



Message from Peg Christ Auxiliary President

2019 is drawing to a close and what a year it was. That spring flood threw us all for a loop—praise to those who labored through it and can still smile. It's also the season to give thanks so a big "thank you" to all the volunteers who saw the need to give of themselves, filling the many

hospital areas that needed volunteers to carry out all the duties connected with our health care delivery.

Also in 2019 watching and gauging the progress on the new building construction across Pierce Street has been an interesting spectator sport all year long. I'm looking forward the grand opening in 2020.

The summer fund raising was successful starting with the Wheels of Courage in June all the way to all the Pink Out activities in October. Thank you to all the volunteers and donors for your generosity.

Currently we are in the process of replacing the famous Jennie Medi-bus with a brand new Medi-van. Our Medi-bus is famous because its been transporting patients to treatments and therapy for 40 years and is the only one in hospital service in the greater Omaha Council bluffs area. I know we will have a new Van soon thanks to the generous Jennie donors.

Thank you for a memorable 2019!

happy new year

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Happy Birthday Velma!

Velma McElderry was surprised with an impromptu birthday celebration while working in the Gift Shop on the evening of December 1st. Velma, who works most Sunday evenings, celebrated her 103rd birthday on November 30th! Yes, you read that correctly...103rd!!! Velma is an active volunteer who rarely misses a shift. She greets customers and even runs the cash register, which is something that not everyone can do. Be sure to stop by the Gift Shop the next time you are in on a Sunday evening to say hi to her and wish her a belated birthday!



Did You Know?

There are many forms of assistance provided by the Jennie Edmundson Foundation.

Did you know......through memorial gifts to the Foundation in 2009, the Jane Justice Scholarship Fund was established. Through this scholarship, medical professionals in nursing, respiratory and emergency medical services have been helped with Continuing Education, certifications and degrees.

Did you know......with the help of Employee and Volunteer donations, the Foundation was able to provide support to 11 employees and 2 Volunteers who were effected by this years floods.

Did you know......the Employee Crisis Connection Fund was established to tend to the emergency needs of employees who find themselves in financial hardship. Gifts to the fund provide assistance to hospital employees dealing with situations involving urgent and genuine need.

Did you know......Caring for our Communities is a program that connects people with community and behavioral health coaches who help find appropriate health care, access existing community resources, obtain heath-related education and affordable medications, and navigate the health care exchange.

Did you know......if you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift to the Jennie Edmundson Foundation directly from your IRA. It doesn't result in a taxable distribution to you, and helps satisfy your required minimum annual distribution.

Now you know!

*****Welcome New Volunteers*****



Donna Baker
Oncology



Trinea Joler
OPS & ER



Alyssa Meyerring
Gift Shop



Jackie Sindelair
St. Albert



McKenna Otis
Thomas Jefferson
High School



Chelsea Vang
Lewis Central



Lilly Maddox
Kim

Legislative Coffee

Wilson Middle School Auditorium

715 North 21st Street

9:00 am—10:15 am

Please join us to hear the latest news from the legislature. After a short presentations from each lawmaker the audience is invited to ask questions as time permits. Coffee and donuts are served.

Saturday, February 1st & 22nd

Saturday, March 7th & 21st

Saturday, April 4th & 18th

Oh Boy, Oh Boy.....

Katie and Andrew Kyker's bouncing baby boys made their early debut on the morning of December 18th.

Will Conrad (3lbs 12oz) &

Trey Andrew (3lbs 4oz).

Mom, Dad and the little peanuts are doing Great!



Foundation Update *By Katie Kyker*

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. As we enter 2020, we are busy gearing up for Dance to the Beat. Hosting the event this year is the Methodist Physicians Clinic Council Bluffs Heart Care Center along with honorary co-chairs John and Barb Burns. After three years, we have outgrown our current event space at the Corpus Christi Parish Activity Center and we are excited to announce we will be moving to the Mid-America Center! The new venue will allow for a larger crowd and a new event component – and educational booths.

Dance to the Beat is a concert fundraiser featuring the band Taxi Driver that benefits cardiovascular patients at Methodist Jennie Edmondson Hospital. Funds raised assist patients who may need financial assistance as they complete treatment and rehab. This year's event will take place on February 29, 2020. Appetizers and cash bar, along with amazing raffle prizes and auction items will round out the evening!

Tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person, \$25 for volunteers and employees. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call 712-396-6040 or go online to <https://www.jehfoundation.org/greatest-needs/cardiac-services/dance-to-the-beat> to learn more.

Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Dance TO THE BEAT

A Concert Fundraiser to Benefit Cardiovascular Patients at Methodist Jennie Edmondson Hospital



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 29 · 7-11 PM

Featuring Live Band
Taxi Driver

NEW VENUE
MID-AMERICA CENTER

\$25 for employees & volunteers

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance or at the door and include:
Live Music • Dancing • Light Appetizers • Raffles • Auction Items
For additional information or to purchase tickets, visit jehfoundation.org or call (712) 396-6040.

