



Tidbits

*Updates & Recognitions from
Executive Health Director Alyssa Tallo*

• Of course you already know this, but it's worth saying again – over and over again, in fact: we can walk the MCH halls without masks! Hip, hip, hooray! In most circumstances, except where still required by infection control policies, we are now able to go about our daily tasks mask-free, and we sure are excited about finally reaching this long-awaited milestone together. It is wonderful to see all of your smiling faces again!

• Thank you so much to our **Foundation and Auxiliary** boards, and most importantly, to the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly serving thousands of PGA goers and generously gave their time in support of MCH by staffing the Main Concessions tent at the PGA. We raised an incredible \$48,579. We look forward to sharing all of the ways that this fundraising event positively impacts our residents.

• Congratulations to **Fay Thomas** (FA2E) & **Toshoy Green** (FA5E), who were recently promoted from CNA to LPN, and to **Anitra Rosier** (FR4E - FR2E), who was also promoted, from LPN to RN. Awesome job, you guys!

• Thank you to our amazing **Speech & Language team**, who we celebrated in May with National Speech Pathologist Month and Hearing & Speech Month. We are so proud of you, and grateful to your many contributions to MCH!

Gratefully,

Alyssa Tallo

Happenings at MCH!



Grand Opening of the new Thrift Shop on the main floor!



MCH celebrated National Speech Pathologist Month in May



MCH celebrated National Nursing Week and National Skilled Nursing Home Week in May

Interview with Hospital Administrator Intern Kari Falter

Tell us a bit about yourself – what’s your background & experience thus far, and what brings you to MCH?

I grew up just down Westfall Road where my mom still lives. I spent a lot of time admiring the MCH building and waving to residents while waiting at the old city bus stop on the corner for high school, and walking by on my way to work at Burger King. In my junior year of high school I started volunteering here doing arts and crafts with residents. MCH was always in the background of my early life.

After high school, I spent four years in the Air Force as an Avionics Technician, which included four combat theatre deployments, amongst others, and for which I received some medals. When I was honorably discharged, I started working on hydrogen fuel cell development and testing for General Motors. However, I felt an itch to be done “fixing things” and to learn to “fix” people, instead.

This is how I came to the decision to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy, which I’ve done since 2013. There was never an open PT position here at MCH when I was looking to get in. I worked at another LTC/SNF facility for a few years, and transitioned to home care services which is my most recent PT experience. As a PT, and especially working through the pandemic, I’ve had a lot of brewing questions about the “behind the scenes” and business of health care. These curiosities and my desire to continue contributing, but on a larger scale, drove me to obtain an MBA in Healthcare Management.

After all of this time and a meandering path, I have finally found my way into MCH professionally.

What will you be working on and what do you hope to accomplish?

I will be working to become a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. This involves providing assistance to the Administrative team while learning to perform all necessary duties and activities that involve running this type of facility. I hope to truly become a contributing

member of the team, and be one of the many people here that dedicate years of their career to caring for the people that reside within these ornate walls.

What is your impression of MCH so far? What do you most enjoy about your work?

I love that, despite its large size, MCH feels like a small community. Everybody is extremely friendly, supportive, and helpful. Because of the size and uniqueness of this community, it is rich with opportunities for learning, and this is what I enjoy the most. No day will ever be the same.

"Team MCH" Spotlight Awards and Staff Appreciation Event!

