Stacey Plunk	Kerri Talley
Kelli Brewer	Barbara Dreher	Jennifer Hirst	Amy Maquire	Alex Pope	Christi Thompson
Sarah Brewer	Aimee Dunham	Ashley Holt	Dr. Carrie Marchman	Felicia Potts	Tasha Thompson
Dixie Brown	Kami Dunnivant	Brittany Horner	Janice Martin	Simone Pyle	Tamara Turner
Ryan Brown	Misty Eaton	Brandy Horton	Randi McElhaney	Dale Ray	Dr. Harish Veeramachaneni
Lisa Butler	Dr. Nicole Falls	Jordan Horton	Sheree McGraw	Sarah Reaves	Dillon Warren
Vicki Butler	Dr. Teresa Ferguson	Alex Hughes	Karen Miller	Chad Reynolds	Betty Wells
Wendy Campbell	Wanda Frazier	Mitzi Isley	Amanda Moore	Flamonte Roberts	Leigh Anne Whitfield
Alison Carlisle	Aaron Gignilliat	Debra Jacks	Dr. Chad Moss	Terra Rochell	Tiffany Whitten
Brenda Clanton	Robert Gobbell	Nicki Jones	Courtney Nutt	Buddy Rogers	Marion Williams

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## United Way campaign assists community



The annual campaign to support the United Way recently concluded at MRMC. Approximately \$30,000 was raised during the drive, which was held

throughout the month of November.

United Way supports organizations that assist Maury County residents with a variety of resources including counseling, domestic violence, emergency shelter, health care, substance abuse and crisis intervention.

This year's United Way campaign was coordinated by Ted Bradshaw and Cindy Kington.

"Thanks to all who supported the United Way through this year's campaign. Your generosity will provide much-needed support for residents of the community in the coming year," said Kington.

Those donating were eligible for prizes during weekly drawings. Lynn Lott, Cardiac Diagnostics, was the winner of the grand prize: an iPad Mini.

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