Volunteers of the Month

Judy Andersen

July 2019 Volunteer of the Month

Judy Anderson is our July Volunteer of the Month. You'll find Judy volunteering at least 3 to 4 times a month in Jennie's Gift Shop. Judy not only volunteers in the afternoons, but she also works a couple evenings a month in the Gift Shop. As you can imagine the evening shifts are a little harder to fill, so when you have someone who regularly volunteers two specific evenings a month, that's fantastic! Judy began volunteering at Jennie in September 2011. Since then, she has volunteered just over 1,100 hours. Many thanks and congratulations go out to Judy Anderson, our July Volunteer of the Month.



Gloria Kannas & Jane Goldsmith

August 2019 Volunteers of the Month

Our August volunteers of the month are our Master Gardeners, Gloria Kannas (at left) and Jane Goldsmith (below). All throughout the summer months you'd find Gloria and Jane tending to our Healing Garden. The garden, located just outside the west entrance, looked exceptionally lush this year with all the rain, but it takes more than just rain to make it look so good. Early this spring the two assessed the garden to determine what plants needed replaced and what additions were needed. Boxwoods, hostas and annuals were added to the garden, making it look quite lovely. Many thanks to Jane and Gloria for the many hours they dedicate to making the Healing Garden such a restful relaxing place.



More Volunteers of the Month

Mary Ertle

September 2019—Volunteer of the Month

Mary Ertle began volunteering here at Jennie in October 2016. In that short three year period she has volunteered just over 1,000 hours, in the hospital and in the community at foundation events. Mary can usually be found volunteering in the West Lobby a couple times a week, and if we're lucky she'll even fill in at the East Lobby in a pinch. In addition to her work in the lobbies, Mary has assisted on the golf course for the annual Spirit of Courage Golf Outing. She has also folded Pink Out t-shirts, which tends to be a big job, considering all those shirts we sell! Mary is always willing to help out (well, except for when she heads south, but who can blame her for that)! Thank you Mary for all you do!



Celia "CJ" Juel

October 2019 Volunteer of the Month

CJ has volunteered at our Spirit of Courage and Pink Out events for several years now. CJ works at Home Style Laundry with Bobbie Calderon, a 2019 Spirit of Courage recipient. CJ, along with other friends host a challenge hole on the golf course each year during the Spirit of Courage golf outing. All funds raised go to the Spirit of Courage Charitable Patient Care Fund. In addition, the staff at Home Style Laundry folds the majority of our Pink Out shirts, which has been a game changer for the Foundation. Each October this group also organizes a large raffle during Pink Out. CJ sold raffle tickets at Stir Concert Cove's Australian Pink Floyd concert and at the Whiskey Roadhouse during the Battle for a Cause. All funds they raise goes to the Spirit of Courage, CJ has been a huge promoter of the Jennie Edmundson Foundation and the Spirit of Courage. A big thanks to CJ for her commitment to Jennie.



Volunteer of the Month

Jennifer "Jenn" Olinde

November 2019 Volunteer of the Month

Jenni Olinde, just like CJ Juel, has been volunteering for the Jennie Edmondson Foundation for several years. As a Home Style Laundry employee, Jenn naturally became a Jennie supporter along with Bobbie Calderon, our 2019 Spirit of Courage recipient, and the rest of her staff. Each year this group can be found running the "Roll the Dice" challenge hole, encouraging golfers to play (and pay) the game. In addition to Spirit of Courage, Jenn helps with Pink Out as well. For the last two years she has been a model at the "Battle for a Cause – Bras vs Boxers" event, showing off her best dance moves while raising awareness for the cause. She's pictured above strutting her stuff on stage. Congratulations to Jenn Olinde our November Volunteer of the Month.



*****Board Award*****

Carol Horner

November Board Award 2019

Our November Board Award recipient has been a volunteer since 2005—volunteering in a variety of areas at Jennie Edmondson. Carol Horner is the Chair of the Spirit of Courage Golf Outing. In addition to securing sponsorships, and ensuring golf course logistics are in place for the big day, Carol is also our SOC Transportation Specialist. She helps load, unload and drive the U-Haul truck to the MAC and then on to the golf course...obviously a very BIG job! The day of the golf outing she is on the course way before the birds even think about waking up. Carol has always been a huge supporter of the Foundation's Pink Out events.. She was a model at this year's **Battle for a Cause—Boxers vs Bras** AND she rowed 13 miles at the row-a-thon event held by First Row Fitness at Full Fledged Brewing. Carol is an active member of the Council Bluffs Community, serving on several boards and committees. If you see Carol out and about in the community, please thank her for all she does for the Jennie Edmondson Foundation.



