



Important Announcements

- TB testing for volunteers will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 11:00-11:30 in Hayes Hall Conference Room #1. The PPD will be read on Thursday, May 13, 2010 from 11:00-11:30 and Friday, May 14, 2010 from 7:30- 4:00pm.
- Please make note of your uniform, red jacket, stripped apron, or pinafore. Dark or khaki pants are to be worn. NO stretch leggings, sweat pants, or jeans. A white collared shirt is required. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE THEIR ID BADGES VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES.
- Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 9, 2010 for the Annual Volunteer Luncheon. Celebrate the many hours of service given to the Sibley Community with your friends and fellow volunteers. More information to follow.
- Annual Education Required by Joint Commission: retraining classes are now being arranged by Cindy Freeman and Sue Perry. IN ORDER TO STAY ACTIVE, ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND ONE SESSION APPLICABLE TO YOUR SERVICE. More detailed information to follow.
- As we continue to organize the processes in the Volunteer Office, we are asking volunteers who leave for any length of time (vacation, summer leave, etc.) to complete a Vacation Notification Form. They are available in the Volunteer Office. Call us when you return.
- Want To Help? THE HEART PILLOW PROJECT for breast cancer patients is in need of volunteers who can sew, donate material or fiberfill. This project is designed to help relieve pain for patients by providing a heart-shaped pillow to use after surgery. If you know anyone who would like to give some time to this worthwhile project, please contact Marianne in the office for more information.
- Please remember to check the bulletin board near the computer for important updates and messages.

Letter from the Volunteer Services Office

Volunteer Fact

Tax Benefits to Volunteering: Travel expenses to and from the hospital are tax deductible if a tax payer submits itemized returns.



Can you believe spring may actually be on its way? It has been a very long winter and I can't tell you how ready I am for the sunshine and warmer temperatures. Thank you to the volunteers who braved the blizzard to come to Sibley and those people who are doing double shifts to substitute for volunteers who are out of town or sick. This month we are celebrating NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 18-24, 2010. The theme is VOLUNTEERS: BUILD A BETTER WORLD. Our volunteers help build a better world each day, one act of kindness at a time. I reflect on the importance of each volunteer's contribution and the profound difference that your unique skills and abilities bring to the Sibley community. Each person's willingness to serve always brings a sense of hope and inspiration to others. Please join us each day for breakfast, lunch treats and afternoon snacks during this week.

Thank you for your efforts and please feel free to come to me with any new suggestions and ideas. My door is always open.

Happy Spring!

Director, Volunteer Services & Guest Relations

Did You Know?

What is a Patient Advocate? The Patient Advocate is a resource for patients, their families, and staff. As a part of Sibley's mission to provide quality health services to all, the Patient Advocate acts as a liaison between patients, their family members and the hospital staff and departments. The Patient Advocate is here to help. At the patient's and/or staff's request, the Patient Advocate will become involved and focus on: improving communication, accessing information, addressing concerns, and resolving difficulties.

There are Patient Advocate cards which volunteers may give to patients when requested. If you know of any concerns on the part of our patients, please ask them to contact Marianne Monek directly, the Patient Advocate at extension 4267.

Volunteers Needed

Do you know anyone interested in helping out in the following areas? Please have them contact Marianne Monek at the Volunteer Service Office.

2 West	Guest Relations
4 East	ICU
5 West	Information Desk (Weekends)
Admissions	Nursery
Employee Health	Sterile Processing
Endoscopy Recovery	
Family Centered Care	

E-Mail Addresses Wanted!

As we try to reduce paper waste, we will begin to do most of our communication by e-mail. If you do not have an e-mail address, please check the bulletin board in the office by the computer for updates. Please sign up on the list near the computer.

What's News around the Hospital?

Medical Building Update! The medical Building will bring together offices with new outpatient services and amenities for our community. The concrete operation is complete and will continue until February for the parking garage. Interior construction of the Surgery Center and the Imaging Center has begun. Cooling towers have been installed on the roof. We anticipate that Ernst Auditorium will be torn down in May of 2010. The new parking garage will be ready for use in July of 2010. Little Falls Road will also open then. Estimated completion date is the 1st quarter of 2011.

For more information, please call 202.243.2020. To see live construction footage, visit <http://webcam.sibley.org>.

Volunteers

**You hold the hand of many
Listen to the words of all
You become more than company
And are there at the slightest call
Bring joy, laughter, warmth and song
Leaving with what you knew all along
That shared peace with a willing heart
Can be found in all of us
When we each do our part.**

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