Medi-Bus... What Does It Do...Where Does It Go...Who Does It Help...Why Would Anyone Use IT?

By Kathy Halverson-Rigatuso

Do you need a ride to the hospital to see your oncologist...to have chemo or radiation? Do you have an outpatient physical therapy appointment? Perhaps you do not have family close by...or you live alone...and do not have access to transportation? Well then—the Medi-Bus is for you! Did you know it existed? Did you know all qualify for its use? No application, no papers to complete, no cards to show, no time-consuming things to do when you are not feeling at your greatest.

The Medi-bus is another way Jennie helps patients so they can receive the care they need! I am so grateful this service was available when I needed it! In July I had my second complete knee replacement at the hospital. Surgery on Tuesday, out and home on Thursday, and outpatient physical therapy on the following Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the next 7 to 8 weeks.

Since my son and family lived in Colorado, I could not use them as a resource for transportation for this needed follow-up to my surgery. Most of my closest friends lived in Omaha and were still working full-time...so they were not a solution to my problem either!

I heard about the Medi-Bus from patients in the Oncology and Radiology waiting room, where I volunteered at the hospital three mornings each week. I contacted the Volunteer Coordinator for more information about this service and learned that I qualified for the services. In fact, the Medi-Bus actually took me home from the hospital and it was right back at my house on Monday morning, to take me to my outpatient physical therapy. As I road three days a week, back and forth for my treatment—I very quickly learned the bus was in need of repair. It has been in service for 9 years—and many of the needed changes were extremely costly. It was determined it was too expensive to repair the bus, so those in charge of fund-raising went to work and began researching the situation. As I traveled on the bus three days each week, I got to know each of the drivers. Some were firefighters, one was a minister, and another had worked at a local company in Council Bluffs. Most were still serving their employers regularly, but drove the bus to assist those who were in need of transportation to and frm the hospital. They always arrived on time (or I got a call from

to let me know there were changes), they assisted with my safety and ensured I got on and off the bus carefully, and they brought me home each day. I got to know them over time—all friendly, easy-to-talk to, had plenty of time to take care of your needs—but if you didn't feel that great—they would let you ride in "peace."

I can't even begin to express my gratitude for the transportation proved by the hospital and the Auxiliary! However, after all these years, the bus needs to be replaced. I hope you will join me in supporting the yearend campaign to replace the "old" Medi-Bus with a brand new Medi-Van. Any contributions, no matter how small, will help us get the drivers and patients the service that helps them get the medical care they need. Let's show the patients that Jennie does care!



Foundation Update

Tara Slevin,
Vice President, Development & Volunteer Services

As we celebrate the holidays with family and friends, we are deeply grateful for the generosity and commitment of our volunteers.

Thanks to your dedication to helping others, Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital's volunteers have earned an outstanding reputation throughout the community for your compassion and willingness to go the extra mile in caring for our patients and their families. Your cheerful smiles and eagerness to help are the first impression people receive as they come through our west or east doors. For our patients and family members who may be dealing with stressful situations in our Outpatient Surgery area, Cancer Center, nursing units, or the Emergency Department, your willingness to offer support and/or just a shoulder to lean on means more than you will ever know.

The financial support provided through the volunteer-operated Gift Shop and Pharmacy Annex, as well as your support of our year-end campaign, will help ensure that we are able to purchase a new Medi-Van transport vehicle AND underwrite the operational costs for 2020. Thanks to your support, the fundraising campaign is going well! Thank you!

Best wishes to you and your families for a great start to 2020!

Battle for the Cause: Boxers vs. Bras 2019

In early October, organizations and individuals were invited to decorate boxers or a bra to help raise awareness and money for the Jennie Edmundson Foundation. Decorated boxers (5) and bras (12) were posted online for voting until the day of the event, where they were then displayed for additional votes. The combination of online votes and donations received during the event determined the top 5 boxers and bras to be modeled. Ten brave souls did their best to sell their ensembles to the cheering crowd. The top boxer and bra each received a season pass for 2 to the 2020 Stir Concert Cove. (thanks to Harrah's and Horseshoe Casinos). The winning bra was "Movie Night" modeled by Sgt. Ted Roberts (middle photo top row) designed by Cindy VanBlaricom, (HR at Harrah's/Horseshoe). The winning boxers, "Blinged Out for Pink Out" (lower right corner—with a glitter train) was submitted by the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation and designed by Rachel Morehead and modeled by Arian Haddix. Other popular entries, featured below, included "Save the Moobies" designed by the Jennie Birthing Center and modeled by Mayor Matt Walsh. Hakuna My Tatas, featuring Simba from the Lion King, was designed by Jennie Edmundson Nursing Services. And finally, "Rack'em Up" featuring scrabble pieces with words of encouragement was designed by American National Bank and modeled by Rick Killion. Jenn Fletcher wearing "Beat It" is joined by Arian Haddix below right.





Donation with a Smile

By Jill Killion

If you've stopped by our Pharmacy Annex, you surely have met Sadie Kunik! With Sadie's big personality, you certainly can't miss her. She always greets friends and guests with a chipper "Hey Buddy". Sadie likes to stay busy, so while she's volunteering, you'll find her working on latch hook projects. So you may be asking, "What is latch hook?" Well, google defines latch hooking as "a craft in which short segments of yarn are tied to the horizontal strands of a small—or medium-sized canvas grid. It can be used to make small rugs, wall hangings, or pillows. It is the dainty version of rug making." So now you know!

Well, as you can imagine, two days a week allows for a lot of craftiness. Over the last year, Sadie has accumulated quite the array of latch hook masterpieces. As projects were completed, they started to pile up, and the question of what to do with them soon became a topic of discussion. Sadie knew she wanted to donate them, but we just needed to put some finishing touches on them and then find the right source that could distribute them. We decided to make them into pillows. Sounds pretty simple doesn't it? Well it's not! First we needed to gather some assorted fabrics and pillow stuffing in order to even make the pillows. Then we needed to find someone whose sewing machine could handle the heavy canvas netting of each latch hook creation. Luckily, Irene Dodder, the Sewing Committee Chairperson of the Auxiliary answered my phone call AND cheerfully accepted the pillow challenge. She took the various latch hook pieces and matched them with fabric and stuffed the dickens out of those pillows in no time at all. Next we connected with Jean Stephens with Hope Net Ministries, (wife of Bernie Stephens in our Maintenance Department) who was more than happy to distribute Sadie and Irene's combined creations. What a great project and partnership these three women were able to accomplish!

MJEH Trustee Report—November 2019

Karen Collins, Hospital Trustee

The Board of Directors met October 23, 2019.

There was discussion of renovations in the Emergency Department on first floor. Steve Baumert reported that 60% of hospital admissions come through the department. There are four significant needs:

1. Installation of new HVAC unit. (Three spot coolers are currently being used.)
2. Creation of more properly equipped behavioral health rooms.
3. Improvement of the cosmetic look.
4. Creation of better storage space for department equipment/supplies.

The Board approved \$3.1 million for the project which is expected to take place over the next 8-12 months.

In a hospital update Steve Baumert reported that the pharmacy project should be completed by the end of December, although the hospital has requested an extension just in case. The medical office building construction remains on target for a June opening. There have been many favorable community reports regarding the building. A graph illustrated that the hospital continues to increase market share within Council Bluffs.

Donna Hubbell, Vice President of Quality and Safety, has announced her retirement planned for the summer of 2020. Donna has been a hospital employee for 47 years and will be greatly missed.

2020 In-Service Sessions For ALL in-hospital volunteers

Classroom 2HA

Class 1	3/4	3pm—5pm
Class 2	3/6	9am - 11am
Class 3	3/10	6pm—8pm
Class 4	3/12	3pm—5pm
Class 5	4/14	10am—12pm

**Save the Date cards
coming in February!**

*Dress Code Reminder *

Dress standards for volunteers identify you to our patients and staff as an important part of the Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital team. Please follow the dress code as written in the Auxiliary Information Book making sure that:

- Smocks are worn whenever volunteering in the hospital
- Pants are business casual in style; NO JEANS are to be worn when volunteering in hospital service areas.
- Photo ID is always worn while volunteering. Volunteers will need their ID badge to gain access to the Volunteer Services Department from the third floor of the hospital, by using the card reader.



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Change Services Requested

Upcoming Events

January 2020

9 WCA General Meeting: Classroom 2HA
15 Division Heads; 9am, Volunteer Board Room
30 Chaplain's Meeting; 9am, Cafeteria

February 2020

1 Legislative Coffee, Wilson Middle School 9 –10:15
18 Retired EE & Vols Meet -10am, 2HA (Tues in 2020)
19 Division Heads; 9am, Volunteer Board Room
22 Legislative Coffee, Wilson Middle School 9-10:15
26 Ash Wednesday
27 Chaplains Meeting; 8am, Cafeteria

March 2020

4 In-Service; 3-5pm, 2HA
6 In-Service; 9-11am; 2HA
7 Legislative Coffee, Wilson Middle School 9-10:15
10 In-service; 6-8pm; 2HA
12 In-Service; 3-5pm; 2HA
16 General Meeting; 12-2pm, Ameristar
18 Division Heads; 9am, Volunteer Board Room
27 Chaplains Meeting; 8am, Cafeteria

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Give us a call for more information about our services or about volunteering.

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